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From the Director

As I write this, the snow is falling. While snow in April is not unheard of, after *this* winter it does feel as if Mother Nature is playing a cruel joke. There have been signs of spring, however. Our bicycle rack has reappeared after been buried under snow, green daffodil shoots are coming up and spring book titles are being released.

We've been busy putting together some new spring programs:

Lisa and I will host a **Book Chat** on **Monday, April 11th at 11::45 a.m.** in the 1901 Room. Please join us for light refreshments and lively conversation. We'll be talking about new books for the spring and summer.

Vermont Library Snapshot Day is a statewide program in celebration of National Library Week, **April 10th-16th**. We'll be joining other Vermont libraries in documenting all the wonderful activities that happen every day in the library. Photos taken here will be uploaded to a shared Flickr account and will be available for everyone to see.

April is also National Poetry Month and that means it's time for our **Dessert & Poetry Potluck** which will be held on **Thursday, April 28th from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Bring a poem (yours or one you like) and dessert to share. This is one of our most popular events and everyone is invited.

Celebrate **Cinco de Mango** with NPL on **May 5th**. From **1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** we'll be featuring Mango, our online foreign language instruction database. There will be food, tropical music and festive giveaways. You'll have a chance to try Mango out for yourself and see how easy it is to learn to say "hello" in 44 foreign languages.

Over the past year the staff and I have been thinking about new and more efficient ways of communicating with our patrons. One of the changes we're instituting is a move away from a monthly printed newsletter to an electronic newsletter. More information will be forthcoming.

I'd like to congratulate the **Friends of the Library** on the success of their recent book sale. Over \$2300 was raised! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and energy. Putting on a book sale takes a lot of work and it is greatly appreciated!

Here's to spring,
Lucinda



Good news!! The **Mud Season Book Sale** raised over \$2,300 for the Library. A huge thank you goes to all of the many volunteers and groups that made our sale possible. They include Boy Scout Troop 253 who set up tables and hauled in all the books and Hanover High School's Youth-in-Action volunteers and their leader, Chris Lord, who packed up the books and took down the tables. These strong, energetic young people plus another thirty volunteers helped make this a very successful Mud Season Book Sale.

Another huge thank you goes to all of our book donators and customers –our book sale couldn't happen without you! If our sale inspired you to clean out your bookshelves, bring those books to the library and we'll put them into our July book sale.

If you'd like to know more about the Friends of the Norwich Library and what we do, please give the library a call and leave your name. Or come to our meetings held on **first Saturday of the month, from 10-11 a.m.** in the Library's Community Room.

The next Friends' event will be the **Mother's Day Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7th and Sunday, May 8th**. The lawn in front of the library will be filled with blooming hanging plants, perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetable plants. Remember your mother, wife or grandmother with flowers and plants and you'll be helping the library too.

1st Wednesdays

Humanities Lecture Series

An Evening of Latin American Poetry

Wednesday, April 6th at 7 p.m.

Amherst College professor Ilan Stavans reads poems by Rubén Darío, Jorge Luis Borges, Gabriela Mistral, Pablo Neruda, Octavio Paz, and others—part of a tradition in which words are mechanisms of resistance against oppression.

Abraham Lincoln, the Silent President-Elect

Wednesday, May 4th at 7 p.m.

Presented with the Dartmouth History Department. In the 150th anniversary year of Lincoln's inauguration, preeminent Lincoln historian Harold Holzer considers Lincoln's silence prior to his inauguration, and the role it played in the sectional crisis and the Civil War.

Location: Filene Auditorium, Moore Hall, Dartmouth College

All lectures take place at the **Norwich Congregational Church unless otherwise noted**. The programs are free, and open to the public. 1st Wednesdays is a program of the Vermont Humanities Council and is co-hosted by the Library and the Norwich Historical Society.

Children's Programs

It's a Paper Extravaganza

It's time to get crafty. Two events this month will highlight the simplicity and beauty of working with paper. On **Wednesday, April 13 at 2:30 p.m.** we'll be quietly and quickly quilling with the *Klutz Book of Twirled Paper*. You'll be amazed at the effects you can create with several long strips of paper. We'll do simple shapes and create at least one larger project each. On **Wednesday, April 27th at 2:30 p.m.** we will work from ideas found in Shufunotomo's book, *Creative Paper Cutting*. Creating intricate shapes is easy with some sharp scissors and knowledge of a few basic folds. Kids in grades 3 and up are invited to participate. Younger children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Stop down to the Children's Desk to see our samples. Please call 802-649-1184 to make a reservation, space is limited.

It was the Best of Times - It was the Verse of Times

In honor of **National Poetry Month** we'll be offering a contest for Spine Label poetry. This quirky activity involves finding the words you want to use from spine labels of books, typically five or so lines to a poem. (Think magnetic poetry but with books!) For more information, please visit our website and Facebook page. For more ideas on how to create and photograph a verse, visit <http://100scopenotes.com/2010/03/30/poetry-month-gallery-student-book-spine-poems/> The contest will run for the month of April, I can't wait to see and read your entries.

What is NPL staff reading, listening & watching?

Beth

The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating by Elisabeth Bailey
Alone Together by Sherry Turkle
The Last Juror by John Grisham CD
Shorts DVD
Sherlock DVD

Lisa

Year of Wonders by Geraldine Brooks
What Is Left the Daughter by Howard Norman
Little Princes by Conor Grennan
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
French Language lessons on Mango
Exit through the Gift Shop DVD
Winter's Bone DVD

Lucinda

My Own Country by Abraham Verghese
The Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown
Small Island by Andrea Levy
The Good Daughters by Joyce Maynard
Special Exits by Joyce Farmer
Open House by Elizabeth Berg
The Perfect Storm by Sebastian Junger
Downton Abbey DVD

Stephanie

Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain
Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff
Blood from a Stone by Donna Leon
The Mapping of Love and Death by Jacqueline Winspear CD
Slings and Arrows, Seasons 1,2,3 DVD

Tina

Let's Take the Long Way Home by Gail Caldwell
A Handmade Life by William Coperthwaite
Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson CD
Mostly Martha DVD

Wendy

What Color is your Parachute by Richard Bolles
Downton Abbey DVD



NPL NOW

~Program

Poetry and Dessert Potluck

Thursday, April 28th at 7 p.m.

April is National Poetry Month. Bring a dessert to share and a favorite poem---yours, if you write them; someone else's if you are a reader-enthusiast. Open to everyone - all ages.

~Art Exhibit

March/April

Linda Reeves-Potter's *Fine Arts Exhibition* features paintings and drawings in charcoal, pastel, watercolors, and India ink. **Through April 29th.**

~Display Cases

Norwich Women's Club Nearly New Sale showcases a variety of clothes that will be sold at the sale on **Friday, April 29th—Sunday, May 1st.**

Due Dates

- ~ 4 weeks for many items
- ~ 2 weeks for new items with red dot, CDs, e-readers, Interlibrary Loans, and magazines
- ~ 1 week for videos and DVDs & Discovery Packs; 3 days for Museum Passes

Fines

- ~ 5¢ per day for most items
- ~ 50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery Packs, Interlibrary Loans, and Museum Passes

Bookmark

Visit our website at www.norwichlibrary.org to read the current issue of *Bookmark*. If you would like to receive email updates on Library events and programs, sign up electronically on the homepage of our website, or send an email request to: circulation.desk@norwichlibrary.org.

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Hours

Monday	1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Children's Programs



Word Play

Wednesdays at 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays for kids 0-3 and their caregivers.

April 6	Rhythm and Rhyme
April 13	Library Love
April 20	Bouncing Bunnies
April 27	Whose Tail is That?



Lunch at the Library

Fridays at 11:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

Stories and songs for kids 3-8 and their caregivers.

April 1	What's So Pun-ny?
April 8	Plant a Poem
April 15	Fun @ Your Library
April 22	Love Some Bunny
April 29	Fabulously Foxy