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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

April showers (rain or otherwise) notwithstanding, spring is here! We are celebrating this season of renewal and rebirth by revamping parts of the Library. Norwich resident and color goddess Alice Williams (of KSD Designs) generously devoted her time and expertise in the color decision process. The fruits of this labor are apparent the moment you enter the Library.

The Sylvia Fraser Reading Alcove is now a warm and sunny yellow, while a fresh green adorns the entryway wall and surrounds the arched window in the adult reading room. The Community Room, with new wall color and the addition of a chair rail, is elegant and welcoming. The Circulation area, including the computer area, has been repainted and soon artwork donated by local artists will grace the walls.

This renovation, christened “Project Redesign” will be continuing for the next few months. New furniture has been ordered and new signage is arriving soon. In order to make room for our ever-expanding collections, we are adding extra shelving upstairs and reconfiguring the layout of the adult reading room. We hope the changes in the room will enhance your browsing experience. This project is being partially underwritten by The Friends of the Norwich Library. We thank them for their generosity. As always, we are interested in your thoughts and comments.

Lucinda

Decked out in t-shirts with their hair in steel wrapped buns, the Library’s “Bun’s of Steel” put their p’s and q’s together again for the 2nd annual Marion Cross School PTO’s Spelling Bee on Friday, March 30th. In the photo Carol Dempsey (former Children’s Librarian at NPL), Lisa Milchman and Stephanie Smith are giving the Librarian’s cheer... ssssshhhhhhhhhhhhuuuuuuuuuu!!!!





Spring Book Discussion 2007

Vermont Writers

A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by
Friends of the Norwich Library
7:30 PM Community Room Norwich Public Library
Leader: Suzanne Brown

Friday, April 20	<i>The Homemaker</i> Dorothy Canfield
Thursday, May 3	<i>Like Lesser Gods</i> Mari Tomasi

~Please check website for future book discussion dates.

Poetry at the Library

The next **Poetry Roundtable** will be held Sunday, April 15 @ 6:30 PM in the Community Room. Poet and Norwich resident Anne Shivas is our Poetry Reading and Poetry Roundtable facilitator. Join other poets to discuss publishing, readings, possible workshops, writer's groups, writing habits, places to congregate, local publishers and other topics. The Norwich Library is committed to be a resource for poets in the Upper Valley.

April is **National Poetry Month**. Join us on Friday April 20th at 7:30 PM as we host a dessert and poetry open mic night. Bring a poem, (yours or a favorite) and a dessert to share. Last year's event was very popular and lots of wonderful work was shared.

What the Staff is reading...

Lucinda

Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear
The Last Days of Dogtown by Anita Diamant
One Step Behind by Henning Mankell
Wicked by Gregory Maquire
The Good Life by Jay Macinerney

Lisa

You Suck by Christopher Moore
Let the Northern Lights Erase Your Name by Vendela Vida
The Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian
We are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For by Alice Walker
Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
African Queen: The Story of the Hottentot Venus by Rachel Holmes

Beth

Un Lun Dun by China Mieville
Brunelleschi's Dome by Ross King

Stephanie

Imperial Life in the Emerald City by Rajiv Chandrasekaran
African Queen: The Story of the Hottentot Venus by Rachel Holmes
Irving Berlin: Songs from the Melting Pot by Charles Hamm

What the staff is listening to...

Lucinda

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Sissy Spacek's narration is first-rate!
Charlie & the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama

Lisa

Ines of my Soul by Isabel Allende

Stephanie

Appalachian Waltz, Yo-Yo Ma, Mark Connor & Edgar Meyer
Dave Barry's Greatest Hits by Dave Barry

What the staff is watching...

Lucinda

Sopranos – the 6th Season

Lisa

Sopranos – the 6th Season
The Big Easy

Beth

Scenes from a Marriage
Little Miss Sunshine

Stephanie

Dumbo
The Magic Flute

Pottery Poetry

Celebrate National Poetry Month! Resident artist and potter Carole Bando will help us make a story pot in the Children's Room. On **Tuesday, April 10th at 3:30 PM** kids in grades 3-6 can help us create a lasting keepsake for the library through the use words and imagery. And of course clay, can't forget the clay. If you'd like to take part in this afterschool craft, please call 802-649-1184 to reserve a spot. Space is limited.

Time to Rhyme

Anytime is a good time for poetry. Short and sweet, a verse or two can be all you need to feel inspired and uplifted. Some poems are great for a laugh. Where would we be today without the poems of Shel Silverstein or the brilliant collaboration between David Katz and David Catrow? *Give Me a Break* is one of the funniest poems ever written: "Oh give me a break/ Cause I made a mistake/ and my library book's overdue/ The fault is all mine/ Oh boy what a fine/ It was due way back in '92!" Here are just a few new additions to our poetry section, all designed to make you smile, giggle and perhaps feel inspired to pick up a pen and write a little something yourself.

Here's A Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry by Jane Yolen J 811 HERES

Today And Today by Kobayashi Issa and G. Brian Karas P ISSA

Animal Poems by Valerie Worth and Steve Jenkins J 811 Worth

Immersed in Verse: An Informative, Slightly Irreverent & Totally Tremendous Guide to Living the Poet's Life
by Allan Wolf JYA 811 WOLF

National Library Week

April is the time of year when we celebrate libraries everywhere. Remember the library of your youth? Do you have fond memories, or was it one of those places where you had to be extra quiet, being careful not to touch anything? NPL's Children's room certainly isn't like that. We take pride in the fact that kids of all ages love to come here for a variety of reasons. For some picking out new books and movies is the highlight of their week. If you haven't been in in a while, make some time this month to stop in and say Hi!



"Billy Gets His Library Card"

Thank you so much NPL! A big day in our family...Billy's first book was *Rumpelstiltskin*. The onlookers are Ryan and Kristen Kelliher, Danny, Mary, and Bill Bender, and grandmother Eileen Plunkett...to say nothing of the startled fellow patrons!

Mary Bender

children's room



NPL CALENDAR

Art ~ “A Sense of Nature” by Barbara Newton

Papier colle (a collage technique closely resembling painting) is Barbara’s current medium. The exhibit runs **through April**.

Program ~ April 26, 2007, at 7:00 PM

Hiking Slideshow by Bruce Hesselbach

author of *High Ledges, Green Mountains* and *The Long Trail & other Great Hikes in the Northeast*

Please join Bruce for his slideshow/talk of highlights from climbing over 340 mountains in our area including some "roads less traveled."

Display ~ The Norwich Women’s Club displays many of the “finds” to tempt you to attend the upcoming Nearly New Sale at Tracy Hall the first weekend of May.

Children’s Events

All children’s events take place in the Community Room.

Word Play

Stories, songs, rhymes & fingerplay for kids 0-3 & their caregivers
Wednesdays 10:30 -11:00 AM

- April 11 Time to Rhyme
- April 18 Books, Books, Books
- April 25 See Ya Later, Alligator

Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers
Bring a lunch and make a craft. Fridays 11:30-12:15

- April 6 Hoppy Easter
- April 13 Punny Poetry
- April 20 At Your Library
- April 27 Crocodile Rock

Bedtime Storytime

Kids, come to the Library in your jammies for Storytime, first Thursday of the month. Join us on April 5, May 3 and June 7 at 7 PM for lots of fun in the Children's Room. See you there!

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Hours

Monday:	1pm-8pm
Tuesday:	10am-5:30pm
Wednesday:	10am-5:30pm
Thursday:	10am-8pm
Friday:	10am-5:30pm
Saturday:	10am-3pm

Due Dates

~4 weeks for many items
~2 weeks for new items with red dot, cassettes, Interlibrary Loans, and magazines
~1 week for videos and DVDs & Discovery Packs

Fines

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~50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery Packs & Interlibrary Loans

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