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Lisa Milchman: An Appreciation



Ten years ago Lisa Milchman joined the NPL staff, and without a doubt, both the Library and our patrons have benefited tremendously. Lisa began working at NPL when it was being temporarily housed in trailers at the American Legion. It was the spring of 1999, the Library was in the midst of a huge renovation and there was much to do. New to the field, Lisa quickly became an important part of the library family. When I first met Sylvia Fraser, former Library Director, she told me in no uncertain terms that Lisa was a valuable asset to the Library. Her subtext was clear: “Don’t mess it up!”

Sylvia needn’t have worried. I knew Lisa was special the first time I saw her. Before applying for the director’s position, I stopped by to check out the Library. A bright and cheery “hello!” greeted me as soon as I walked in. There was Lisa, wearing her trademark wool socks and sandals, a smile on her face. It was then that I knew I wanted to be a part of NPL.

It is a joy to work with Lisa. She is smart, kind, compassionate, humorous, thoughtful and energetic. She is also strong, which comes in handy when we’re moving books or taking trash to the dump! Lisa never loses her cool, even when the Library is chaotic, the toilet is plugged, and two patrons are looking for book recommendations. She keeps us sane. Lisa’s memory is encyclopedic: she handles over 1000 interlibrary loan requests a year, keeping track of who, what, when and where. An avid reader, Lisa buys all the fiction and is always ready to recommend a good book.

Everyone adores Lisa, but perhaps, especially me. She is my right-hand *and* left-hand person, my trusted colleague, my sounding board and provider of positive energy. Here’s a perfect example of why I love Lisa: a few years ago our circulation system crashed and tech support said we needed to “rebuild the integrity” of the Database, promising it wouldn’t take but an hour or two. It took 8 hours on a Friday night! Lisa offered to stay, and she wouldn’t leave until it was fixed. I couldn’t have asked for better company.

Please join us in celebrating Lisa’s 10th anniversary at the Library. Here’s to you, Lisa!

Lucinda

Library News

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH APRIL 2009

Celebrations are being held around the country.

Right here in Norwich, you have several opportunities to read and listen to poems:

~Poetry and Dessert Potluck Norwich Public Library Thursday, April 17 @ 7:30 PM

How does *dessert and poetry* sound? The Norwich Public Library brings together two of life's finest offerings on Friday, April 17th at 7:30 PM at the Poetry Potluck. Bring a dessert to share and a favorite poem -- yours, if you write them; someone else's if you are a reader-enthusiast. This event is open to everyone: grandparents, grandkids, and everyone in between and reservations are not needed. (Please call the library, 649-1184 if you have questions about this gathering.)

~Poetry Reading Norwich Public Library Wednesday, April 29 @ 7 PM

On Wednesday, April 29th at 7 PM the Norwich Bookstore will host our 9th Annual Evening of Poetry! We invite you to pick a poem: one you wrote, or a favorite by someone else -- well-known or not -- to read aloud. Or just come and enjoy listening... Reservations are recommended and please let us know if you intend to read. We would love to hear what your

Norwich Lion's Club Underwrites Large Print Collection

The Library wishes to thank the Norwich Lion's Club for their generous gift of \$250.00, which will underwrite the Large Print collection in 2009. LP books are more expensive to purchase and are rarely discounted. We supplement our collection with books from the state's Special Services Unit, but with readership increasing (up 62% over last year), it was important the Library find another source of funding. The Lion's Club's gift will enable us to purchase twenty-four new books for the collection. Thank you, Norwich Lion's Club!

Friends' Book Sale

An enormous heartfelt **thank you** to the Friends of the Norwich Library who raised just over \$2700 from the book sale. We thank all the wonderful *Friends* who worked tirelessly before the sale hauling heavy boxes of books, organizing them into easy-to-buy categories, and selling, restocking & welcoming all the book buyers to the sale. Thank you to everyone who donated books to the book sale!

Lucinda

Among the Mad by Jacqueline Winspear, M WINSPEAR
The Moviegoer by Walker Percy, F PERCY
White Tiger by Aravind Adiga, F ADIGA
Revolutionary Road by Richard Yates, F YATES
All the Colors of Darkness by Peter Robinson, M ROBINSON
Six Degrees of Separation, ListenUp VT
The Wire, Season 5, DVD

Beth

Jellicoe Road by Melina Marchetta JYA MARCHETTA
Sing Them Home by Stephanie Kallos, F KALLOS
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen, F AUSTEN
The Muppets – Season 1, DVD

Stephanie

Bleak House by Charles Dickens, F DICKENS
American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House by Jon Meacham,
 ListenUp VT
The Black Echo by Michael Connell, ListenUp VT
Voodoo River by Robert Crais, ListenUp VT

Your First Quilting Book by Carol Doak, 0 746.46 DOAK

Animals Make Us More Human by Temple Grandin,
 636.083 GRANDIN

Gee's Bend: the Women and Their Quilts John Beardsley, ed.,
 O 746.47 BEARDSLEY

The Maltese Falcon, DVD

The big Sleep, DVD

Tina

A Three Dog Life by Abigail Thomas, B THOMAS

A Child's Calendar by John Updike, J 811 UPD

Walter: the Story of a Rat by Barbara Wersba, JFC WERSBA

Ratatouille, DVD

October Sky, DVD

John Adams, DVD

Wendy

The Soloist by Steve Lopez, B AYERS

Best Borders by Tony Lord, 635.9 LOR

Front Gardens by Gay Search, 712 SEA

Ethnic Interiors by Dinah Hall, 0 747 HAL



Children's Room News

I Haiku, Do You?

Sometimes simple pleasures are the best. During **National Poetry Month** we'll celebrate by putting verses from Issa's collection, "Today and Today," on display at the Children's desk. Using those images as inspiration, we'll also display a corresponding origami animal pattern. A few paper folds properly placed and Voila, a parade of pets! If you like Paper and Poetry, you won't want to miss this. Each day the poem and pet will change, as will the paper selection, so please stop down to visit as often as you can.

We Met Matt!

Our events with **Matt Phelan** in March were a HUGE success. In the afternoon he spoke to 45 middle school students about a career in illustration. In the evening, thirty families listened to him talk about his sketching adventures and learned all about the life of an illustrator. Kids had the opportunity to try their own hand at sketching with charcoal & graphite. Those journals are now on display in the Library's front cases and will be there throughout the month of April. Come in and take a look at some of these amazing drawings made by some very talented children. This opportunity was made possible through the generosity of the Winnie Belle Learned Fund. The Library is planning to apply for a grant to host another event like this one. If you attended any of the Matt Phelan events, or wished that you had, please feel free to let us know your thoughts. They would be extremely useful in submitting our next application. You can contact me via email at beth.reynolds@norwichlibrary.org.

This summer our theme is: *Be Creative: Express Yourself at the Library.*

We'll be up to our eyeballs with art--imagine getting messy with paint, performing in a play or making music with household items. The sky's the limit! Illustrator David Catrow has provided all of the artwork for our posters, bookmarks and t-shirts; his zaniness will certainly add to the fun. We'll kick off the festivities with a party on the last day of school, complete with activities and refreshments, and a chance for kids to sign up and pledge to read over summer vacation. This event always "draws" a real crowd, come join us if you can.

This summer, the Library will be artfully arranged with activities. Last year's Creature Features were such a hit, that we'll be hosting a **film festival** around this year's theme. **Afternoon craft sessions** may focus on these topics: origami, flower pressing and rubber stamp carving. We'll wrap things up in August with a **musical performance by Ellie Tetrick**. Kids will love the silly, hands on activities. – think bubbles, parachutes and colorful ribbons!



Illustrator Matt Phelan



Amelia is dressed as the butterfly from *Angelina Ballerina* for the 5th annual book character party.

NPL Calendar

Robert Daubenspeck exhibits a lifetime of his work in watercolor, oil, and lithography through April. A former high school English and Art teacher as well as Studio Art and Art History teacher in a Community College for 25 years, he writes poetry and is a member of the Poetry Roundtable that meets regularly at the Library. Among his paintings and drawings will be poems written through the years.

"Practicing Slow Medicine: A Talk for Elders and Families" Thursday, April 16 @ 7PM

Norwich author & Dartmouth Medical School faculty, Dennis McCullough, MD, author of *My Mother, Your Mother: Embracing "Slow Medicine", the Compassionate Approach to Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones*. Dr. McCullough is a straight-talking medical expert who advises elders and their families how to get the most effective late life care.

Children's Events Calendar

Word Play

Stories, songs, rhymes & fingerplay for kids 0-3 & their caregivers.

Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 AM

April 1 What's So Funny?

April 8 Hop to It

April 15 At Your Library

April 22 Our Good Earth

April 29 Jumpin' in Puddles

Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers.

Fridays **12:00-12:45 PM**. Bring a lunch & make a craft!

April 3 What Rhymes with Orange?

April 10 Bunnies, Bunnies Everywhere

April 17 Books, Books, Books

April 24 TO BE DETERMINED

May 2 PLAYGROUP ONLY

Bedtime Storytime

Kids, come to the Library in your jammies for Storytime the first Thursday of the month. Join us at 7:00 PM on May 7. Hope to see you then!

Due Dates

~ 4 weeks for many items

~ 2 weeks for new items with red dot, CDs, Interlibrary Loans, and magazines

~ 1 week for videos and DVDs & Discovery Packs

Fines

~ 5¢ per day for most items

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

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Tuesday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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