



From the Director

NPL has a new bike rack! It was designed and built by Hanover High School students, during a March Intensive course taught by John Phipps. The rack was delivered on a beautiful Friday afternoon and was immediately put to use. All of us thank John and his students for providing NPL with a much-needed place for parking bikes.

The Norwich Public Library Association's Annual Meeting was held March 16th. Barry Rotman, Dan DeMars and Dave Emerson retired from the Board after serving six years. Each of them played a very important role in the life of NPL during their tenure. Whether it was helping to create new signage, creating publicity or re-tiling the floor, Barry, Dan and Dave were there to help and support. Thank you!

The Board welcomes four new members: Lars Blackmore, Lisa Low Cadow, Kathy Menard and Mindy Penny. Elected officers are Ann Waterfall, President; Lisa Christie, Vice-President; Mike Cahoon, Treasurer and Holly Westling, Secretary. The Board meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM except August and December. The public is invited to attend.

The Friends of the Library had a very productive and busy March. The Mud Season Book Sale was a terrific success with close to \$2000 raised. On March 26th, The Friends', in conjunction with the MCS PTO, presented the 5th Annual Norwich Spelling Bee, (go, Buns of Steel!) Next up on their plate is hosting the Rubber Ducky Race on May 1st and the always popular Mother's Day Plant Sale on May 8th & 9th.

As of April 5th, 246 people have responded to our online survey. The survey will be active until April 10th. Paper copies are available in the Library. It takes just a few minutes to fill out. Your comments and suggestions will help us plan for the future. Think we need Kindles? Want a café? More hours? WE want to hear your thoughts. The survey link is: <http://bit.ly/npl-survey> or on paper at the library.

Spring means flowers, birds returning and lots of new books! Come in and browse.

Lucinda

Library Programs

1st Wednesdays

1st Wednesdays is a program of the Vermont Humanities Council and is co-hosted by the Library & Norwich Historical Society. All programs take place at the Congregational Church, 15 Church Street, Norwich at 7 PM.

- **April 7 ~ “100 Years since Triangle: The Fire That Seared a Nation’s Conscience”** ~ Dartmouth Professor Annelise Orleck reflects on the March 25, 1911 fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in Greenwich Village, which killed 146 workers, most of them young immigrant Jewish and Italian women.
- **Friday, May 7 ~ “E Pluribus Unum: Immigration, Diversity, Community”** ~ Presented with the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center. Disconcerting new evidence shows that community bonds are weakened by ethnic diversity. Author and Harvard sociologist Robert Putnam examines how our own history shows that the challenges can be overcome, enabling us to reap the many benefits of diversity. **Please Note date and location at Filene Auditorium, Dartmouth College for this 1st Wednesdays program.**

Reading & Discussion Group

Final book ~ Theme "Influential First Ladies" with discussions led by Suzanne Brown.

- **Apr 21 Wednesday @ 7:30 PM** *Eleanor Roosevelt: Volume 2, The Defining Years 1933-1938* by Blanche Wiesen Cook

Books are available for loan in advance at NPL. For further information call Mary McKenna at 802-296-2191. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Friends of Norwich Public Library.

Programs

“Figuring Out Your Finances” - Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM

with David Otto & Susan Otto Goodell. Bring your questions and concerns to a series of financial seminars.

- Apr 13 Big Picture Estate Issues Simply Addressed
- May 11 Ready...Set...Retire! Winning Strategies to Meet Your Retirement Goals

David Otto is a Certified Financial Planner who established Otto and Associates in 1991. Susan Otto Goodell is in the process of becoming a Certified Financial Planner.

"Evening of Poetry & Dessert " - Tuesday, April 27 @ 7:00 PM

The Upper Valley abounds with wordsmiths in celebration of National Poetry Month each April and we host an Evening of Poetry. This year we are joining forces with the Norwich Book Store. Bring a treat to share and a poem to read or just come and listen, and enjoy a potluck dessert.

New Acquisitions

You may have noticed in the past several months the list of new acquisitions has not been available – We are sorry. One of the challenges of changing to the new circulation system was having to rethink how we inform our patrons about new books, DVDs, audios, etc. We have devised two ways to access these lists: 1) On the NPL homepage click “catalog” on the menu bar, then click on “lists” and select the month that you would like to view. The lists are categorized into adult and children’s items and 2) There will be a notebook with a list of these acquisitions at both the main floor and the children’s circulation desk.

Children's Room News

Let's Go Fly a Kite!

We're gearing up for Kite Day at Huntley Meadow on **Wednesday May 12 at 12:30 PM** (the early release day.) Join us on **Monday April 19 here at the Library or Saturday May 1 at Huntley Meadow** for a kite making session. All ages are welcome. In anticipation of the festivities, we'll also be hanging kites around the Library. If you have one you'd like to display, please let us know.

Start with a Square

Intrigued by our Friday Knitting Group, or daunted by the thought of holding needles and yarn in your hands at the same time? Never fear, help is here. Kids in grades 3-8 meet at the Library to work on the latest knitting project—blanket squares. We will combine them into a finished product to send off to an African orphanage. All knitters, beginners and experienced alike, are welcome to come to the Library **Fridays after 3:30**. If you'd like to contribute, but can't make it on Friday afternoons, just let us know.

READING, LISTENING, & WATCHING

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Shadow Tag by Louise Erdrich

Dunster by John Mortimer

Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson

A False Mirror by Charles Todd

The Guns of August by Barbara Tuchman

Lisa

Secrets of Eden by Chris Bohjalian

The Wife's Tale by Lori Lansens

I.O.U.: Why Rveryone Owes Everyone and No One Can Pay by John Lanchester

Making Rounds with Oscar by David Dosa

Mad Men—season 2 DVD

Beth

Generosity by Richard Powers

The Tree that Time Built a poetry anthology with CD

Ballistics by Billy Collins

The Wonder Book by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Saffy's Angel by Hilary McKay Audiobook

Glee DVD

Tina

Promised Land: Thirteen Books That Changed America by Jay Parini

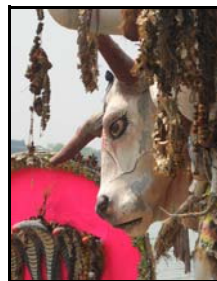
The Four Things That Matter Most by Ira Byock

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell Audiobook

On Exhibit ~ 'We STOP for Gods: roadside shrines of

Kolkata' a photographic exhibit by Professor Elizabeth Dean

Hermann. The exhibit is a visual essay on the multitude of colorful, locally-produced, and often highly informal wayside Hindu shrines punctuating street corridors, intersections, alleyways, courtyards, and markets throughout the historic center of Kolkata, India - original capital of the British Raj. Hermann is Professor of Urban Design, Landscape Urbanism, & Islamic Architectural History at the RISD and Adjunct Professor of International Studies at Brown University. All exhibits take place in the Library's Community Room, and are available for viewing during Library hours when the room is not in use.



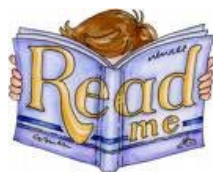
On Display ~ Nearly New Sale, Spring ready-to-wear adorns the display cases artfully designed by the Norwich Woman's Club member, Karen Ward. The sale is April 30 – May 2 at Tracy Hall.

Children's Events Calendar

Wordplay

Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays for kids 0-3 and their caregivers on **Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 AM**

- April 7 Library Love
- April 14 Rhythm and Rhyme
- April 21 What Will I Be?
- April 28 Whose Tail is That?



Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers on **Fridays 11:30 AM-12:15 PM** ~ Bring a lunch & make a craft!

- April 9 Fun @ Your Library
- April 16 Plant a Poem
- April 23 When I Grow Up
- April 30 Fabulously Funny

Bedtime Storytime

The next Bedtime Storytime will be held in July as part of our Summer Reading Program. Families can join us in their jammies for fun tales told under the stars. Weather permitting we'll gather outside for snacks and stories. Interested in participating in some way? Please let us know. We'd love to have your input with this new exciting venture.

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

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 PM – 8:00 PM
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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