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## From the Director

Much like a retail store, libraries try to be one season ahead in planning. As we slowly meander our way through August, fall programming plans are afoot! Here's a glimpse of what 's coming up this fall at NPL.

NPL is participating in the [Vermont Reads](#) program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. This year's book is *The Day of the Pelican*. The story, by Katherine Paterson, is about a Muslim family in the 1990s, forced to flee ethnic cleansing in the Balkans and their experience once they immigrate to Vermont. Paterson examines themes of cultural conflict, tolerance and compassion. This book is appropriate reading for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students through adult readers.

The Vermont Humanities Council has donated 75 copies of the book to the Library. Starting in September they will be available for people in to read and share with family and friends. The Library will offer a array of events in support of this book – from a film series to book discussions for all ages. We hope you will read *The Day of the Pelican* and participate!

On Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Library, in collaboration with the Dartmouth College Libraries, the Howe Library and the Lebanon Public Library will present a public talk by [Gregory Maguire](#), the author of *Wicked*. The program begins at 3 PM and will be held at Moore Auditorium at Dartmouth. This program will be free and open to all. Mr. Maguire will be available to sign books as well.

Building on the success of our 2008 Altered Book fundraiser comes [Norwich Book Feast – Read it and Eat!](#) A series of events in October and November will promote the joy of books and reading as well as community building through the sharing of meals. Some of the activities being planned are a breakfast Story Walk, a brown bag lunch lecture series, a community pizza dinner and an all-age community art project. Book Feast promises to be both exciting and engaging and nourishing as well!

But we're getting ahead of ourselves. It is only August and we have lazy summer days ahead. If you're looking for something different to do this month, consider checking out one of our museum passes. Among the interesting shows is Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art exhibit of work by Leonard Nimoy...yes, Spock! Surely worth the trip and free admission to boot.

Enjoy the dog days of August,  
Lucinda

## LIBRARY NEWS

**NPL's first annual Adult Summer Book Program** has been a wonderful success and we thank you! Please mark your calendars for our two last events.

**~Tuesday, August 10 @ 1:30 - 3:00 PM - Held in the 1901 Room**

Looking for a great summer read? New Book Debut! What are the Librarians reading? What are you reading? Please join Lucinda and Lisa for a book chat. Refreshments served!

**~Thursday, August 19 @ 7:00 - 8:00 PM – Held in NPL's Community Room**

Join NPL staff member Stephanie Smith for a book discussion of *Look at Me* by Jennifer Egan. Says Smith, "The title says it all. What you see isn't always what you get. Egan's prose style is amazing, and her insights will make for great discussion." The novel is the latest in a series of book bags created for reading clubs. The library is debuting it as part of the adult summer reading program. Copies are available at the circulation desk for check-out. Refreshments served!

### Friends of the Norwich Public Library

After a very busy and successful spring and summer of fundraising events, we want to thank each and every person who donated books, plants, hours of volunteer time, and enthusiasm to our efforts. We could not do it without you!

Looking ahead, our Fall Book Sale will be held in September or October. If you're cleaning out bookshelves, please remember that the Friends will be grateful for your donations of books. You can leave them at the main desk at the library, or call the Library to arrange a pick-up. No textbooks, encyclopedias, Reader's Digests or musty books, please.

Other projects will be on our fall agenda too, so if you're interested in learning more, please come to our September meeting on Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. in the Community Room. We're a congenial, dedicated group looking for like-minded folks to join us in supporting our Library.

### Reading, listening and watching by NPL Staff

**Beth**

*Keeper* by Kathi Appelt  
*Tinkers* by Paul Harding  
*The Grimm Legacy* by Polly Shulman  
*Sense & Sensibility* by Jane Austen  
*Emma* by Jane Austen Audiobook  
*Pride & Prejudice* DVD  
*Toy Story* DVD

**Lisa**

*The Passage* by Justin Cronin  
*The Girl Who Fell from the Sky* by Heidi Durrow  
*Stones from the River* by Ursula Hegi  
*One Day* by David Nicholls  
*Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*

**Lucinda**

*One Day* by David Nicholls  
*The Passage* by Justin Cronin  
*A Plague of Secrets* by John Lescroart  
*Adrian Mole: The Lost Years* by Sue Townsend  
*Summer's Lease* by John Mortimer  
*I Capture the Castle* DVD

**Stephanie**

*Solar* by Ian McEwan  
*St. Lucy's Home for Girls Raised by Wolves* by Karen Russell  
*One Amazing Thing*, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni  
*As Husbands Go* by Susan Isaacs  
*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See Audiobook  
*Her Fearful Symmetry* by Audrey Niffenegger Audiobook  
*Last Night at Twisted River* by John Irving Audiobook  
*Shakespeare Wallah* DVD  
*Greenfingers* DVD

**Tina**

*Family album* by Penelope Lively  
*Imagination in place* by Wendell Berry  
*The Bible: a biography* by Karen Armstrong Audiobook  
*Greenfingers* DVD  
*Man push cart* (LUV video)

**Wendy**

*The Ancient Shore* by Shirley Hazzard (ILL)  
*French Dirt* by Richard Goodman (ILL)

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

### This summer our theme is: *Make a Splash: Read!*

This summer we've been **Wet, Wet, Wet!** We've had so much fun meeting an illustrator, watching movies and folding paper. Here are the events scheduled for August:

Join us on **Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at noon** for our last Summer Reading event. The fabulous and amazing librarian, Jane Napier, will bring her rockin' & rollin' **Kid Wash** to Norwich. (Who needs a car, this event is for getting' wet.) Kids, come help us wrap up the summer and soak yourself silly. In the event of inclement weather, we'll schedule something equally as fun and raucous, but indoors instead.

Kids in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up who have completed their reading challenge can be entered into a lottery to spend the night at the Library on **Saturday, August 28 at 8:00 PM**. (Pick-up at 8:00 AM on Sunday.) For those of you who like to watch movies, we'll be hosting a marathon of all three "*Pirates of the Caribbean*" movies. For those of you who like to read, we'll be hosting a read-athon for the third book in the "*Hunger Games*" trilogy. **You can pre-order your copy of "Mockingjay" at the Norwich Bookstore and receive a 20% discount. Either way you choose to spend the evening, it should be a fun night here with us. For more details about this exciting event, please call 649-1184.**

### Making Knots

On **Monday August 23 at 6:00 PM** kids of all ages are invited to stop in and experiment with making different types of knots. Our resident expert will have several varieties of rope on hand to demonstrate the knots needed for camping, boating and some just for fun. (Remember Lincoln and his obsession with rope in "The Higher Power of Lucky," he was an artist who could see the heart of a knot.) Some lighter-weight hemp will be available that can be used to form knotted necklaces or bracelets like sailors used to wear for good luck (and mop their brow while swabbing the deck.) Light refreshments will be provided.

### Start with a Square

We're still knitting this summer, and it's always cool in the Children's room (in more ways than one.) There are still some squares on our needles, but we're starting to talk about plans and projects for the Fall. (Maybe some handwarmers for the hospital.) All knitters, beginners and experienced alike, are welcome to come to the Library any **Friday after 3:30**. If you'd still like to contribute, but can't make it on Friday afternoons, just let us know.



Summer Storytime



Gingerbread  
Beach Houses



## Art Exhibit

***Women of Watercolor...and More!***, a group show of Upper Valley women working in watercolor and other water based media exhibit their art through August 30<sup>th</sup>. The group, Jen Dembinski, Betsy Gaiser, Virginia Jenks, Judy Laliberte, Kate Reeves, Deb Rice,



Laurel Tobiason, Sheryl Trainor, and Monique Van de Ven, meets monthly to share a meal, paint and talk about their work.

Exhibits are in the Library's Community Room, and are available for viewing during Library hours when the room is not in use.

## Display Cases

The **Norwich Historical Society's *Walking Down the Aisle*** is in our display cases in July and August. This exhibit focuses on how Norwichers from today and yesterday have celebrated their weddings and will feature wedding artifacts from the Historical Society's own collection.

## Children's Programs

### Word Play

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

August 4	Just Keep Swimming
August 11	Messing Around with Boats
August 18	PLAYGROUP ONLY
August 25	PLAYGROUP ONLY

### Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-8 and their caregivers on **Fridays 11:30-12:15**. Bring a lunch & make a craft!

August 6	A Day at the Beach
August 13	It's a Kid-Wash with Jane Napier
August 20	PLAYGROUP ONLY
August 27	PLAYGROUP ONLY

### Bedtime Storytime to be held in March

We had such a great time at our Storytime under the stars last month. We'll have a special bedtime storytime again in March—complete with hot cocoa and marshmallows. Kids are welcome to come and listen to stories in their jammies. Mark the calendar for the first Thursday in March at 7:00 PM. 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; 3 days for Museum Passes

## Fines

~ 5¢ per day for most items

~ 50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery

Packs & Interlibrary Loans, Museums Passes

## Bookmark

Visit our website at [www.norwichlibrary.org](http://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](mailto: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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