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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

It seems impossible that August is here already. But don't despair, there is still time to enjoy all that summer and the library have to offer!

1. Museum Passes

The American Precision Museum in Windsor (VT) has donated a Family Membership pass to the Library. This pass permits up to two adults and kids under 18 to visit the museum for free. Visitors may also take advantage of a 10% discount in the Museum Shop. If you've never visited this wonderful and interesting museum then now is the time. We also have a pass to the *ECHO Lake Aquarium* in Burlington. Both museum passes circulate for one week and may be put on reserve.

2. Paperback Book Exchange & on-going book sale

Looking for a book to take on vacation that you won't have to worry about returning? Check out our book exchange and book sale areas. We have lots of titles (both in hard and soft cover) that are sure to please. Book sale titles also make last minute hostess gifts!

3. Staff recommendations

Located in the former DVD spinner are recommendations from library staff. At the moment we are highlighting some of our favorite summer reads from years past. We encourage you to add your recommendations of books, audios or movies. More spotlighted books are located near the new fiction area in the adult reading room.

4. Summer Reading Program

Over 130 kids are participating in this year's summer reading program, *Get a Clue @ Your Library*. The Children's Room is chockablock full of amazing books, audios and videos. Don't forget to stock up for your next trip. As a special treat, storyteller Tom Stamp will be here on August 17th to entertain all ages.

5. New DVDs and CDs

We've been busy adding new DVDs and CDs! Among our new titles are David Attenborough's award-winning series, *Plant Earth*, six Spike Lee films, including his HBO documentary, *When the Levees Broke*, and a collection of musicals!

Our second **Harry Potter Sorcery Sleepover** was a great success. Fifteen kids, ages 12-17 talked trivia, discussed possible endings, ate pizza and at midnight, shouted with joy as they received their copies of the book. From that point on it was quiet, with the exception of the occasionally whispered, "What page are you on?" This is one of my favorite events and it couldn't have been done without the wonderful Beth Reynolds, Lisa Milchman and Cailin McCormick. Thank you!

Lucinda

LIBRARY NEWS

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For a more informal update on NPL matters, visit NPL Now at <http://nplnow.blogspot.com>. You can read about behind-the-scenes library news, current library issues, and other relevant happenings.

July's stories

- Nancy Osgood and the Power of Perpetual Motion
- Party On, Librarians
- Psssst!
- Garrison Keillor's Library Fix



[Memorial Gifts](#)

In memory of Herbie Sixsmith

- Andy & Sheila Hopkins
- Mr. & Mrs. Peter Runstadler

In memory of Marilyne Church

- Brain Imaging Lab at Dartmouth



[What the Staff is reading...](#)

Lucinda

- Harry Potter & Half-Blood Prince* by J. K. Rowling
- The Ever-Running Man* by Marcia Muller
- The Maytrees* by Annie Dillard
- On Chesil Beach* by Ian McEwan
- The Greens Cookbook*

Lisa

- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J. K. Rowling
- The Maytrees* by Annie Dillard
- The Girls* by Lori Lansens
- What You Have Left* by Will Allison
- Because a Fire was in My Head* by Lynn Stegner

Beth

- A Peculiar Grace* by Jeffrey Lent
- The Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway

Stephanie

- Enduring Love* by Ian McEwan
- Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East* by Michael Oren
- The Known World* by Edward P. Jones

[What the staff is listening to...](#)

Lisa

- Special Topic in Calamity Physics* by Marisha Pessl

Beth

- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*

Stephanie

- Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich
- Telegraph Days* by Larry McMurtry
- Saturday* by Ian McEwan

[What the staff is watching...](#)

Lucinda

- The Big Chill*
- The Last Detective – Series 2*

Lisa

- King of Hearts (LUV)*

Beth

- Cave of the Yellow Dog*

Stephanie

- Survival Island*



CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Upcoming Events

As we wrap up the Summer Reading Program, kids should be scurrying to finish reading the number of books to fulfill their contract. September 1 is the last day to turn in contracts to be able to enter our **Grand Prize Drawing**. Some of the prizes include: like the dog stuffed animal & "Detective Larue" book set, "The Master Detective Handbook," a "ValleyQuest book," and most exciting-- a Mystery Party designed for one winner and five friends. Children who redeem their contracts will receive a reading certificate and a coupon for a cookie from King Arthur Bakery. To all the kids out there: Good Luck!

In June Tracy Koehler hosted an evening get together for MT Anderson's book, "**The Clue of the Linoleum Lederhosen.**" Kids in grades 3-6 who've read this DCF book can make plans to join us in late **August**. (Please call or check our website for the date & time). We'll have light refreshments and a discussion of the book's funniest sections. There will also be a chance to put together a list of questions to email to the author. It's not too late to come in and pick up a copy of the book, it's a quick read. Caution: it may cause you to laugh out loud in public places.

Join us on **Friday, August 17** at noon for **Storyteller, Tom Stamp**. It promises to be a fun and fitting end to our Summer Program, Get a Clue @Your Library. Come celebrate with us and attend an event that's one-half detective story, one-half mystery game and one-half crime lab investigation. Penelope Peabottom is missing—she's been kidnapped--and it will take everyone's help to find her. Mark your calendars because this is an **EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!** The games afoot, come join in the fun.

And in September...

Kids in grades 3-6 can come afterschool on Thursday, September 13th for **Roald Dahl Day**. We'll join fans from all over the world in celebrating this marvelous author. There will be trivia, food from his cookbook, "Revolting Recipes," and other scrumptilyicious surprises. Sign up at the Downstairs desk so we'll know how many disgusting dishes to prepare.

NPL Calendar

Art ~ Gregory Albright's exhibit of his "New Paintings" continue through August 31 with an **artists reception on Thursday, August 30 from 5 – 7 PM** in the Community Room. *"Inspired by lyrical lines and lively colors, Gregory's paintings develop as a response to life. Each painting attempts a synthesis by exploring the values, forms and the relationships of colors. Often his work represents a spiritual or imaginative exploration into the world of archetypes, or an eruption of emotional expression."*

Display ~ **Through August**, one of the display cabinets is filled with exquisite hand-made **baskets by Ceci Tseng**. Ceci's "aim is to create functional, multipurpose baskets. As I weave I imagine what the basket might be used for and as the basket grows many ideas emerge." Her trade name is *Bare Bones Baskets* because "I like striking visual simplicity and clean lines in my baskets."

~ The other display case exhibits **Dana Cudney's Fruit Jar Collection** which she began in 1989 when she moved into an old farmhouse in southwest Virginia. From canning shelves in that basement to purchasing some of the more unusual jars, her collection has grown through the years. They are on display **through August**.

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

- August 1 Surprise!
- August 8 Where, Oh Where Can it Be?
- August 15 What's That Sound?
- August 22 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- August 29 PLAYGROUP ONLY

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

- August 3 Quite a Disguise!
- August 10 Where Did He Go?
- August 17 SPECIAL GUEST: Tom Stamp, Storyteller
- August 24 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- August 31 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 August 2, September 6 and October 4 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

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

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