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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

The beginning of July marked the start of the Library's new fiscal year. Much of July is spent collecting and then examining different types of library statistics. These statistics include circulation (broken down by type of library material), number of programs and attendance, number of interlibrary loan requests (from patrons and other libraries) and number and type of patrons. The resulting numbers provide a useful snapshot of patrons' borrowing habits and trends, and are very helpful when deciding what to purchase for the library's shelves.

This past fiscal year saw a huge rise in DVD circulation, 7365 up from 5871 the previous year, and books on CD have increased to 3201. It's no surprise that circulation of videocassettes has dropped in half to 1200, down from 2074. The same is true for books on cassette (1205). Picture book circulation hit an all-time high this past year with 10,441 checkouts. Some areas remain steady from year to year, including adult & juvenile fiction (5853 & 4344 respectively) and mystery. Downloadable audiobooks are beginning to take off and we expect to see those numbers soar when OverDrive releases iPod compatible content.

With fall book announcements rolling in, we are planning our purchases carefully and using the aforementioned statistics daily. We also rely on you, our library patron, to let us know what you'd like us to buy. You are encouraged to email, call or stop by the Circulation desk with book, DVD and CD suggestions. A busy library is a successful library!

On a sad note, Micheline Lyons, longtime Norwich resident and library volunteer, died July 27, 2008. Micheline was an important member of our NPL family. Her positive energy and French sophistication brought much happiness to the Circulation desk. As testament to her willingness to do *anything* for the Library, Micheline was featured on our blog, *NPL Now* (<http://nplnow.blogspot.com>) modeling items from our lost and found. She will be deeply missed.

Lucinda

LIBRARY NEWS

Our audiobook collection is **EXPANDING!!!**

In addition to the new audiobooks on our July acquisition list (please see hardcopy in Library or on website @ www.norwichlibrary.org), the following have been ordered and should be in soon:

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| <i>The Beach House</i> | <i>Lady Friday</i> | <i>The Reserve</i> |
| <i>Beautiful Boy</i> | <i>The Last Lecture</i> | <i>The Ritual Bath</i> |
| <i>Born Standing Up</i> | <i>The Long Walk</i> | <i>The Senator's Wife</i> |
| <i>The Broken Window</i> | <i>The Man Who Loved China</i> | <i>Sir Thursday</i> |
| <i>The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell</i> | <i>Middlesex</i> | <i>Skeletons at the Feast</i> |
| <i>A Day No Pigs Would Die</i> | <i>The Miracle at Speedy Motors</i> | <i>So Brave, Young and Handsome</i> |
| <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> | <i>The Monsters of Templeton</i> | <i>The Spies of Warsaw</i> |
| <i>The Girl of His Dreams</i> | <i>A New Earth</i> | <i>The Ten-Year Nap</i> |
| <i>The Good Husband of Zebra Drive</i> | <i>Nothing to Lose</i> | <i>The Third Angel</i> |
| <i>Gregor and the Marks of Secret</i> | <i>Peace Like a River</i> | <i>The Tortilla Curtain</i> |
| <i>Gregor the Overlander</i> | <i>People of the Book</i> | <i>Unaccustomed Earth</i> |
| <i>Harvesting the Heart</i> | <i>The Plague of Doves</i> | <i>When You Are Engulfed in Flames</i> |

~ FOR SALE ~ FOR SALE ~ FOR SALE ~ FOR SALE ~ FOR SALE ~ FOR SALE ~

Library videos ~ great price & great condition!

Out with the old and in with the new!

Videos – \$2 each

Video sets – \$3 – \$5 each

The staff is reading...

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- America, America* by Ethan Caine
- The Palace Council* by Stephen White
- Little Earthquakes* by Jennifer Weiner
- This Charming Man* by Marion Keyes
- The Skeleton Man* by Jim Kelly
- Library Mascot Cage Match* by Bill Barnes
- The Film Club* by David Gilmour

Lisa

- Atmospheric Disturbances* by Rivka Galchen
- The Writing Class* by Jincy Willett
- The Story of Forgetting* by Stefan Merrill Block
- Red Car: Stories* by Sallie Bingham

Beth

- To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- The Pick-up Artist* by Terry Bisson
- More Than it Hurts You* by Darin Strauss
- On Writing* by Stephen King
- What is the What* by Dave Eggers

Stephanie

- The Winner of the National Book Award* by Jincy Willett
- The Writing Class* by Jincy Willett
- Mission to America* by Walter Kirn
- Eichmann in Jerusalem* by Hannah Arendt

Tina

- At Large and At Small* by Anne Fadiman
- The Best American Nonrequired Reading, 2004* edited by Dave Eggers

The staff is listening to...

Stephanie

- Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson
- Howard's End* by E.M. Forster

The staff is watching...

Lucinda

- The Royal Tenenbaums*
- Magnolia*
- Caddyshack*

Beth

- Stardust*
- Mr. Magorium's Magic Emporium*

Summer Reading

We're starting to wrap up our Summer Reading program. This year's theme, **Catch the Reading Bug**, has been tons of fun! Kids, please bring your contract in to be redeemed before school starts. Everyone who completes their pledge gets a certificate and **a coupon from King Arthur Flour for a free cookie**. All completed contracts will be entered into our **Grand Prize Drawing**. This year's fa-bee-lous prizes include: bug books, bags, games and jewelry. They're on display at the Upstairs Circulation desk. Come in and see them for yourself.

Thursday Nights is Movie Night

Wondering just what to do on a Thursday night? We're still showing our **Creature Features** at 6:30 PM each and every week through August 14th. Next up is "Charlotte's Web," "Antz" or "Flushed Away" Kids in attendance get to vote for the following film. Each week we provide popcorn and the beverages, but if sitting on the floor "bugs" you, please bring a cushion or a pillow for a totally entertaining evening.

Fun With Sculpey and Shrinky Dinks

Join us on **Monday, August 4th at 6:30 PM** for a night of crafts. We'll create butterfly pins out of clay and butterfly necklaces out of shrinky dinks. Will it be more fun to sculpt them or watch them bake in our teeny oven? Bring your ideas and imagination for a Do-It-Yourself, Winged Things Evening. A perfect gift for someone or a charming addition to your own jewelry box. Please call 802-649-1184 to reserve a space. Kids under 8 years of age will need a parent to help assist them with these crafts.

Jungle Steve Visits in August

Join us on **Friday, August 15th at noon** for our last event. Jungle Steve--along with his six-, eight-, ten-, and twelve-legged friends--will bring tales of his buggy, exciting, round-the-world experiences to Norwich. Kids, discover the amazing world of arthropods and help us wrap up the summer.

Photo Contest

Try and capture your own **Reading Bug on film**. Take a picture of a real insect (perhaps in your backyard?) or an imaginary one (maybe your sister dressed in costume?). We'll post photos in the Library and online. Photos are accepted through August 25. The winner will receive a copy of *Buzz*, a cool new book of photos that's a guide to all things creepy and crawly. See our website for details and contest rules.

And Still, Knit Happens

During the school year, kids in grades 3-6 met at the Library on Friday afternoons to work on their latest project-- hats for the **Afghans for Afghans** program. We're still be meeting over the summer at **3:30 on Fridays**, trying to finish up any yet-to-be-completed hats. And we'll be choosing a new charity to knit for over the next school year. Stop by and say "Hi!" We'd love it if you'd stay and knit.

Breaking News about *Breaking Dawn*

The latest book in **Stephenie Meyer's vampire series** is being published this month. In order to celebrate this momentous occasion we've done two things. First, we've purchased 2 books so as many people can read/reread it as possible. (We also own at least 2 copies of the other books—***Twilight*, *New Moon* and *Eclipse***). Second, because these books have been so incredibly popular with teens and adults alike, we've decided to hold a raffle for a **Stephenie Meyer's concert t-shirt**. If you're a fan, or know someone who is (trust us, you probably do) stop in and fill out a raffle sheet. It's quick and painless, it's not like we're asking for any of your blood. . .The shirt is on display behind the Circulation Desk, and the drawing will be held at the end of the month. Raffle forms are available at the circulation desk. Good Luck!

NPL CALENDAR

Program ~ Author Amy Trubek ~ “Something Sticky This Way Comes”

Thursday, August 21 @ 7PM ~ Professor Trubek will present a reading and signing of her new book, *The Taste of Place: A Cultural Journey Into Terroir*, and a tasting event featuring five different syrups from various soil and climate regions of VT & NH. The book, written for anyone interested in food, shows how where food is grown matters now, and how it can mediate between our local desires and our global reality to define and challenge American food practices. This event is presented in conjunction with Thetford’s Latham Memorial Library, and is co-sponsored by the UV Land Trust, Valley Food & Farm, a program of Vital Communities. Please see our website for more information on the program.

Art ~ Linda Wilson

Linda Wilson’s exhibit of new work, entitled *Eastern Hillsides/Western Skies*, runs through Friday, August 29. In 2001, Linda resumed painting after a twenty-five year hiatus. She began with the medium of acrylics and took up oils in 2006. While much of what she paints is representational of specific places, she likes the unknown arriving with each brushstroke. The ensuing creation, no matter how it was imagined, is unexpected in some fundamental aspect—a reminder that each moment is new and unknown. Landscapes and personal narrative imagery are currently common subjects for her paintings.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS CALENDAR

Word Play


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

- August 6 Spin Me a Story
- August 13 Ladybug, Ladybug
- August 20 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- August 27 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 1 Lightning in a Jar
- August 8 The Spider & the Fly
- August 15 Jungle Steve Visits (See Info on Children’s Page)
- August 22 PLAYGROUP ONLY

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