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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

In the spirit of the holiday season I wish to thank the many people who help make the Norwich Public Library the wonderful place it is:

- ◆ Thank you to the Library staff – Lisa, Beth, Stephanie, Wendy, Tina and Amy. A harder working, more dedicated staff can not be found. Whether in the library assisting patrons or outside as a spelling bee or parade participant, this group of women is always willing to go the extra mile (or two)!
- ◆ Thank you to the amazing volunteers who support the library through their enthusiastic presence and dedicated work.
- ◆ Thank you to the Friends of the Library whose tireless fundraising and advocacy help support many of the library's programs.
- ◆ Thank you to the Board of Trustees who contribute their time and energy in keeping the library on track with its mission.

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to all of *you*, our patrons. Without you the Library would be a lonely place. Thank you for your comments, purchase suggestions and usage. In a time when many public libraries are seeing their service population dwindle, NPL is fortunate to enjoy the tremendous support of the community.

As your mailboxes fill with catalogs, cards and bills, please keep an eye out for the Library's Annual Appeal letter. As an incorporated non-profit, the town appropriation covers just 50% of our operating costs. This year's appeal goal is \$50,000. Every gift helps. Please consider a donation.

May your holiday season be filled with joy, good cheer, and of course, good books!

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LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to New Staff

We are pleased to welcome two new staff members to NPL, **Tina Avery** and **Amy Evans**. Tina is our new cataloger. Her diverse library experience includes working for TeleAtlas, Fordham University and Dartmouth's Sherman Art Library. As a Cataloger, Tina is responsible for categorizing every new title that the library acquires. Though she spends much of her time hunkered over the computer and Dewey Decimal manuals, you'll also reap the benefit of Tina's expertise at the Circulation Desk. Amy is our new Children's Room Library Assistant. Hailing from Texas, Amy has a B.S. in Childhood Studies and works at Hartford High School as a Special Ed. Assistant. She can be found amongst the books and after school kids in the Children's Room. We are thrilled to have both Tina and Amy join us!

A Delicious Library Fundraiser

Do you love good food *and* good books? Here's your chance to indulge your taste buds and help NPL raise money for new library materials. A delightful organic food blog called **TuttiFoodie** has offered our library a donation of \$2 (up to \$4000) for every new subscriber who signs up to receive their free weekly email article on the world of food. Articles cover artisanal food, drinks, books, blogs and culinary travel adventures. Simply sign up at www.tuttifoodie.com and enter NPL as the promo code. You don't have to be a Norwich resident to participate, so spread the word!

Books Make a Great Present!

The Friends of the Library's book sale is going strong. The shelves are full of new and gently used books and a variety of VHS tapes. Find the ideal gift AND support the Library. What could be better? The sale area is located in the alcove in the 1901 room.

Holiday Closing Schedule

~**Christmas** – Mon & Tue Dec. 24, 25

~**New Year's Eve** – Mon Dec. 31 - Special hours 10am-3pm

~**New Year's Day** – Tues Jan. 1

Visit Our Blog! **NPL NOW**

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.



CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Movie Nite

Come on over to the Library for a special showing of "**Ratatouille**" on **Thursday, December 6 at 6:00 PM**. We're offering this movie in conjunction with the **Shops on the Norwich Square** so that parents can enjoy an evening out on the town while their kids ages 4 and up enjoy popcorn and a movie. Refreshments are provided, but bring your own pillow or cushion. Estimated pick up time 7:45 PM.

Feeling Lucky: Third Time's the Charm

Kids in Grades 4 & up can (FINALLY) join us on **Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM** for an evening with Norwich authors, Jon and Pamela Voelkel. We'll discuss *Middleworld*, their first book, and perhaps get some insider information on Book 2 in the Jaguar Stones trilogy. Refreshments will be served, and books will be available for sale. (A signed copy just might make a fabulous holiday present for someone special on your list.) Please call 802-649-1184 to reserve a spot, as space is limited.

Tag, You're It or Tag Your Gift

Kids of all ages can join us afterschool on **Wednesday, December 12. From 2:30 - 4:00 PM** we'll have a variety of tag templates available that can be used to create the perfect finishing touch for all sorts of holiday presents. Come armed with a list of your intended recipients, and we'll supply the rest.

Our Now Ongoing Plant Sale

Donate \$2.00 to the Norwich Public Library and take home a potted plant and a bookmark. All of the money raised will go towards transitioning our **Children's video collection to DVDs**. Isn't it great to know that there are wonderful movies here when you need them-- a sick child, a rainy day, or a chance to sit and laugh with family and friends. Each donation helps us improve our collection, giving us the chance to offer our patrons some really fabulous family films.



Beth's Personal Best of 2007 List

Book That Everyone Should Read Once in Their Lifetime

Wednesday Wars by Gary Schmidt – If only more YA books were as humorous as this one. Some of the issues Schmidt addresses are serious, sure. But he manages to touch on the Vietnam War, bullying, standardized tests, and individuality in a refreshingly honest way. Bits of this are guaranteed to make you laugh out loud. Great for teens and their nostalgic parents.

JYA SCHMIDT

Audiobook That I Would Grab in a Heartbeat if I had a Cartrip

Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians by Brandon Sanderson – With the main characters named after prisons, this book made me grin and even snuckle (a chuckle that gets out of hand, causing you to snort). By listening to the audiobook you can take full advantage of the narrator stopping to talking to his audience. Those suffering Lemony Snicket withdrawal, will certainly want more Alcatraz episodes. CDJ SANDERSON

Picturebooks That Make Me Smile Everytime I Think of Them

This is a Poem That Heals Fish by Jean Pierre Simeon – The beautiful illustrations and the spare choice of words make this exquisite book appealing to a wide variety of ages. A lovely gift choice for almost any occasion. JP SIMEON

The Great Doughnut Parade by Rebecca Bond – Reminiscent of a Seuss story gone wild, the small coincidences in this charmingly illustrated book lead up to one grand event. Afterwards you'll just have to run out and get your own doughnuts.

JP BOND

Snow Day by Lester Laminack – I love the change in perspective of the artwork in this story. Each page shows all the wonders of being snowbound, many of which are dear to our own hearts. The twist at the end will make you want to read it again, and perhaps again. JP LAMINACK

DVD You Probably Won't Find to Rent Anywhere Else you Go

Cave of the Yellow Dog – This beautiful and charming follow-up to last year's "Weeping Camel" will have you quietly astounded. The scenery is breathtaking and the fact that this is a family and not a group of professional actors is truly amazing. Make this your next family movie night screening. DVJ CAVE

Favorite New Characters that Deserve More Books

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt and the *Elephant & Piggie* books by Mo Willems – All three of these characters made me want to read more stories about them. Deceptively simple, these authors prove to be masters of their craft--if only they could write a little faster. JP WATT and E. WILLEMS

Reissued Books Make the Best Read-Alouds

Nicholas by Goscinnny – I have enjoyed many adventures with Nicholas and his gang of friends, so much so that I have been known to read at least one more story long after my intended audience has nodded off (from tiredness, not boredom.) Originally published in France almost 50 years ago, these books are just as funny now as then. J GOSCINNY

Land of Green Ginger by Noel Langley – Reading this chapter book out loud has added new phrases to our family lexicon, such as Boomalakka Wee and "I mention no names, but watch where my eyes rest." Funny and silly, (whoever heard of a traveling piece of land) we enjoyed Langely's words and marveled at Ardizzone's illustrations. It was a sad day in our house when we



Lucinda

All the *Harry Potter* books – Tired of being the only human begin never to have read Harry Potter, I devoted July 2007 to catching up! By the night of our Sorcery Sleepover I was on book six and a convert!

Ten Second Staircase & Full Dark House by Christopher Fowler – One of the most unusual mystery series in years!

Lisa

Divisadero by Michael Ondaatje

The Girls by Lori Lansens

Stephanie

Reading in Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi!?!?

The Arsonist's Guide to Writer's Homes in New England by Brock Clarke

Wendy

Notes From a Small Island (CD) by Bill Bryson

Dreams From My Father (CD) by Barack Obama

Norwich Public Library—top circulating items of 2007

DVD's—Top Ten

Planet Earth—The complete series (333.95)

Heaven

Little Miss Sunshine

Mr. Bean series

Syriana

Ladies in Lavendar

Capote

The Constant Gardener

Crash

Everything is illuminated

FICTION

The Yiddish Policemen's Union by Michael Chabon

The Unquiet by Michael Connelly

The Maytrees by Annie Dillard

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

On Chesil Beach by Ian McEwan

Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult

Obsession by Karen Robards

Peony in Love by Lisa See

Body Surfing by Anita Shreve

Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland

Ricochet by Sandra Brown

The Inheritance of Loss by Anita Desai

Suite Francaise by Francine Nemirovsky

MYSTERY

Under Orders by Dick Francis

Second Mouse by Archer Mayor

High Profile by Robert B. Parker

Dead Watch by John Sandford

Step on a Crack by James Patterson

Fresh Disasters by Stuart Woods

Lean Mean Thirteen by Janet Evanovich

The Alibi Man by Tami Hoag

Free Fire by C. J. Box

BIOGRAPHY

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson

Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah

Without a Map by Meredith Hall

NON-FICTION

The Innocent Man by John Grisham (364.1)

Thunderstruck by Erik Larsen (364.152)

The Omnivore's Dilemma by Michael Pollan (394.12)

Hubris by Michael Isikoff (956.7044)

Mayflower by Nathaniel Philbrick (973.2)

God is Not Great by Christopher Hitchens (200)

How Doctors Think by Jerome Groopman (610)

Chocolate and Zucchini: daily adventures in a Parisian kitchen by Clothilde Dusoulier (641.5)



NPL Calendar

Art ~ Harry Beskind exhibits new paintings through **January 25, 2008**. Harry works from nature, sometimes depicting landscapes, seascapes and natural objects in an abstract manner. As he explains, "I'm not too concerned with the reality of the subject; rather I focus on my emotional response, which is reflected in my use of color." Viewers often remark that Harry has kept alive a part of childhood in his capacity for wonderment and play in the manner of Henri Matisse, who said, "All your life you must see with a child's eyes." It is his hope that the exhibit will bring a smile to everyone's face.

Display Cases ~ The Norwich Trail Committee will display a new Norwich Trails Map during the **month of December**. The exhibit will show how the map was made using GPS and GIS technology, show the old map, photos of some trail work, and working drafts of the map. Hopefully this will encourage exploration of the Norwich trails! You will learn about the work that the Norwich Trails Committee does and how you can become involved. The map can be purchased at Dan & Whit's. Jonathan M. Frishtick, a member of the Norwich Trails Committee, has designed and will install the exhibit. Jonathan's company, GIS/GPS Mapping, produces digital maps for recreation, working forests, natural resource conservation and land

Children's Events Calendar

Word Play

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

Wednesdays 10:30 -11:00 AM

December 5	By Candlelight
December 12	Snow All Around
December 19	Christmas is Coming
December 26	PLAYGROUP ONLY
January 2	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

December 7	Light the Lights
December 14	Winter Wonderland
December 21	A Very Merry to You
December 28	PLAYGROUP ONLY
January 4	PLAYGROUP ONLY

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Tuesday:	10:00am-5:30pm
Wednesday:	10:00am-5:30pm
Thursday:	10:00am-8:00pm
Friday:	10:00am-5:30pm
Saturday:	10:00am-3:00pm

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