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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

At this time of year, our thoughts turn to gratitude. At NPL we have much to be thankful for. From November 10th – November 20th, the Library celebrated UNCOVERED: The Art of Altered Books – ten days of community programming. Over 350 people participated in the programs, including a lecture by David Macaulay, an afterschool paper craft, a community altered book studio session, an artist panel and finally, the benefit auction. White sparkling lights, paper lanterns, delicious food and many happy people transformed the library on the auction evening. UNCOVERED raised nearly \$14,000. All the proceeds will go towards supporting the Library's programs and collections.

During the planning of UNCOVERED I was reminded on a daily basis that Norwich is a terrific community. People came out of the proverbial woodwork to offer their help, wisdom, humor and best wishes. The success of UNCOVERED could not have happened without their assistance, or the very hard work of the committee composed of Lisa Cadow, Lisa Christie, Cornelia Hasenfuss, Stephanie McCaull, Tracy Smith & Stephanie Wolff. A deeply grateful "thank you" to everyone.

- Thank you to the Library staff – Lisa, Beth, Stephanie, Wendy, Tina and Peggy. Whether handling water emergencies, hosting sleepovers, requesting interlibrary loans, hanging art, cataloging obscure books, shelving books or helping patrons, this group of women does it with grace, humor and dedication.
- Thank you to our fabulous volunteers who support NPL through their enthusiasm and hard work.
- Thank you to the Friends of the Library whose tireless advocacy and fundraising help to support many of the Library's programs.
- Thank you to the Board of Trustees who contribute their time and energy in support of the Library's mission.

Without you, our patrons, the library would indeed be a lonely place. Thank you for your purchase suggestions, advice and faithful patronage. Now, more than ever, public libraries are a reflection of a community's spirit and energy. As we go forward into 2009, you can be sure NPL will continue to thrive.

Our annual appeal letter is getting to people a bit late this year, but please look for it soon. NPL is an incorporated non-profit and the town appropriation covers just 50% of our operating costs. This year our goal is \$45,000. Every gift at every level helps. Please consider a tax-deductible donation.

May your holiday season be filled with warmth, good cheer and lots and lots of books!

Lucinda

LIBRARY NEWS

1st Wednesdays, a program of the Vermont Humanities Council and hosted by the Library & Norwich Historical Society, features diverse lectures with nationally and regionally renowned speakers. Please join us!

Congregational Church, 15 Church Street, Norwich

For further information, please call the Library: 802.649.1184

7:00PM on the first Wednesday of every month

Upcoming First Wednesdays are listed below:

Jan 7 ~ The Politics Before Us

Tom Wicker, eminent New York Times journalist and author of numerous books about American politics and presidents, reflects on the difficulties confronting America's next president.

Feb 4 ~ New England Town Meeting

Henry David Thoreau called the New England Town Meeting "the true Congress...the most respectable one ever assembled in the United States." UVM Professor Frank Bryan tests Thoreau's thesis by comparing town meeting with the U.S. Congress.

Mar 4 ~ Imaging Power: How Political Clout Has Been Conveyed in Art

Smart rulers have long known that art can create myths more powerful than reality. Dartmouth art historian Jane Carroll examines such art, including recent American examples.

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The staff is reading...</u></p> <p><u>Lucinda</u> <i>The Private Patient</i> by P.D. James <i>The Brass Verdict</i> by Michael Connolly <i>Burn Out</i> by Marcia Muller</p> <p><u>Lisa</u> <i>The Hour I First Believed</i> by Wally Lamb <i>The Other Queen</i> by Philippa Gregory <i>The Geography of Bliss</i> by Eric Weiner</p> <p><u>Beth</u> <i>The Hour I First Believed</i> by Wally Lamb <i>Write Naked</i> by Peter Gould <i>Steinbeck's Ghost</i> by Lewis Buzbee <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> by Madeline L'Engle</p> <p><u>Stephanie</u> <i>The Bible Salesman</i> by Clyde Edgerton <i>A Case of Exploding Mangoes</i> by Mohammed Hanif <i>Death of a Bore</i> by M.C. Beaton <i>A Book of Common Prayer</i> by Joan Didion <i>Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind</i> by Ann B. Ross <i>Bird by Bird</i> by Anne Lamott</p> <p><u>Tina</u> <i>Dewey</i>, by Vicki Myron <i>Nicholas in Trouble</i>, by Goscinnny</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The staff is listening to...</u></p> <p><u>Beth</u> <i>Anne of Green Gables</i> by Lucy Maud Montgomery <i>Listening to Lions</i> by Gloria Whelan <i>Charlie Bone</i> by Jenny Nimmo</p> <p><u>Stephanie</u> <i>Howard's End</i> by E.M. Forster <i>A House of Sand and Fog</i> by Andre Dubus III</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The staff is watching...</u></p> <p><u>Lisa</u> <i>Walk the Line</i> (LUV DVD)</p> <p><u>Beth</u> <i>Son of Rambow</i> <i>Atonement</i></p> <p><u>Stephanie</u> <i>39 Steps</i> <i>The Shakers: Hands and Hearts to God</i></p> <p><u>Tina</u> <i>The Cave of the Yellow Dog</i></p> |
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CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

[Give the Gift of Reading](#)

There are many new books being released this month that would be cherished by your children this holiday season. *That Book Woman* by Heather Henson is one of the loveliest picture books I have come across in a long time. The story centers around a young boy who lives in the Appalachian mountains; books come to him via a librarian on horseback. Certainly a book like this is made for people who cherish reading, but how can you not love this line: “She lays her saddlebag upon the table and what spills out might just as well be gold the way Lark’s eyes shine penny-bright, the way her hands they won’t keep still, reaching out to grab a treasure.” May your holidays be filled with beautiful books and memories to keep and treasure.

[Knit Happens on Fridays](#)

Friday afternoons have traditionally been very busy here at the Library. Kids in grades 3-6 have enthusiastically been coming to knit—this is our fourth year for this activity. We’ve just started knitting little articles of clothing to donate to the **Vermont March of Dimes**, as well as making squares for a dollhouse blanket. We’ve found that spending time with each other and making things with yarn is certainly a cozy way to spend an afternoon at the end of a long week. We’d love it if you’d stop in and say “Hi!”

[In January:](#)

We’ll be starting a new knitting adventure this January. Stay tuned for information about our **Shawl program** for adult knitters. Using those wooden needles is certainly one way to stay warm this winter. Interested or want more information? Send an email to beth.reynolds@norwichlibrary.org.

Parents and kids can both make plans to join us on Jan 22 for the first of two sessions focusing on **illustrator Matt Phelan**. We’ll pass out sketch books, then spend the evening decorating and personalizing the cover. We’ll also discuss just how to fill these blank books. Families will be asked to record the events of the following weeks—anything from a typical day to a momentous occasion. Pages should be left blank throughout in the hopes that spending time with **Matt in March** will allow us to place sketches and illustrations throughout the books. Let’s get ready to write!

[Adopt a Book](#)

Looking to give a special gift this holiday season? The titles featured on our **Giving Tree**, located to the left of the elevator, are items the Library would like to add to the collection. Stop in and look at the tags on the tree for some suggestions, and then consult the binder for more information about each title. Once you’ve decided, please see a staff member so that they can make sure to create a bookplate as you would like it inscribed. Thank you for purchasing a gift that will surely keep on giving.



A great evening was had by all at the NPL Uncovered: The Art of Altered Books auction and festivities. We thank all who joined us!

NPL CALENDAR

Art ~ The Community Room walls will feature artwork created by many of the children who attend the Library's Children's Programs. Children's Library Director, Beth Reynolds, worked with the kids to decorate paper using a marblizing technique. They used images cut from magazines to answer questions about their favorite things and what they love about the Library. Please stop down and see their fantastic creations.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Word Play

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

- December 3 So Bear-y Good
- December 10 By Candlelight
- December 17 Christmas is Coming
- December 24 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- December 31 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- January 7 All Year Long

Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers. Bring a lunch and make a craft. Fridays 12:00-12:45PM

- December 5 Bear-ly There
- December 12 Light the Lights
- December 19 A Very Merry to You
- December 26 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- January 2 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- January 9 The Start of the New Year!

Bedtime Storytime

Kids, please come to the Library in your jammies for Storytime the first Thursday of the month. Join us at 7:00 PM on January 8 and February 5 . Hope to see you then!

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| <p>Norwich Public Library PO Box 290 368 Main Street Norwich, Vermont 05055</p> <p>802-649-1184 www.norwichlibrary.org http://nplnow.blogspot.com circulation.desk@norwichlibrary.org</p> <p>Hours</p> <p>Monday: 1:00pm-8:00pm 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</p> | <p>Staff</p> <p>Lucinda Walker <i>Director</i></p> <p>Lisa Milchman <i>Assistant Librarian</i></p> <p>Beth Reynolds <i>Children's Librarian</i></p> <p>Tina Avery <i>Cataloger</i></p> <p>Wendy Forrester <i>Program/Publicity Coordinator</i></p> <p>Peggy Ramel <i>Library Assistant</i></p> <p>Stephanie Smith <i>Library Assistant</i></p> | <p>Due Dates</p> <p>~ 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</p> <p>Fines</p> <p>~ 5¢ per day for most items ~ 50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery Packs & Interlibrary Loans</p> <p>Bookmark & New Acquisitions</p> <p>Visit our website at www.norwichlibrary.org to read the current issue of <i>Bookmark</i> and see our new acquisitions. 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.</p> |
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