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NORWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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From the Director

I often joke that libraries are visions of order on the patron side of the circulation desk but behind the scenes, watch out! Chaos reigns in the library staff room! The same was true with our storage room, a place that was so full of junk that we often wondered *who* was buried down there. Thankfully, with the help of staff, members of the Friends and energetic volunteers, the storage room now sparkles and we can actually find what we need, when we need it.

The storage room project reminded me how thankful I am. So, in the spirit of this holiday season, let me just say:

- Thank you to the Library staff - Beth, Lisa, Stephanie, Sydney, Tina and Wendy. Your hard work, dedication and high energy make NPL a jewel among libraries, and a very happy place to work.
- Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers. It is through your presence and great work that NPL so ably serves our patrons. Thank you, too, for switching to Koha with such good humor.
- Thank you to the Friends of NPL for your ongoing advocacy and fundraising support. Each year the Friends provide over \$5000 in additional funding to underwrite special programs and collections. That's a lot of book selling, bingo calling and plants!
- Thank you to the Board of Trustees who contribute their time and energy in support of NPL's mission.
- Thank you to those "behind the scenes" helpers who do everything from repairing books to pruning bushes. Your quiet acts of kindness do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.
- Thank you to the Norwich Women's Club for the generous Community Fund Grant that enables us to purchase much-needed audiobooks for the collection.

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to all of you, our patrons. Thank you for your suggestions, advice and generous support. It's the community that helps make a strong library and without you, we'd just be a building filled with books. Thank you.


Best wishes for a holiday season filled with warmth, good cheer and lots of great books!

Lucinda

Library News

Library Holiday Hours

Thursday December 24 – closed
 Friday December 25 – closed
 Saturday December 26 – open regular hours
 Thursday December 31 – close at 3 pm
 Friday January 1 – closed
 Saturday January 2 – open regular hours



1st Wednesdays is a program of the Vermont Humanities Council and hosted by the Library & Norwich Historical Society. All programs take place at the Congregational Church, 15 Church Street, Norwich at 7 pm.

January 6 ~ Poetry's Spiritual Language
 Using the poetry of Dickinson, Kenyon, Rumi, and Kabir—poets from diverse religious traditions—Dartmouth professor Nancy Jay Crumbine examines poetry's language of spirituality.

February 3 ~ Problem Solving in the Middle East and South Asia
 Retired CIA Chief of Counterterrorism Haviland Smith considers the rivalries and conflicts involving Arabs, Israelis, Kurds, Pakistanis, Afghans, Sunni, and Shia, and to what extent they have been mitigated by regional powers, America, and the West.

Forget 5th Avenue. Come to NPL!

Looking for that special something? Consider shopping at NPL. Our upstairs book sale features a rotating stock of gently used books and movies. Aprons, book bags, book lights, coffee mugs (both ceramic and stainless steel) are for sale at the Friends' kiosk, located near the circulation desk. All proceeds support the library's collections. The next time you're in, please take a moment to shop!

Annual Appeal


As of December 1st, we have received \$16,000 towards our annual appeal goal of \$45,000. All donations are tax deductible. Donors will be entered to win one of three prizes: dinner at Carpenter & Main, dinner at The Norwich Inn or a free bike tune up from The Bike Hub. Want to donate online? Log on at www.norwichlibrary.org.

Figuring Out Your Finances

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

2009 Dec 8	Investment 101: The Basics of Investing
2010 Feb 9	Family Planning: Insurance, Savings, Home Ownership
Apr 13	Big Picture Estate Issues Simply Addressed
May 11	Ready...Set...Retire! Winning Strategies to Meet Your Retirement Goals

David Otto is a Certified Financial Planner has been a full-service planner since that time since 1991. Susan Otto Goodell recently joined her father's financial planning firm.



Reading & Discussion Group

The theme for the winter series is "Influential First Ladies." With discussions led by Suzanne Brown on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Community Room.

Jan 20 *A Perfect Union: Dolley Payne Madison and the Creation of the American Nation* by Catherine Allgor
 Feb 17 *Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography* by Jean H. Baker
 Mar 17 *Edith and Woodrow: The Wilson White House* by Phyllis Lee Levin
 Apr 21 *Eleanor Roosevelt: Volume 2, The Defining Years 1933-1938* by Blanche Wiesen Cook

Books are available on loan in advance at NPL. For further information call Mary McKenna at 802-296-2191.
 A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Friends of Norwich Public Library.



Children's Room News

Movie Mania

Come on over to the Library for a special showing of "Up" on **Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 pm**, in conjunction with the **Shops on the Norwich Square**. Parents can enjoy an evening out on the town while their kids age 5 and up enjoy popcorn and a movie. Refreshments are provided, but bring your own pillow or cushion. Estimated pick up time 7:45. See you then!

Feeling Crafty?

We love our Valentine Making Party so much, we decided to think up an excuse to hold another one. We'll be making holiday cards and tags on **Wednesday, December 16 at 2:30 pm**. Our Community Room will be filled with stickers, stamps, cutters and papers of every color, shape and size. All you need is to bring some ideas of what to make and who to make them for -- we'll supply the rest.

A New School Year in Which Knit Happens

Spending Friday afternoons here is the perfect thing to do now that the weather has started to turn just a teensy bit cooler. Kids in grades 3-8 can meet at the Library to work on the latest knitting project—hats, gloves, scarves and blanket squares for an African orphanage. We're looking forward to seeing all of you—beginners and experienced knitters--any **Friday after 3:30 pm**, knitting needles in hand.

What we are reading

Lucinda

Still Life by Louise Penny

Evidence by Jonathan Kellerman

Lisa

Chronic City by Jonathan Lethem

That Bird Has My Wings by Jarvis Jay Masters

Beth

Invisible by Paul Auster

The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver

Stephanie

Lit by Mary Karr

The Librarian by Larry Beinhart

Tina

The Anthologist by Nicholson Baker

Julie and Julia by Julie Powell

What we are listening to

Beth

Peter Pan by James Barrie

Tina

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

Stephanie

When You Are Engulfed in Flames, David Sedaris

Me Talk Pretty Some Day, David Sedaris

What we are watching

Lucinda

Anne of Green Gables

Big

Blades of Glory

Lisa

The Lord of the Rings trilogy (again!)

Beth

Coraline

Inkheart

My Family and Other Animals

Stephanie

Burn After Reading

Tina

Mister Roberts

Young @ Heart

My Family and Other Animals (LUV video)



On Exhibit ~

'Landscape and Still Life in Oil' Recent work by Carol Egbert

Carol's landscapes are inspired by her travels in Vermont, the Sussex Downs in England, and the fields near Toulouse in France. The exhibit runs through December 29th.



On Display ~

Continuing the celebration of 50 years of artist education, CraftStudies—the educational arm of the **Hanover League of New Hampshire Craftsman**—will host a show of current instructor and student work from December 1 through 31st. The artists will have a reception in the Community Room on Saturday, December 5th from 1-2 pm.

Children's Events Calendar

Word Play

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

December 2	Winter Clothes, Winter Fun
December 9	By Candlelight
December 16	Christmas is Coming
December 23	PLAYGROUP ONLY
December 30	PLAYGROUP ONLY

Lunch at the Library

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

December 4	Let it Snow, Snow, Snow
December 11	Light the Lights
December 18	A Very Merry to You
December 25	LIBRARY CLOSED
January 1	LIBRARY CLOSED

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 January 7 and February 4 in the Children's Room.

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

Fines

- ~ 5¢ per day for most items
- ~ 50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery Packs & Interlibrary Loans

Bookmark & New Acquisitions

Visit our website at www.norwichlibrary.org to read the current issue of *Bookmark* 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.

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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

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