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## *Norwich Public Library*

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### *From the Director*

Everywhere you turn, look, and listen, there's worsening news about the state of world – be it the economy, war, global warming...take your pick. It can be downright depressing. In an effort to combat this constant onslaught of negative information, I've decided to open every conversation with, "What's the good news"?

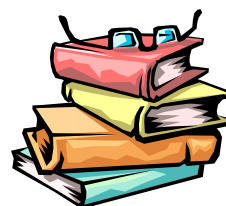
Here's the good news about NPL – we're open 6 days a week (44.5 hours), and we offer a warm and welcoming environment in which to seek shelter from the outside storm of bad news! What better place to spend a few minutes or hours – surrounded by books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, audios, puzzles, and friends. We invite you to come in, find a cozy place to nestle and relax. We even offer coffee and tea!

More good news – library usage is up! There have been a number of articles in national newspapers about the increasing usage of public libraries. As home budgets for subscriptions, movie rentals, high speed Internet and book purchases are cut, people are rediscovering their local library. I count my brother as a recent convert to the joys of the public library, which he raves about on his Facebook page. Here too, we are experiencing a rise in circulation, computer use and the number of people coming through our doors.

The Library is not immune however to the poor economy. In an effort to save and conserve, we lowered the thermostats in November. To help ward off the chill we have begun a new program called *Shawl we Knit?* The group is knitting washable blankets and shawls for people to use while in the library. *Shawl we Knit?* is open to everyone – regardless of knitting experience. The group meets on Thursdays at 6 PM. Please contact Beth at 649-1184 for more information.

Stay warm!

Lucinda



## Library News

### ~ FYI

Looking for a used book or favorite video? The Library's book and video sale area has many gently used books and videos. All proceeds help the Library to buy new books and DVDs. We also have book bags for sale (\$2.50). These sturdy bright blue bags are perfect for toting everything from books to groceries to kindling!

### ~ Don't Forget NPL Has:

Downloadable audio via ListenUp! Vermont, online databases including Consumer Reports, coffee & tea, puzzles for long lazy afternoons, Tax forms, Fax service, and a photocopier.

### ~ Friends' Book Sale



The NPL Friends' are having their annual book sale on Friday, March 27 from 3-8 PM and on Saturday, March 28 from 10 AM – 3:30 PM. Gently used books for all ages, interests and enjoyment will be available. Proceeds fund new materials and programs for the Library.

## What did the staff read, listen to and watch in January?

### What the staff is reading

#### **Lucinda**

*The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz  
*Devil Bones* by Kathy Reichs  
*The Likeness* by Tara French  
*Family Matters* by Rohinton Mistry

#### **Lisa**

*Little Giant of Aberdeen County* by Tiffany Baker  
*Embracing the Wide Sky* by Daniel Tammet  
*The Sweet In-Between* by Sheri Reynolds  
*The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent  
*A Mercy* by Toni Morrison

#### **Beth**

*Sky Below* by Stacey D'Erasmus  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*A Curse as Dark as Gold* by Elizabeth Bunce  
*Six Tales of the Jazz Age* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

#### **Stephanie**

*Dreams from My Father* by Barack Obama  
*The Best of Sewing with Nancy* by Nancy Zieman  
*The Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner

#### **Wendy**

*Out of Mao's Shadow* by Philip Pan

#### **Tina**

*Acedia and Me* by Kathleen Norris  
*A Friendly Letter to Skeptics and Atheists* by David G. Myers

### What the staff is listening to

#### **Lucinda**

*Lucy Rose: Big on Plans*

#### **Lisa**

*Hair: the original soundtrack recording*  
*Milk of the Moon* (Greg Brown)

#### **Beth**

*East* by Edith Pattou

#### **Tina**

*Fresh Air: Laughs* with Terry Gross

#### **Stephanie**

*Paradise Lost* by John Milton (ODM)  
*Born Standing Up* by Steve Martin  
*Guns, Germs, and Steel* by Jared Diamond

### What the staff is watching

#### **Lucinda**

*Kit Kittredge: An American Girl*  
*Kabul Beauty School*  
*Sicko*

#### **Beth**

*The Royal Tenenbaums*  
*Happy Feet*

#### **Tina**

*Across the Universe*

#### **Stephanie**

*The Quilts of Gee's Bend*

## “First Wednesdays” News

**1st Wednesdays**, a free program of the Vermont Humanities Council and hosted by the Library & the 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  
7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of every month through May  
Upcoming First Wednesdays are listed below:

### **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.

### **Apr 1 ~ Catching People’s Stories**

Vermont Folklife Center founder and former executive director Jane Beck will share, through lecture and audio recordings, some of the gems of the Folklife Center’s archives of the spoken word.

## Children’s Room News

### **An Opportunity to Meet an Illustrator**

It's not too late to pick up your journal and participate in our upcoming activities. 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 **illustrator Matt Phelan** on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> will allow us to place sketches and illustrations amongst the words. Afterwards the sketches and journals will be on display here at the Library, following an opening reception for the artists. Space is limited, please call 802-649-1184 to reserve a spot. For more information on Matt Phelan, please visit [www.mattphelan.com](http://www.mattphelan.com). This opportunity has been made possible through the generosity of the Winnie Belle Learned Fund.

### **I Adore Paper, Scissors & Glue, How 'Bout You?**

Kids, come to our **Annual Valentine Making Party** and make a few surprises for your classmates, friends and family! This event will be held in the Community Room on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:00 PM. Everyone from ages 5 and up are welcome. Materials and refreshments provided. We'd LOVE to see you there.

### **Mad (as a Hatter) for March**

March means many things: mud, wind and basketball. But those of us here in the Children’s Room are eagerly anticipating one special event: **TV Turn-off Week!** Now is the time to start thinking about costumes for our **Annual Book Character party**. We’ll have food, games and prizes galore. Stay tuned to our website and the PTO Newsletter for more details.

## NPL Calendar

**Art exhibit ~ Scott Miller's 'Regarding Diversity' Exhibit ~** In 2007 photographer Scott Miller and interviewer Wynne Washburn lived for 4 months in the south Indian state of Kerala, staying with local families and documenting everyday life. The result is "Regarding Diversity Part III: Kerala, India," on exhibit in the Community Room continuing through Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. Through photographs and interviews, this exhibit presents the answers given by the people of Kerala when asked to explain their history and practice of religious tolerance among Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Jews.

### **Thursday, Feb. 26 @ 7 PM Henry Homeyer "Growing Great Vegetables in 15 Minutes a Day!"**

Garden writer Henry Homeyer will explain how to start and maintain a small vegetable garden (9 ft by 12 ft) in the middle of the lawn, spending just 15 minutes a day. Last summer Homeyer helped with 2 such gardens and saw how easy it was even for beginners to have success. Join us to learn more and to ask questions. Henry Homeyer is a UNH Master Gardener, writes a weekly gardening column in the *Valley News*, and is the author of "The Vermont Gardener's Companion: An Insider's Guide to Gardening in the Green Mountain State" and 2 other books.

## Children's Events Calendar

### Word Play

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

- February 4 Shh, Sleep are Asleep
- February 11 I Love Everybody
- February 18 The Sea, Sand and Me
- February 25 Stars on Thars
- March 4 March Winds

### Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers.

Bring a lunch and make a craft. Fridays 12:00-12:45 PM

- February 6 Spin Me a Yarn
- February 13 Be Mine, Valentine
- February 20 Annual Beach Party
- February 27 Splendidly Seuss-tacular
- March 6 Windy Weather

### 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 February 5, April 2 and May 7. Hope to see you then! (No Storytime for March, see children's news for evening activity we'll be hosting instead.)

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