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From the Director

In 2003 the Library Board of Trustees adopted a new long-range plan to be in place from 2004-2009. I'm pleased to say that the Library met or exceeded most of the goals set forth in that plan. These goals included increasing programming for adults, keeping the collections current and increasing circulation, creating a warm and welcoming environment and collaborating with local organizations.

Our old plan "expired" last year so it's time to write a new strategic plan. We need your ideas.

Because strategic planning for libraries relies on community input, we want to know what you want your library to offer.. Should we have iPads, Kindles and e-books? Earlier morning hours? Fewer DVDs? More book discussion groups? A café? Opportunities to share your ideas will be coming this spring. Put on your thinking cap and envision NPL three years in the future. No suggestion is too outlandish (well, maybe the indoor lap pool!)

On Saturday January 30th, Greg Sharrow from the Vermont Folklife Center gave a terrific presentation on collecting oral histories. It was the first program of a collaboration between CATV, the Norwich Historical Society and NPL and kicked off our town-wide oral history project. We are now looking for people who want to participate, either as an interviewer, an interviewee or a videographer. All interviews will be available for loan at the library and permanently archived at NHS. CATV will provide free training and use of their equipment. Please contact me at 649-1184 if you are interested. We expect this project to continue throughout the summer.

The new library cards have arrived and they look great! Patrons really love the key chain tag aspect ("just like the grocery store!") Getting a new card takes less than one minute but there's no need to switch if you love your purple card.

Here's a fun fact: when the new cards arrived, we were down to just 22 purple cards left from the original 5000 ordered by Sylvia Fraser in 2000. That's a lot of cards in this community!

Lucinda

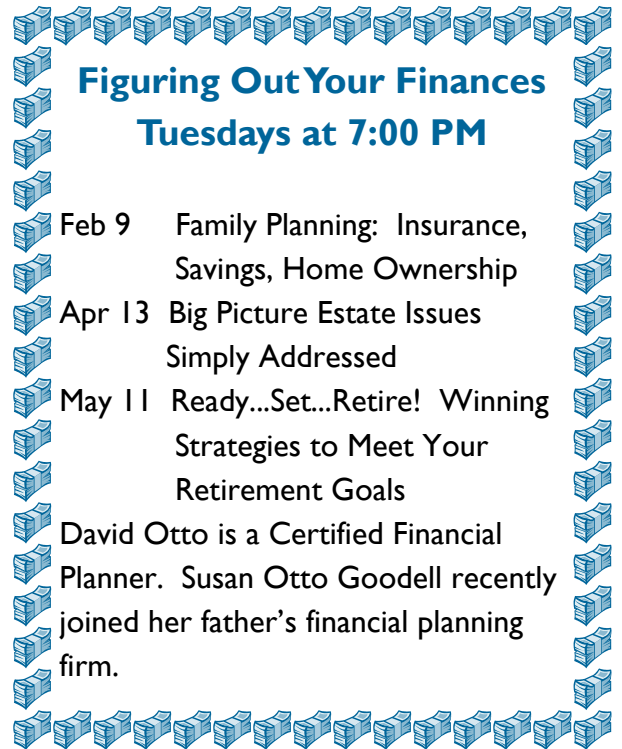


Library Programs

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

March 3 ~ “Stark Decency: German POWs in a New England Village” Historian Allen Koop tells the story of New Hampshire’s only World War II prisoner-of-war camp. He describes how ordinary people in Stark turned bitter division into camaraderie.

April 7 ~ “100 Years since Triangle: The Fire That Seared a Nation’s Conscience” Dartmouth Professor Annelise Orleck reflects on the March 25, 1911 fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in Greenwich Village, which killed 146 workers, most of them young immigrant Jewish and Italian women.



Figuring Out Your Finances Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

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. Susan Otto Goodell recently joined her father’s financial planning firm.

What the staff is reading, watching and listening to...

Lucinda

- A Long Shadow* by Charles Todd
- People’s History of the America Empire* (graphic novel) by Howard Zinn
- The Day of the Pelican* by Katherine Patterson
- Committed: A skeptic makes peace with marriage* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- From the mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Koinigsburg Audiobook
- Outsourced* (LUV) DVD

Lisa

- Angel Time* by Anne Rice
- Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro
- Noah’s Compass* by Anne Tyler
- The Hunger Games* and *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
- Mad Men* (season 1) DVD

Beth

- Noah’s Compass* by Ann Tyler
- Newspaper Girl* by Eliza Ketchum
- Coop* by Michael Perry
- A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L’Engle Audiobook
- Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko Audiobook

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- Elf* DVD
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas* DVD
- Frost/Nixon* DVD

Stephanie

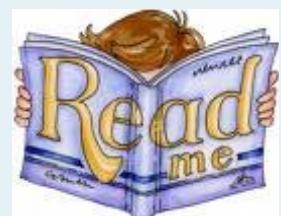
- 25 Kites that Fly* by Leslie L. Hunt
- Iranian Rappers and Persian Porn: A Hitchhiker’s Odyssey into the New Iran* by Jamie Maslin
- Born to Run* by James Grippando Audiobook
- Silent Partner* by Jonathan Kellerman Audiobook
- The Conversation* DVD

The Bright Young Things DVD

Wendy (Textbooks only through May)

Tina

- Finding Beauty in a Broken World* by Terry Tempest Williams
- Letters to Anyone and Everyone* by Toon Tellegen
- The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery Audiobook
- My Best Friend* (LUV video)
- Swing Vote* DVD



Children's Room News

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 10 from 2:30-4:00 PM**. Everyone from ages 5 and up are welcome. Materials and refreshments provided. We'd LOVE to see you there.

Start with a Square

Intrigued by our **Friday Knitting Group**, or daunted by the thought of holding needles and yarn in your hands at the same time? Never fear, help is here. Kids in grades 3-8 can meet at the Library to work on the latest knitting project—blanket squares. Our hope is to eventually combine them into a finished product and send it off to the African orphanage. All knitters, beginners and experienced alike, are welcome here any **Friday after 3:30 PM**. If you'd still like to contribute, but can't make it on Friday afternoons, just let us know.



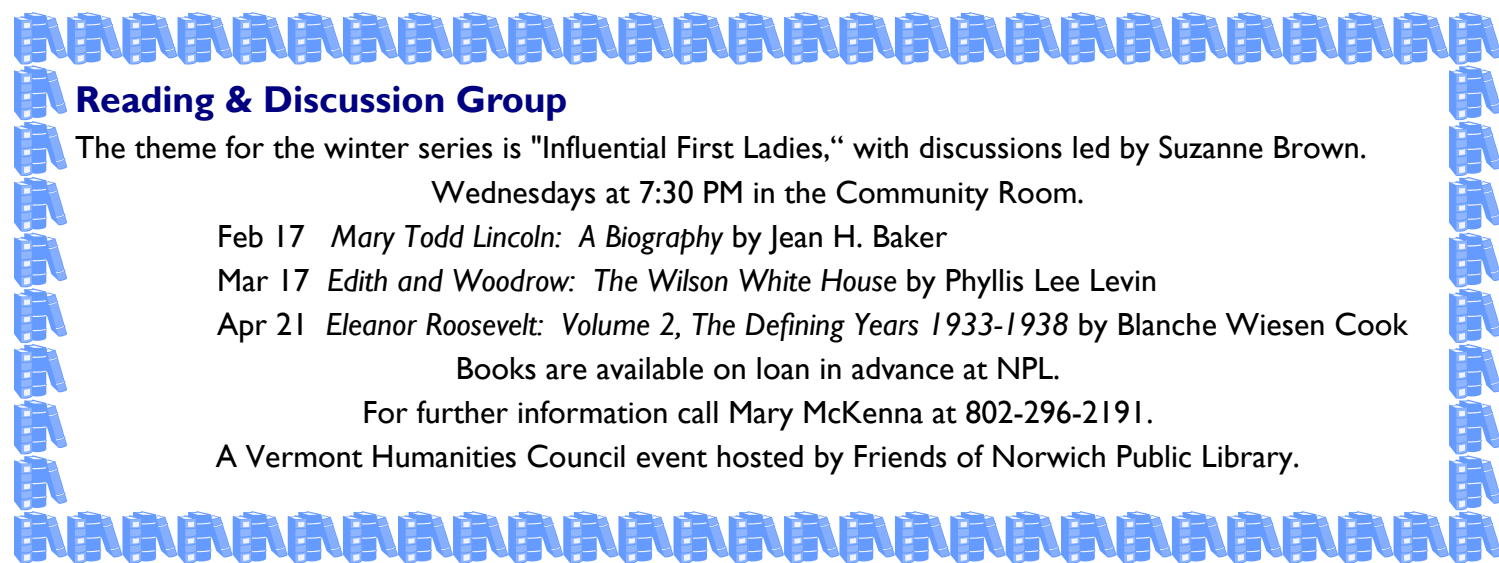
Award Winners:

The American Library Association recently announced their latest picks. "The Lion and the Mouse" by Jerry Pinkney won the Caldecott Medal and the Newbery Medal went to Rebecca Stead's "When You Reach Me." The Printz Award went to Libba Bray for her comic novel, "Going Bovine." Stop down and visit the Children's Room to see the rest of the amazing list of winning books and then check them out for yourself.

A Reason to Celebrate: Katherine Paterson



Two years ago, a nationwide position was appointed by the Library of Congress: National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Jon Scieszka (author of *The Stinky Cheese Man*) stepped into the role, spreading his love of Children's Literature around the country. Now that his term has ended, Vermont's very own Katherine Paterson has succeeded Scieszka. But this is not the only bit of good news for Paterson. Her most recent book, *Day of the Pelican*, has been chosen as this year's Vermont Reads. The Library will be participating in Vermont Reads this Fall, stay tuned for more information.



Reading & Discussion Group

The theme for the winter series is "Influential First Ladies," with discussions led by Suzanne Brown.

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the Community Room.

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.

On Exhibit ~ Through February 26

"Students of Rebecca Gottesman's Art Atelier in Studio 233 at the Tip Top, WRJ, VT" will be exhibiting paintings in acrylic, oil, pastel, and watercolor. The diverse collection of artwork features many talented artists who are guided by Rebecca: Donalyn Burch, Leslie Carney, Kathy Detzer, Paula Dorr, Kappy Fisher, Karen Gouchberg, Pam Harris, Heidi Holland, Bob Maile, Kilda McKeever, Judith Pettingell, Susan Pullen, Diane Tensen, Perry Williamson, & Laura Wolfe.

Program ~ Thursday, February 25 @ 7:00 PM

"Getting Ready for Spring" Henry Homeyer will help both new and experienced gardeners think about the season ahead: starting seeds indoors, pruning apple trees, preparing the soil outdoors and discussing organic methods to deal with pests, diseases and soil fertility. As always, he will be ready to answer your questions.

Children's Events Calendar

Word Play

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

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| February 3 | Shh, Sheep are Asleep |
| February 10 | I Love Everybody |
| February 17 | The Sea, Sand and Me |
| February 24 | Stars on Thars |



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!

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| February 5 | Counting Sleepy Sheep |
| February 12 | Be Mine, Valentine |
| February 19 | Annual Beach Party |
| February 26 | PLAYGROUP ONLY |
| March 5 | Splendidly Seuss-tacular |



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 and February 4 in the Children's Room. After a brief hiatus, Storytime will resume on Thursday April 1--no foolin'!

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 – 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
Saturday	10:00 am – 3:00 PM

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