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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

The Library has been an especially jolly place this week between Christmas and New Year's. People are less rushed and frantic. More time is spent browsing, reading and greeting friends at the Circulation Desk. For the staff, there's time to finish projects before the New Year begins and to start planning for the next six months.

Last year the Library's focus was on updating the look of the library and making its collections more patron-friendly. This year our focus will be on technology. As in all business fields, library technology is changing very quickly. The 2007 buzzword "Library 2.0" is fast becoming Library 2.7! Since most librarians are *not* IT gurus, technological changes can be overwhelming. We will however, be participating in two exciting new projects that will be a positive step towards embracing these revolutionary advances in library service.

NPL is a founding member of the new Green Mountain Consortium, a group of libraries (public, academic and school) who are working together to be able to offer downloadable audiobooks to their patrons. You may remember I was touting the advent of this service last winter. Sadly, no funding was available for the project. In stepped a group of very motivated librarians and I am happy to announce that the *Listen Up! Vermont* program will be starting to offer service this winter. More information about this will be available later in January.

The other technology project involves the circulation system and library catalog. We are part of a team of libraries testing open source software called KOHA. If all goes well we expect to go online in the early fall. Moving to an open source system will save the library money but more importantly, it will finally allow patrons to reserve and renew items from home. We will also be able to better communicate with patrons using email. The library catalog will be become more interactive, with links to related books, websites and reviews. The future looks very promising!

We wish you each a very happy, joyful and peaceful New Year,

Cucinda

Library News

Library Receives \$2500 Grant

We are very pleased to announce that the Library has received a grant from the Children's Fund of the Upper Valley of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation – Upper Valley Region. This grant was awarded to support our first annual signature fundraising event, an Altered Book Auction, slated for fall 2008.

What is an altered book? As defined by the International Society of Altered Book artists, it is a book that has been recycled by creative means into a work of art. To see examples, please visit www.alteredbookartists.com.

The idea for an auction came from a *New York Times* article a few years ago about the Portland (ME) Public Library's commission from over 100 artists of altered books. The ensuing collection is available via interlibrary loan and includes a book about lawn maintenance that sprouts grass and a book about the history of candy that was turned into a candy dish.

We are very excited about this opportunity to create a new event for the Library. More information will be forthcoming in the next month.

Holiday Closing Schedule

The Library will be closed on Monday January 21st in honor of Martin Luther King and on Monday February 18th for Presidents' Day.

What the staff is reading:

Lucinda

Chat by Archer Mayor

French Milk by Lucy Knisley

The Indian Bride by Karin Fosser

T is for Trespass by Sue Grafton

The Foreskin's Lament by Shalom Auslander

Fortress of Solitude by Jonathan Lethem

Monique and the Mango Rains by Kris Holloway

Someday This Pain Will be Useful to You by Peter Cameron

Lisa

The abstinence teacher by Tom Perrotta

The almost moon by Alice Sebold

Fire in the blood by Irene Nemirovsky

Free for all: oddballs, geeks and gangstas in the Public Library by Don Borchert

The absolutely true diary of a part-time Indian by Sherman Alexie

Beth

At Large and at Small by Anne Fadiman

Skin Hunger by Kathleen Duey

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

What the staff is reading continue:

Stephanie

The Year of Living Biblically by A.J. Jacobs

What the staff is listening to:

Lisa

Snow flower and the secret fan by Lisa See

Stephanie

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

What the staff is watching:

Lucinda

Indiana Jones and the Lost Ark

Best Man at Grass Creek

Beth

Elf

Fawlty Towers

The Cave of the Yellow Dog

Stephanie

The Awful Truth



Children's Room News

Knit Happens on Fridays

Hats, Needles, Yarn-- oh my! Kids in grades 3 and up are welcome to come and join us at **3:30PM on Fridays**. We're knitting hats to send to the **Afghans for Afghans** program. And lest you think making a hat complicated, then you haven't yet discovered the wonders of knitting with circular needles. Interested parents are also welcome to sit and knit.



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Feeling Funky?



Make plans to be here after school on **Wednesday, January 23 at 2:30PM**. Kids in grades 3-6 can come and create some Funky Felt beads for bracelets, necklaces, or just something fun to hang from your backpack. We'll take some wool and water (and a little soap) to make some beautiful beads just waiting to be strung in eye-catching arrangements. Please call 802-649-1184 to reserve a space.

Upcoming Events

We've got some great events planned for the coming months. We'll have our annual Valentine Making Party, Jewelry Making with Julie Choi, TV Turn-off Activities in March, and a visit from a children's book illustrator--which should be both fun and fascinating. Keep an eye on our website for more details.



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 changing over our **Children's video collection to DVDs**. Isn't 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. Help us improve our collection to be able to offer our patrons some really fabulous films. Thanks to the generosity of our patrons, we've already raised \$80.00!

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 ~ Artist Lisa Burke will display 3 dimensional boxed assemblages she has created from mindlessly discarded or overlooked broken things, found objects, the mundane, and the useless with no judgment based on degrees of perceived worth. These are simple boxes in which she arranges surprising collections of photographs, Victorian bric-à-brac and an interesting assortment of objects that can tell a story. **Through January.**

Children's Events Calendar

Word Play

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

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:00 AM

January 9	B is for Birthday
January 16	Whose House?
January 23	Best Buddies

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

January 11	Happy Happy Birthday
January 18	A Home for Me
January 25	Fabulous Friends
February 1	A Parade of Pets

Bedtime Storytime

Kids, come to the Library in your jammies for Storytime, first Thursday of the month. Please join us on February 7 at

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Hours

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

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Library Assistant

Due Dates

~ 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

Fines

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

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