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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

The year 2009 promises to be festive here at the Norwich Public Library, as we celebrate the **10** year anniversary of the 1999 renovation. When the town gathered on September 18th, 1999 to dedicate the new building there was much to celebrate; a beautiful new addition, a colorful and book-filled children's room, additional hours and happily, more space for books. In 1999, DVDs and books on CD were still too new and too costly for most libraries to add to their collections, Google wasn't a household word and laptops weighed a ton!

Each year has brought changes to the Library. DVDs and books on CD are now among our highest circulating materials. Downloadable audio via *Listen Up! Vermont* debuted last March and is gaining in popularity, especially as it is now compatible with iPods and Mac computers. More than ever, patrons are using our free Wifi; bringing in their laptops and "setting up shop!" Additionally, this summer we will be migrating to a new automated library system with many improved features.

While many of the changes in the past ten years have been technological, what has not changed is the mission of the Library: putting great books into the hands of our patrons. Whether it's a new picture book for our youngest readers or the latest title by Thomas Friedman or PD James, nothing makes us happier than seeing people leave NPL with arms full of books (and DVDs, audios, magazines, puzzles etc.)

We are eagerly looking forward to this anniversary year. As always, I encourage you to share your thoughts with us about what you think we're doing right, what could be improved and what new things you'd like to see.

Here's to a wonderful New Year!

Lucinda



Top Circulating Materials for 2008

Non-fiction

1. *The World Without Us* by Alan Weisman, 304.2
2. *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver, 641.09
3. *Native Plants of the Northeast* by Donna Leopold, 635.9
4. *Can't Fail Color Schemes* by Amy Wax, 752
5. *How to Cook Everything Vegetarian* by Mark Bittman, 641.56
6. *The Vermont Gardener's Companion* by Henry Homeyer, 635
7. *My Mother, Your Mother: Embracing Slow Medicine* by Dennis McCullough, 306.874
8. *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, 371.8
9. *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama, 973
10. *Clean it Fast, Clean it Right*, 648
11. *When You Are Engulfed in Flames* by David Sedaris, 814
12. *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman, 940.53

Fiction

1. *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson
2. *Change of Heart* by Jodi Picoult
3. *Lush Life* by Richard Price
4. *The Ginseng Hunter* by Jeff Talarigo
5. *The Third Angel* by Alice Hoffman
6. *The House on Fortune Street* by Margot Livesey
7. *Resolution* by Robert Parker
8. *The Cure for Modern Life* by Lisa Tucker
9. *Certain Girls* by Jennifer Weiner
10. *The Girl With No Shadow* by Joanne Harris
11. *Skeletons at the Feast* by Chris Bohjalian
12. *Hold Tight* by Harlan Coben
13. *The Spies of Warsaw* by Alan Furst
14. *The Appeal* by John Grisham

Mystery

1. *Stranger in Paradise* by Robert Parker
2. *7th Heaven* by James Patterson
3. *Where Are You Now* by Mary Higgins Clark
4. *Compulsion* by Jonathan Kellerman
5. *Executive Privilege* by Philip Margolin
6. *Not in the Flesh* by Ruth Rendell
7. *Last Post* by Robert Barnard
8. *Fearless Fourteen* by Janet Evanovich
9. *Careless in Red* by Elizabeth George
10. *The Girl of his Dreams* by Donna Leon

Biography

1. *I'm Looking Through You* by Jennifer Boylan
2. *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch
3. *Dreams From My Father* by Barack Obama
4. *A Wolf at the Table* by Augusten Burroughs
5. *A Sum of Our Days* by Isabel Allende
6. *The Soloist* by Steve Lopez
7. *The Film Club* by David Gilmour

DVD

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| 1. <i>Closer</i> | 6. <i>The Family Stone</i> |
| 2. <i>Foyle's war—episode 1</i> | 7. <i>Confidence</i> |
| 3. <i>A Separate Peace</i> | 8. <i>Juno</i> |
| 4. <i>Once</i> | 9. <i>Casino Royale</i> |
| 5. <i>The Sting</i> | 10. <i>Big Night</i> |

2008 Staff Favorites

Lucinda

The Ten-Year Nap by Meg Wolitzer
When You are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris
American Wife by Curtis Sittenfeld

Lisa

What I Was by Meg Rosoff
A Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich
Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri

Beth

The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society by
 Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
Loving Frank by Nancy Horan
Cabinet of Wonders by Marie Rutkoski

Wendy

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
The New Hampshire Gardener's Companion by Henry Homeyer
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

Stephanie

The Accidental by Ali Smith
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus III

Tina

Given: New Poems by Wendell Berry
At Large and At Small by Anne Fadiman
The Maytrees by Annie Dillard



Library News

1st Wednesdays, a 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

7:00PM on the first Wednesday of every month

Upcoming First Wednesdays are listed below:

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.

Children’s Room News

Shawl We Knit?

Kids in grades 3-6 who regularly join us at the Library will continue working on their hats for The March of Dimes on **Fridays at 3:30**. Adults interested in a knitting project of their own should email or call Beth Reynolds. We will be meeting here in January, February and March in the hopes of knitting some shawls for patron use. Days and times of meetings to be decided upon by participants. If you are interested in donating time, talents, supplies or support please email beth.reynolds@norwichlibrary.org or call 802-649-1184.

Make Way for Matt!

Parents and kids can make plans to join us on **Thursday, Jan 22 at 6:30PM** 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 covers. We'll also discuss 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 (on **Thursday, March 5**) will allow us to place sketches and illustrations amongst the words. Space is limited, please call 802-649-1184 to reserve a spot. For more information on the amazing Matt Phelan, please visit www.mattphelan.com. Let's get ready to write!

Upcoming Craft Events ~

Like to spend time making things? We host an afterschool craft event once a month for kids in grades 3-6 in our Community Room. Some of the ideas planned for this year include: shrinky dinks, paper quilling and paper making. If you have a specific craft you're interested in trying, please let us know and we'll see if it's something we can try out here at the Library. Keep your eyes peeled in the coming months for more specific details. Get those gluesticks ready and rarin' to go...

NPL Calendar

Art ~ Scott Miller's 'Regarding Diversity' Exhibit in Community Room

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 from **Jan. 9-Feb. 27**. Through photographs and interviews this exhibit presents the answers given by the people of Kerala when asked to explain their history and apparent practice of religious tolerance among Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Jews.



Artist's reception is Friday, Jan. 9, from 5:30-7:30PM

Program ~ Coming on Thursday, February 26 Henry Homeyer Back by popular demand, local popular New England gardening expert Henry Homeyer will offer an information-filled program on spring

Children's Events Calendar

Word Play

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

- January 14 Here Little Chick
- January 21 Let it Snow
- January 28 I Feel Sick

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

- January 9 The Start of the New Year!
- January 16 Just Us Chickens
- January 23 So Much Snow

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 8, and February 5. Hope to see you then!

<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, CDs, 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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