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NORWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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From the Director

As I was driving to work this morning, I was listening to the podcast of a recent episode of *StoryCorps* – a weekly program on NPR. *StoryCorps* assists people in telling their stories. Family members or friends interview participants for approximately 40-60 minutes. Every interview is archived at the Library of Congress. Each week, a snippet of an interview is played. I can rarely listen to the show without crying at least once and today was no exception. I've always told my children that everyone has a story to tell – you just need to know the right questions to ask and have the ability to listen.

In the spirit of capturing people's stories for posterity, the Norwich Historical Society, CATV and the Library are collaborating on a town-wide oral history project. We want to collect YOUR stories. Throughout 2010, volunteers will interview Norwich residents. The edited interviews will be broadcast on CATV. DVDs of the interviews will be on loan at the Library and a copy permanently housed at the Historical Society.

Volunteers are needed to make this a successful project. We are looking for people interested in learning how to do oral history interviews or in learning videography. To kick things off, the Library is hosting a program called "Oral History as Discovery Research" on **Saturday January 30th from 11am-1pm**. Gregory Sharrow from the Center for Folklife Studies will discuss the ins and outs of a successful oral history. On **Saturday February 6th**, Bob Franzoni from CATV will teach a short course on operating CATV's video cameras. Both of these programs are free and open to all. If you would like to be interviewed, or know someone who would be a great subject, please contact me at 649-1184.

What do we have planned for 2010? Plenty! We're embarking on writing a new long-range plan (the old one expired in 2008.) A number of community forums will be held this spring to hear what residents envision for NPL in the next 3-5 years. In the late summer, NPL will again host a *Norwich Reads* program – this year's selection is Katherine Paterson's, *The Day of the Pelican*. In the fall we'll unveil this year's special fundraiser, tentatively titled, "*Food for Thought – Nourishing the Community.*"

Thank you for all your support this past year. Here's to a New Year and fresh decade!

Lucinda

Library News

Feeling Chilly? Put on a Cozy Shawl!



Recent visitors to the library may notice that it's a bit chillier around the edges. In an effort to do our bit for the environment and to save money, we've lowered our thermostats. To offset the chill, our adult knitting club spent last winter creating beautiful shawls for people to borrow while in the library. Wrap on up and stay warm and cozy during your library visit. They're in a big basket in the fiction room.

Help Us Save on Postage Costs!

Last year the library spent \$860.00 in postage sending overdue notices to patrons. Our new circulation system can now automatically email overdue notices. Please help us trim postage costs by sharing your email address with us. Thank you!



Introducing NPL's Tribute Fund

Looking for a meaningful way to celebrate a special occasion or honor a special person? Consider making a gift to the Library's Tribute Fund. Proceeds will go to purchase new materials for the collection and for underwriting programs.

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.

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.



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

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

Knitting in the New Year



Spending Friday afternoons here at the Library is the perfect thing to do now that the cold weather is upon us. 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**, knitting needles in hand.

2009 Staff FAVES Books, DVD's & Audiobooks

Lucinda

Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann
Stitches by David Small
Olive Kitteredge by Elizabeth Strout
This is Where I Leave You by Jonathan Tropper
 My favorite without a doubt, *The Wire* (season 1-5) DVD
Young @ Heart DVD

Lisa

The Heretic's Daughter by Kathleen Kent
Olive Kitteredge by Elizabeth Strout
Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson
Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidder
The Wire (all of it) DVD

Beth

Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
This Song is You by Arthur Phillips
The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton
Milo Armadillo by Jan Fearnley
Julie and Julia DVD
Enchanted DVD



Stephanie

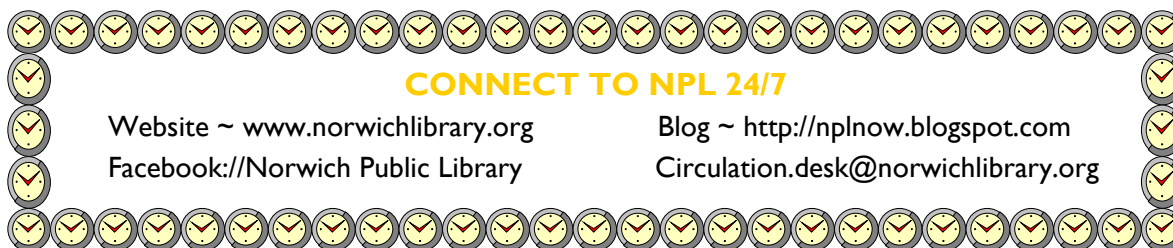
The Case for God by Karen Armstrong
Free For All: Oddballs, Geeks, and Gangstas in the Public Library by Dan Borchert
Fear Itself by Walter Mosley Audiobook
Gone by Jonathan Kellerman Audiobook
The Ice House by Minette Walters Audiobook
Callas Forever DVD

Wendy

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson
The Soloist by Steve Lopez, B AYERS
Best Borders by Tony Lord
Ethnic Interiors by Dinah Hall

Tina

The Anthologist by Nicholson Baker
Living Gently in a Violent World by Stanley Hauerwas and Jean Vanier
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon Audiobook
The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler Audiobook
Callas Forever DVD



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On Exhibit ~ 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 McKeeva, Judith Pettingell, Susan Pullen, Diane Tensen, Perry Williamson, & Laura Wolfe. **An opening reception will be on Friday, January 8th from 5-7PM and the exhibit will run through February 26th.**

Children's Events Calendar

Word Play

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

- January 6 B is for Birthday
- January 13 Let's Get Dressed
- January 20 Here Little Chick
- January 27 Sounds of the City



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!



- January 8 Start of a New Year
- January 15 What to Wear?
- January 22 Just us Chickens
- January 29 A Spree in Pairee

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
Saturday	10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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