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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

Summer time at the Library is a perfect mix of busy and quiet. We enjoy welcoming back our patrons who arrive for the summer. As for those or patrons heading out for vacation we happily load 'em up with enough books, magazines and audiobooks to last a few weeks. Kids arrive to sign up for the summer reading program (over 140 so far!). Appalachian Trail hikers spend time catching up on email and grabbing a few books from our book exchange, and there's always at least one person who arrives and is disappointed to learn that Norwich University is still another 50 miles up the interstate!

During the summer there's more time to attend to those tasks which pile up during the school year, for example, weeding! This summer we will begin weeding our video collection and replacing some titles with DVDs. Weeded videos will be on sale all summer for \$2 or \$3 and proceeds will fund the purchase of new DVDs.

The Library has been awarded a Norwich Women's Club Community Project Grant to purchase new non-fiction DVDs for our upstairs collection. We've purchased a wide selection of Ken Burns' documentaries, History Channel favorites and Eyewitness science & nature DVDs. They should be available for check out by mid-July. We thank the Norwich Women's Club for their generosity.

We are very excited to announce that the Library and the Norwich Historical Society are collaborating to bring the Vermont Humanities Council's *First Wednesdays* lecture series to Norwich beginning Wednesday October 1st. This 8-month long series (October 2008-May 2009) features an eclectic list of speakers and topics. Among those scheduled to appear in Norwich are retired *New York Times* journalist Tom Wicker, Mansour Farhang, Iran's Ambassador to the UN from 1979- 1980 and noted Dartmouth Professor, Peter Saccio. More information about *First Wednesdays* will be announced this summer.

The rain has stopped (at least momentarily) and our backyard oasis looks lovely in the afternoon light. We invite you to enjoy the quiet (and the wifi access.) Picnickers are always welcome!

Lucinda

LIBRARY NEWS

~Friends of the Norwich Public Library – BINGO

Bingo Bonanza will be held this year in conjunction with the Norwich Fair on the Norwich Green. The Friends' will be hosting the event Friday, July 11 from 5-10PM, Saturday, July 12 from 1-9PM and on Sunday, July 13 from 12-5PM.

~Downloadable Audiobooks

July marks the fourth month of our newest service, downloadable audiobooks via ListenUp! Vermont (www.listenupvermont.org.) Downloadable audiobooks can be enjoyed by anyone with an Internet connection and a computer running Windows (Macintosh users will be supported beginning in July). Books can be downloaded into your hard drive and transferred to your MP3 player. Many can be burned to CD. The Library has two MP3 players that can be checked out. It's easy to get started and we are happy to help. New titles are being added each month. If you check our library catalog and see the location ODM, this means it's an audiobook that can be downloaded. Click on the link and it will take you directly to the website. If you have any questions, please contact us at 649-1184 or email me at lucinda.walker@norwichlibrary.org.

~Coffee and tea service arrives at the Library!

On your next visit to the Library, have a cup of coffee or tea, choose one of our comfortable chairs to read the daily news, catch up on a magazine, or begin a book that you'd like to check out. The Library will be especially cool and comfortable during these hot summer days. We offer a variety of tea and coffee, both decaf and regular. To help defray costs, there is a suggested donation of .75 cents a cup – still a good deal for a cup of joe.

~Periodical survey

The library is seeking patron opinion on its magazine collection. A display of magazines, current and proposed, is on the shelf opposite the circulation desk till early July. Pick up a ballot and let us know your preferences.

The staff is reading...

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When You are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris
Not in the Flesh by Ruth Rendell
Brick Lane by Monica Ali
The Plain Janes by Cecil Castellucci
Can't Fail Color Schemes by Amy Wax

Lisa

So Brave, Young and Handsome by Leif Enger
Dreamers of the Day by Mary Doria Russell
Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri
Made in the U.S.A. by Billie Letts

Beth

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski
The Writing Class by Jincy Willet
Little Brother by Cory Doctorow

Wendy

Tales of Tales of a Female Nomad: Living at Large in the World by Rita Golden Gelman

Stephanie

McMafia: A Journey through the Global Criminal Underworld, by Misha Glenny
Projects for the Birder's Garden by Fern Marshall Bradley
When You Are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris
The Commission: the Uncensored History of the 9/11 Investigation by Philip Shenon

Tina

The Open Door by Elizabeth Maguire

The staff is listening to...

Beth

Carter Beats the Devil by Glen David Gould
Oracle Night by Paul Auster

Stephanie

The Tipping Point by Malcom Gladwell

The staff is watching...

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Autism: The Musical
The Break-up
Hell on Wheels (LUV video)

Lisa

Juno

Beth

The Thomas Crown Affair
The Breakup

Tina

Hell on Wheels (LUV video)
Trek: A Journey on the Appalachian Trail



Summer Reading

This summer's theme for our reading program is **Catch the Reading Bug**. We'll be hosting all sorts of creepy crawly events—including raising our own butterflies in the Children's Room. There is still time to sign a Summer Reading Contract, including the projected number of books to be read during July and August. On your visits to the Library you can chart your progress on your reading record. A one stamp for every book you've read.

At the end of August you can bring your contract in to be redeemed. Everyone who completes their pledge gets a certificate and **a coupon from King Arthur Flour for a free cookie**. All completed contracts will then be entered into our **Grand Prize Drawing**. This year's fa-bee-lous prizes include: bug books, bags, games and jewelry. They're on display at the Upstairs Circulation desk, come in and see them for yourself.

Thursdays Nights are Movie Night

Wondering what to do on Thursday nights? Starting on **July 10** we'll show a Creature Feature at 6:30 PM each and every week. "A Bug's Life" will kick off this film series on July 10. Upcoming films include: "Antz," "James and the Giant Peach," and "The Ant Bully." We'll provide the popcorn and the beverages. If sitting on the floor "bugs" you, please bring a cushion or a pillow and enjoy totally entertaining evening.

Fun With Sculpey and Shrinky Dinks

Join us **Monday, August 4th at 6:30 PM** for a night of crafts. We'll create butterfly pins out of clay and butterfly necklaces out of shrinky dinks. Will it be more fun to sculpt them or watch them bake in our teeny oven? Bring your ideas and imagination for a Do- It- Yourself, Winged Things Evening. A perfect gift for someone or a charming addition to your own jewelry box. Please call 802-649-1184 to reserve a space. Kids under 8 years of age will need a parent to assist them with these crafts.

Jungle Steve Visits in August

Join us **Friday, August 15th at noon** for our last event. Jungle Steve--along with his six-, eight-, ten-, and twelve-legged friends--will bring tales of his buggy, exciting, round-the-world experiences to Norwich. Discover the amazing world of arthropods and help us wrap up the summer.

Photo Contest

Try and capture your own **Reading Bug on film**. Take a picture of a real insect (perhaps in your backyard?) or an imaginary one (maybe your sister dressed in costume?) We'll post photos in the Library and online. The winner will receive a copy of "Buzz," a cool new book of photos that's a guide to all things creepy and crawly. See our website for details and contest rules.

And Still, Knit Happens

During the school year, kids in grades 3-6 met at the Library on Friday afternoons to work on their latest project-- hats for the **Afghans for Afghans** program. We'll be meeting over the summer at 3:30 on Fridays, trying to finish up any yet-to-be-completed hats. And we'll be choosing a new charity to knit for over the next school year. Stop by and say "Hi!" We'd love it.

NPL CALENDAR

Art Exhibit ~ Linda Wilson

The opening of new work by Linda Wilson, entitled *Eastern Hillside/Western Skies*, begins on Saturday, July 5 runs through Friday, August 29. The opening reception on Friday, July 11 @ 5-7PM. In 2001, Linda resumed painting after a twenty-five year hiatus. She began with the medium of acrylics and took up oils in 2006. While much of what she paints is representational of specific places, she likes the unknown arriving with each brushstroke. The ensuing creation, no matter how it was imagined, is unexpected in some fundamental aspect—a reminder that each moment is new and unknown. Landscapes and personal narrative imagery are currently common subjects for her paintings.

Display Cases ~ "Dressed with Love: Children's Clothing from the Norwich Historical Society's Collection."

On exhibit this month is beautifully conserved clothing from resident Mary Ployardt of the Bicknell family of Norwich. Clothing from the Norwich Historical Society's collection rounds out a visually beautiful display. Most of it dates from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Trained in Paris, and skilled in textile restoration, Mary has had an incredible career in the houses of high fashion. She showed great love, generosity, and ingenuity in her work. The Bicknell family lived and farmed on Bradley Hill for over 100 years. The exhibit also features Bicknell family photographs as well as other young Norwich children of that period.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS CALENDAR

Word Play


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

- July 2 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- July 9 Up in the Sky
- July 16 In my Backyard
- July 23 Things with Wings
- July 30 Out in the Night

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

- July 4 LIBRARY CLOSED
- July 11 Fly Butterfly Fly
- July 18 The Creepy Crawlies
- July 25 Buzzes & Stings
- August 1 Lightning in a Jar

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