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NORWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The generosity of community spirit that exists in this town is awe-inspiring. Two weeks ago I received an email from Maureen Doyle. In it she said her three daughters were talking about the library's budget shortfall and that they wanted to do something to help. They came up with an idea of having a kid-run yard sale, with 50% of the seller's proceeds being donated to the library. So our first ever For Kids, By Kids Yard Sale was born.

On Saturday June 27th, the first sellers arrived at 8:30AM to set up their wares. The Library's front lawn quickly filled with tables, blankets, and many, many toys, books, games and sports equipment. Everyone carefully displayed their items and then quickly eyed their neighbors' goods. More than a few parents found ourselves buying from other tables. But the kids were in charge. Generous bakers dropped off goodies for our bake sale and the shoppers soon followed. I was impressed by the seriousness of the kids each staying by his or her own area, talking to prospective customers, writing bills of sale and staying focused. Even when the rain came, none of them wanted to move inside and when it stopped, back they were. One seller's sign said it best: "Fun Stuff". Over \$1100 was raised for the Library – a fun and amazing day!



Tons of toys blanketed the front yard with "fun stuff" for all. Leftover baked goods were sold at Dan and Whits by willing sellers.

June 30th marked the end of our fiscal year. The good news is that we circulated 65,420 items, an increase over the previous year. Usage of our computers was also higher than in previous years, particularly use of our wi-fi. Picture books continue to be our highest circulating item (9849), with DVDs not far behind (8054). Other popular areas include adult fiction, juvenile and young adult fiction and magazines.

Looking for a good book to take on vacation? Displays around the library feature recommended books for lazy summer day reading. We've just added new titles to our book sale area – all reasonably priced. Finally, be sure to check out our paperback book exchange. Take as many as you want and don't worry about returning them.

Let's hope the sun shines soon!

Lucinda

Library News

Friends of the Norwich Public Library Plan a Busy Weekend

Looking to play some **BINGO**? Plan to stop by the Friends' tent at the Norwich Fair on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It will be a lot of fun and all proceeds support the Library's programs and collections.

After you enjoy all that the **Norwich Fair** has to offer, be sure to visit the **Friends' Book Sale**. It will be held **Saturday, July 11th and Sunday, July 12th from 10AM – 3PM** in the Library's Community Room. Great books and bargains!



Staff Lucinda and Lisa with volunteer Jody Biddle, sporting special blue helper T-shirts for the day, stood by ready to assist Beth sign up 103 kids for the Summer Reading Program. It was a fun and organized day with refreshments and splatter painted T-shirts to take home and the kids' cheerful natures made it fun for everyone.

What we are reading, listening to and watching...

Lucinda

Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner
In the Shadow of Gotham by Stefanie Pintoff
The Birthday Present by Barbara Vine
I'm Sorry You Feel That Way by Diana Joseph
Made of Honor DVD

Lisa

The Story Sisters by Alice Hoffman
Olive Kittredge by Elizabeth Strout
Sing Them Home by Stephanie Kallos
Lark and Termite by Jayne Phillips
The Best of the Colbert Report (LUV Video)

Beth

Ballistics by Billy Collins
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly
Feather Boy Audiobook
Reading Lolita in Tehran Audiobook
Milk DVD
The Shipping News DVD



Stephanie

Stumbling on Happiness by Daniel Todd Gilbert
Selected Stories by Alice Munro
Birds of America by Lorrie Moore
*We Were the Mulvaney*s by Joyce Carol Oates Audiobook
It Happened One Night DVD
My Big, Fat Greek Wedding DVD

Tina

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy
The Country of the Pointed Firs by Sarah Orne Jewett Audiobook
Water from the Well: the Chieftains Live Over Ireland DVD
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress (LUV video) DVD
Blades of Glory DVD



Children's Room News

This summer our theme is: *Be Creative: Express Yourself at the Library.*

There's still time to sign up. Kids of all ages can stop in and sign a **Summer Reading Contract**. This will include the projected number of books you plan to read (or have read to you) during June, July and August. Come down to the Children's Room over the summer to chart your progress on your record. You can add one stamp for every book you've read.

At the end of August 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** for some amazingly artistic prizes. (Winners to be notified after the start of school.)



This year we're trying something new: kids in 5th grade and up can write reviews and post them to **LibraryThing** to be entered into a special prize drawing. Details can be found on the Teen page of our website.

Our party on the last day of school drew a crowd of 100 + kids, which is a record for the Library. We're off to a great start and well on our way to beating our previous number of total reading pledges.

Outrageous Origami



Join us on **Monday, July 6 at 6:00PM** for paper folding with the pros. Following instructions from a book can work, sometimes, but nothing beats watching and following someone's hands as they create cranes, fish, and boxes. One fold, two folds, three folds and Voila! your very own creation. Practice and perfect your technique while you're here, then challenge yourself to make it smaller and smaller until it turns into tiny-gami! We'll have some teeny tiny creations on display some smaller than the top of your pencil--if you can imagine such a thing. A variety of paper and refreshments will be provided. Kids of all ages are welcome, though children 7 & under should be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, please call 649-1184 to reserve a spot.

A Cartoon-tastic Adventure

Do you enjoy drawing panels and sketching action sequences inside them? Are you very familiar with the call number 741.5? Is the Graphic Novel section of the Library your favorite place to browse? Have you ever wanted to create your own book of cartoons? If you answered Yes to any and all of these questions, then join us on **Thursday, August 6 at 6:30PM** for a presentation by James Sturm, co-creator of the new book, **"Adventures in Cartooning."** He'll tell us all about how this book came to be, and perhaps inspire the audience to do a little cartooning of their own. Kids of all ages are welcome, though children 7 & under should be accompanied by an adult. Space is limited, please call 649-1184 to reserve a spot.



Movie Nights

Wondering what to do on **Thursday nights in July**? We'll show an artfully entertaining movie at **6:30PM** each and every week. Starting on **July 9** we'll kick-off our "Cin-e-magination" film series with "Bedtime



Stories," starring Adam Sandler. Upcoming films include: "Igor," "Night at the Museum," and "Bedknobs and Broomsticks." We'll provide the popcorn and the beverages. If you find sitting on the floor uncomfortable, please bring a cushion or a pillow for a truly enjoyable evening.



NPL Calendar

Art Exhibit ~ "Painting Nevis" opens Wednesday, July 8th and runs through August 31st with an **artist's reception on Friday, July 10 from 5-7PM**. The exhibit features pastels, watercolor and oil paintings by area artists created during visits to Nevis, the Caribbean Island Martha Drake, Nancy Gerlach, Debbie Hamilton, Owen Hamilton, Claude Janeway, Kate More, Mary Luckey, Anne Rose, Jonathan Rose, Cary Rothe & Joe Saginor.



"Palms" by Claude Janeway (pastel)

Display Cases ~ The exhibit case on the right as you enter highlights exhibits at the **Norwich Historical Society**: Chad Finer's "Faces of Norwich," Marion Cross 3rd Grade Drawings of historic buildings in the Village, and items in the barn and carriage shed collection.

The exhibit case on the left offers a sampling of treasures from the collection spanning 200 years of Norwich history, the earliest in the case being a 1769 sampler and the latest a 1977 Dewees Cochran doll.

Children's Events Calendar

Word Play

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

Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 AM

- July 1 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- July 8 Color, Color Everywhere
- July 15 Picture This
- July 22 Ain't Gonna Paint
- July 29 A Few Good Yarns
- August 5 Scribble it!

Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers.

Fridays **11:30-12:15PM**. Bring a lunch & make a craft!

- July 3 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- July 10 Got Art?
- July 17 Photography Phun
- July 24 Use that Brush
- July 31 Weaving Words

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

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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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