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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

All of us at NPL are eager to welcome the beginning of summer! The Summer Reading Program kick-off party will be held on the last day of school, Thursday June 19th. Young folks may register then or any time after that day. Last year a record **1615** books were read by participants and I expect that number will be handily bypassed by the end of this summer. Norwich kids are voracious readers (as are many of their parents!).

Another record was broken recently. The Friends of the Norwich Public Library grossed over \$6000 during their recent Mother's Day Plant Sale. That's a lot of plants! I'd like to thank Sandi & Billy McCormick for coordinating this fundraiser, the numerous Friends who volunteered at the sale and Killdeer Farm for supporting this endeavor. Next up for the Friends is the return of Bingo to the Norwich Fair.

June marks the third 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.

This year's Annual Appeal which began on July 1, 2007 will come to a close on June 30th and we are just \$3000 short of reaching our \$50,000 goal. If you haven't yet given, please consider a donation. Funds raised by the Annual Appeal help underwrite our materials budget.

I would like to thank everyone who so generously made donations to the Library this year. The winners of the Annual Appeal Dining Out in Norwich Raffle are: Rosamond Orford (Carpenter & Main) and Duff & Elizabeth Nelson (The Norwich Inn). We would like to thank both establishments for providing dinner certificates.

It's time to slather on the sunscreen, hit the hammock and read a good book,

Lucinda

LIBRARY NEWS

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.

Spring Book Discussion Series concludes

Co-hosted by the The Friends of the Norwich Public Library and the VT Humanities Council, the series theme is 'honor' and is held in the NPL Community Room. We have one dozen copies of each title to check out. This is a well attended group and many interesting and substantial conversations take place at 7:30PM in the Community Room.

June 17 *Nectar in a Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya

~Look for announcements soon for the Fall series.



Nicole Yokum helps herself to the first cup of coffee from our new coffee service.

The staff is reading...

Lucinda

- Certain Girls* by Jennifer Weiner
- Careless in Red* by Elizabeth George
- We are on Our Own* by Miriam Katin
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules* by Jeff Kinney

Lisa

- The Ten-year Nap* by Meg Wolitzer
- The History of a Marriage* by Andrew Sean Grear
- A Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich
- Children of Hurin* by J. R. R. Tolkien
- Armageddon, in retrospect* by Kurt Vonnegut

Beth

- Forever Rose* by Hilary McKay
- Hold Tight* by Harlan Coben
- Trouble* by Gary Schmidt
- Write Naked* by Peter Gould

Tina

- The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch

The staff is listening to...

Lucinda

- Suffer the Little Children* by Donna Leon (via ListenUp! Vermont)

Beth

- I am the Messenger* (via Listen Up) by Markus Zusak

Tina

- Macbeth* (audio study guide) by William Shakespeare
- American Bloomsbury* by Susan Cheever

The staff is watching...

Lucinda

- The Ali G Show*
- The Shower* (LUV)

Lisa

- No Country for Old Men*
- Wuthering Heights* (LUV DVD)

Beth

- Big Night*

Tina

- Out of Ireland*

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Summer Reading Kickoff

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; Creature Feature Movie Nights when we show *Antz*, *A Bug's Life*, and *The Blue Butterfly*; and a visit from Jungle Steve (along with his eight-legged friends) in August. Kids “bee” our guests as we kick off the summer's activities with an event **at 1:30 PM on June 19, the last day of school**. Sign a reading contract with the number of books you pledge to read over the summer and you will receive a free book. We'll have activities and light refreshments outside in the backyard—sorry, ants not invited!

Knit Happens on Fridays

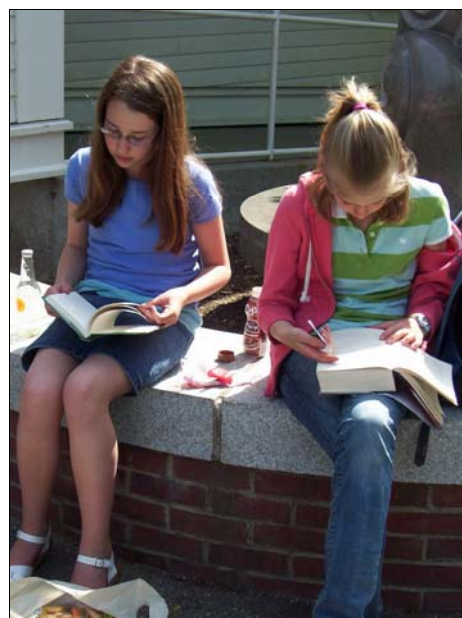
Visit us on Friday afternoons and you'll hear the sounds of needles clicking (not to mention a little giggling and a few cries of “Help me, I dropped a stitch”). Kids in grades 3-6 have been meeting afterschool at the Library to work on our latest project--hats for the **Afghans for Afghans** program. Stop by and say “Hi!” We'd love it if you'd stay and knit.

The Vermont State Lists

The books are here, on display, and ready for you to check out. The Green Mountain Award list is for kids in grades 9-12, and the books are located upstairs in the Fiction Room. The Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award list is for kids in grades 4-8, and kids in grades K-3 have the Red Clover Award list—both downstairs in The Children's Room. Many stellar books are featured this year; come and see for yourself.



On a warm spring day Dylan Hooper Goetinck (left) and Jonathon T. Pearson-Philp enjoy a snack and book after school.



Kristen Pearson-Philp (left) and Sophie Friets are knee-deep into books they purchased at the Marion Cross book sale.

NPL CALENDAR

Art ~ 12-Plus Painters ~ exhibit runs until June 26.

The 12-Plus artists exhibit new work in watercolor, oil & pastel. Twenty years ago Bea Alexander, Nancy Dean, Martha Drake, Nan Green, Libby Gardner, Olive Pettengill & Gerry Searles began painting under the tutelage of Aidron Duckworth and since then have painted together weekly. The exhibit runs until June 26th.

Coming in July ~ Linda Wilson

Linda will exhibit new paintings in an exhibit entitled “Eastern Hillside/Western Skies”

CHILDREN’S EVENTS CALENDAR

Word Play


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

- June 11 Dad’s Big Day
- June 18 Catch That Ball
- June 25 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- July 2 PLAYGROUP ONLY

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

- June 13 Fable-ous Fathers
- June 20 Pitch It To Me
- June 27 PLAYGROUP ONLY
- July 4 LIBRARY CLOSED

<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> Lisa Milchman <i>Assistant Librarian</i> Beth Reynolds <i>Children’s Librarian</i> Tina Avery <i>Library Assistant</i> Wendy Forrester <i>Program/Publicity Coordinator</i> Stephanie Smith <i>Library Assistant</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>Due Dates</p> <p>~ 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</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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