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*From the Director*

Readers of the *New York Times Book Review* may have noticed a recent addition to the bestsellers pages: e-books. With e-books growing in popularity it makes sense that titles in this format are now tracked. Like bookstore owners and recreational readers, librarians rely on bestselling lists to aid in collection development.

Libraries are generally eager to introduce new formats to their collections. When I first arrived at NPL in 2002, videotapes and cassette audiobooks reigned supreme. By 2006, we'd stopped purchasing those formats and moved to DVD and CD formats. More recently, online resources such as Mango and downloadable audiobooks have been added to our collection. Now it's time to make room for the next change and NPL is acquiring its first e-books.

Funding from the Barbara Piane Memorial Fund and the Ruth Walker Cahn Memorial Funds has made it possible for the library to offer **two Nook e-readers** to our patrons. Each one is pre-loaded with a selection of fiction, non-fiction and mystery titles. They circulate for two weeks. We will add new titles on a regular basis and as time and money permits. I encourage you to check one out and give it a try.



E-books may also be downloaded via ListenUp! Vermont ([www.listenupvermont.org](http://www.listenupvermont.org)). They do not work with Kindles, but most other devices (including iPads) are compatible. We are happy to help you – just give us a call. We plan to offer short tutorials on downloading e-books this spring.

Speaking of spring, we know it will be here soon! Planning a trip or just dreaming about warmer climes? We've just added 40 brand new travel guides to our collection. Thank you, Norwich Women's Club!

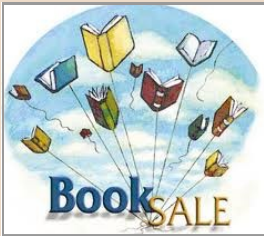
Lucinda

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS



### **“Sustainable Gardening” with Henry Homeyer** **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Tips and tricks from a New England garden expert. Henry will cover many aspects of sustainability from organic soil improvement to eating from the garden all year round - whether fresh, stored, frozen and dehydrated.



### **Friends of NPL Book Sale**

#### **Friday and Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 3—8 pm and 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am—3 pm**

Don't buy another bookcase! Clean out those shelves and bring those books you can bear to part with to the library for the Friends' Mud Season Book Sale. (No text books, musty or mildewed books, or Reader's Digest Condensed Books, please.)

Plan to come early and find those books you've always wanted to read. The prices couldn't be better: 50 cents for mass market paperbacks or 5 for \$1; \$1 for trade paperbacks, \$2 for hardbacks and there will be special books selling for slightly higher prices.

The Friends of the Library are always looking for new volunteers. If you'd like to spend an hour or two as a cashier at the Book Sale or at our Plant Sale in May, call the library at 649-1184 or leave your name and phone number at the front desk. We'll appreciate your help, and you'll have a great experience!

Looking ahead: Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on the weekend of May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.



### **6th Annual Marion Cross School Community Spelling Bee**

#### **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Join Master of Ceremonies Jack Candon and a distinguished panel of judges as 36 teams compete for local glory and a trophy. Come cheer NPL's team—The Buns of Steel—Lucinda, Lisa and Stephanie! All proceeds from the 2011 Community Spelling Bee benefit the Norwich Public Library and MCS's Visiting Author Programs. Thank you for your support.

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays**  
Humanities Lecture Series

### **Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

#### **An Evening of Latin American Poetry**

Amherst College professor Ilan Stavans reads poems by Rubén Darío, Jorge Luis Borges, Gabriela Mistral, Pablo Neruda, Octavio Paz, and others—part of a tradition in which words are mechanisms of resistance against oppression.

All lectures take place at the **Norwich Congregational Church**. The programs are free, and open to the public. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays is a program of the Vermont Humanities Council and is co-hosted by the Library and the Norwich Historical Society.

## CHILDREN'S NEWS



### Come Experience the Magic Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Have you ever experienced the magic of Shrinky Dinks? Have you ever watched as your creation gets placed into the oven and becomes teeny tiny and oh-so-perfect? We'll have all the supplies needed for **Shrinky Dink fun**. The Friends will be holding their

Book sale across the hall, so there's something here for everyone. Come to the Library and get your weekend off to a great start.



### Beautiful Baking Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 pm

Kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up are invited to **make cookies from carvings**. Our resident Springerle expert will bring her ceramic molds to help us make yummy treats featuring bunnies, mice, trees and maybe a castle or two. Due to setting, drying and

baking time, cookie pick-up time will be Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. In order to help us plan and mix up enough dough, space is limited. Reservations must be made ahead of time. Please call 802-649-1184 for more information or to reserve a space.



### Let's All Go to the Movies Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm

On the MCS half-day, kids are invited to attend our **Midday Matinee**. We'll show a movie about a villain with a large brain who might not be as bad as he thinks he is. Popcorn and a juice box will be provided, though children are welcome to bring their lunches from home. Movie running time is 90 minutes.

#### Reading, listening & watching...

##### Beth

*Emma* by Jane Austen  
*Little Princes* by Connor Grennan  
*Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys  
*Maisie Dobbs, Birds of a Feather* (CD)  
*Last Chance Harvey* (DVD)  
*Runaway Bride* (VHS)

##### Lisa

*Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese  
*The Red Garden* by Alice Hoffman  
*The Illumination* by Kevin Brockmeier  
*20 Under 40: Stories from the New Yorker*

##### Lucinda

*The Family Dinner* by Laurie David  
*An Object of Beauty* by Steve Martin  
*The Inner Circle* by Brad Meltzer  
*The Bad Boy* by Peter Robinson  
*The Tower, the Zoo and the Tortoise* by Julia Stuart  
*I Think I Love You* by Allison Pearson  
*The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* (DVD)  
*Mad Men* – Season 3 (DVD)

##### Stephanie

*Swamplandia!* By Karen Russell  
*J.D. Salinger: a Life* by Kenneth Slawenski  
*Moonlight Mile* by Dennis Lehane  
*Both Ways is the Only Way I Want It* by Maile Meloy  
*What I Eat* by Peter Menzel  
*Atlantic* by Simon Winchester (CD)  
*The Nobodies Album* by Carolyn Parkhurst (CD)  
*Wave* by Susan Casey (CD)  
*The Worst Thing I've Done* by Ursula Hegi (CD)  
*Slings and Arrows*—season 1

##### Tina

*Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong  
*After This* by Alice McDermott (CD)  
*The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* (DVD)

Kate Levy reading with her mom at the Annual Beach Party.



## Art Exhibit March/April

**Artist's Reception Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5—7 pm**

Linda Reeves-Potter's *Fine Arts Exhibition* features paintings and drawings in charcoal, pastel, watercolors, and India ink.

## Display Cases

**Norwich Women's Club "Floribunda!"**

The cases feature the wonderful prizes to be raffled at the NWC's Floribunda Marketplace—March 18th & 19th at Tracy Hall. Great shopping with 20 vendors for home, personal, floral, and garden items. Lunch and goodies at the Café.

## Due Dates

~ 4 weeks for many items  
 ~ 2 weeks for new items with red dot, CDs, e-books, Interlibrary Loans, and magazines  
 ~ 1 week for videos and DVDs & Discovery Packs; 3 days for Museum Passes

## Fines

~ 5¢ per day for most items  
 ~ 50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery Packs, Interlibrary Loans, and Museums Passes

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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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## Children's Programs

### Word Play

Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays for kids 0-3 and their caregivers.

**Wednesdays at 10:30 - 11:00 am**



March 9	All Things Green
March 16	PLAYGROUP ONLY
March 23	Welcome Spring
March 30	What Will I Be?

### Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-8 and their caregivers.

**Fridays at 11:30 am—12:15 pm**



March 4	PLAYGROUP/ SEUSS ACTIVITIES
March 11	A Grand Greenness
March 18	What's in the Mail?
March 25	Spring's the Thing
April 1	What's So Pun-ny?

### Bedtime Storytime

We had such a great time at our storytime under the stars this Summer. Now we're hosting another special bedtime storytime but with a winter theme—complete with hot cocoa and marshmallows. Kids are welcome to come and listen to stories in their jammies. Mark the calendar for **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Thursday, at 7:00 pm**. As there's no school on Friday, we hope you'll make plans for a late night date at the Library!

