

MAY 2011 ~ NPL NOW

Programs/Events

"Cinco de Mango"

~Thursday, May 5th, 1 – 4 p.m.

Traveling for business or pleasure?

Wishing to increase your foreign language skills?

Learn a new language?

Converse with your Greek neighbor?

Please join the fiesta at the Norwich Public ~ bibliotheque ~ bibliothek ~ bibliothek ~ biblioteca ~ Library for Cinco de Mango! NPL staff will provide instruction for the online Mango Languages Learning program.

Art and Display Exhibits

Rita Severinghaus "Community Empowerment in the Dominican Republic"

Artist's reception

~Friday, May 20th, 5 – 7 p.m.

Rita Severinghaus' photographic exhibit documents ongoing self-sustaining community development efforts in her country of origin, the Dominican Republic. The work of the La Colonia Women's Cooperative will be highlighted demonstrating how the use of recycled plastic can benefit the region. Featured will be the beautiful handbags crocheted by the La Colonia Women's Cooperative demonstrating how the use of recycled plastic grocery bags can benefit the region economically. Participants from the most recent service trips to the D. R. will be present to answer questions. Crochet bags will also be available for purchase.

Friends of the Norwich Library

Mother's Day Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7th, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 8th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Friends' plant sale features an amazing array of hanging baskets, colorful annuals and perennials, and herbs under the tent on the front lawn of the Library. Stop by and pick up flowers for a special mom in your life! Or get a head start on plants for your garden or deck.

Friends of NPL monthly meeting

Saturday, May 14th, 10 a.m.

The Friends are a dedicated group that truly enjoys supporting the library. If you'd like to be part of the Friends, please leave your name at the library or attend the next meeting in the library's community room.

Children's Programs

Word Play

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

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

May 4 Moms are Amazing

May 11 Just Draw it!

May 18 Let's Play Ball

May 25 Hello Little Buggy

Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-8 and their caregivers on Fridays 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Bring a lunch & make a craft!

May 6 My Mom is Marvelous

May 13 The Write Stuff

May 20 Pitch it To Me

May 27 Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies

June 3 Great Gardeny Goodness

This Just In:

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass is the winner of the 2011 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award. Mass' book was chosen by students all across Vermont. To celebrate, a ceremony will be held at Vermont Technical College on date still to be decided. Wondering what next year's books will be? Kids in grades 3-6 can join us on **Thursday, May (TBD) at 3:30 p.m.** for a preview of the new DCF list. Food and beverages will be provided. The program will end with the kids participating in a lottery to check the books out.

The summer our theme is: *One World, Many Stories*

Looking for a way to visit as many places as you can this summer? Look no further than your own neighborhood library. Our storytimes, movies nights and craft events will all focus on different parts of the world, especially in the southern hemisphere. We're calling it "Down Under, Over Yonder: In Our Differences, We are the Same." By coming to the Library over the summer months, kids will have a chance to "visit" Australia, New Zealand, South America, South Africa, and the South Pole (which will be especially lovely when the weather here turns really hot!)

We'll kick off the festivities with a party at **12:30 p.m. on June 21st**, the last day of school--complete with activities and refreshments, and a chance for kids to sign up and pledge to read over summer vacation. Each child who fills out a pledge card that day can take home a free book, of their choosing, to help get them started. This event promises to be the beginning of a marvelous multi-cultural celebration. Please come join us if you can.

New Audios to be Added

A great big thank you to the Friends of Norwich Library for providing us with the funds to revitalize our audiobook collection. In the Children's area we're taking the opportunity to delete items from our catalog that are no longer circulating as much (cassettes and VHS) to make space for new items such as CDs and DVDs. Many of the stories you loved to listen to like *Charlotte's Web*, *Redwall* and tales by Beverly Cleary will now be available in a newer format. We're so thankful to our Friends' group for making all of these exciting changes possible. Watch our shelves for new audios just in time for your next road trip.