



From the Director

A year ago I arrived at work to find a young man sleeping on the library's steps. A recently discharged veteran and Texas native, he'd come to Vermont with his girlfriend. The relationship hadn't worked out and he was trying to find a way home. He had a severe cough and was feverish. With the assistance of one of our volunteers who is a social worker and her husband, himself a veteran, the young man was soon outfitted in clean, dry clothes, had received medication and a bus ticket back home.

While finding people sleeping in a library's doorway was commonplace when I worked in San Francisco, it was a new experience for me here. I speak for the entire staff when I say we felt helpless and ill equipped. When I shared this story with other librarians, they told me of their experiences which included a recently evicted family coming to the library looking for shelter for the night, a woman and her two children desperate for the location of an open food bank and an elderly woman with Alzheimer's repeatedly being dropped off at the library for hours at a time. I said to a friend that it felt like we were librarians as social workers.

In fact, in 2009 the San Francisco Public Library hired a full-time psychiatric social worker to work in the Library's Main Branch to help those in need. While most libraries will never have funding to hire their own staff social workers there is a way to help our neediest patrons while at the same time still wearing our librarian "hats."

I've organized a series of panel discussions for librarians called "Librarian as Social Worker." The panels, made up of representatives from social service agencies provide library workers with practical advice of who to call and when. The groups also provide a safe space for librarians to share their real-life experiences, many of which are complicated and upsetting. The response has been very positive. Librarians (myself included) are learning about the many social service agencies that exist, while at the same time, learning we are not alone in this environment of need.

One agency that I highly recommend is Vermont 2-1-1. Dialing 2-1-1 connects you to a person who can provide information on practically anything – from child care resources to legal assistance to veteran services. It's free, confidential and available 24-7.

Lucinda

Library Programs

1st Wednesdays “E Pluribus Unum: Immigration, Diversity, Community”

Friday, May 7 @ 7:00 PM @ Filene Auditorium, Dartmouth College*

Presented with the Nelson A. Rockefeller Center. Disconcerting new evidence shows that community bonds are weakened by ethnic diversity. Author and Harvard sociologist Robert Putnam examines how our own history shows that the challenges can be overcome, enabling us to reap the many benefits of diversity.

Please note day and location for May’s 1st Wednesdays.

Figuring Out Your Finances Ready...Set...Retire! Winning Strategies to Meet Your Retirement Goals

Tuesday, May 11 @ 7:00 PM

with David Otto & Susan Otto Goodell. Bring your questions and concerns. David Otto is a Certified Financial Planner and Susan Otto Goodell is in the process of becoming a Certified Financial Planner.

Friends of the Norwich Library

May will be a busy month! Please join in the fun and support the Library!



On **Saturday May 1 at 11 AM – 1 PM** the Friends will host their first-ever **Rubber Duckie Race**.

Hundreds of rubber duckies will race down Blood Brook to the footbridge in **Huntley Meadow**. Prizes will be awarded to the sponsors of the winning duckies. Sponsorships can be purchased at the Library for \$5 each or six for \$25. All proceeds from the race will benefit the Norwich Public Library. This is an event for the whole family and we hope that everyone who comes will line up along the brook to cheer (and prod) the duckies on to the finish line! There will also be a craft table at the pavilion where children can make kites and the Children’s Librarian will host a story time.

Saturday, May 8 from 10 AM -3 PM and Sunday, May 9 from 10 AM -2 PM, is the annual **Mother's Day Weekend Plant Sale** which will be held on the lawn in front of the library. This annual event features dozens of gorgeous flowers in hanging planters and pots for your garden, so please come by and buy! All sales benefit the library.

The Friends have a display of book lights, coffee mugs, travel mugs with the Library’s logo and aprons in the circulation room. They make great gifts. The Friends meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Community Room and new faces and ideas are always welcome!

Please note: The library will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

Reading, Listening & Watching...

Lucinda

The Red Door by Charles Todd
The Three Weissmanns of Westport by Cathleen Schine
The Mapping of Love and Death by Jacqueline Winspear
The Secrets of Eden by Chris Bohjalian
Ramona Forever by Beverly Cleary Audiobook
Bread & Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson Audiobook

Lisa

The Lake Shore Limited by Sue Miller
Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson
Imperfect Birds by Anne Lamott
The Infinities by John Banville
Festival Express DVD


Reading, Listening & Watching...

Beth

A Nest for Celeste by Henry Cole
The Magicians by Lev Grossman
Sixty-eight Rooms by Marianne Malone
Indigo Star by Hilary McKay Audiobook
Notting Hill DVD
War Inc. DVD

Stephanie

Charlie Wilson’s War by George Crile
Game Change by John Heileman and Mark Halperin
Unbowed by Wangari Maathai
In Sight by Sabra Field

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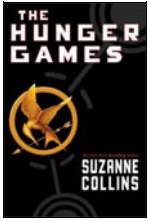
Children's Room News



Let's Go Fly a Kite

We're gearing up for **Kite Day at Huntley Meadow** on **Wednesday May 12 at 12:30 PM** (the early release day). Please join us on **Saturday May 1, from 11 AM – 1:00 PM at Huntley Meadow** for one of our kite making sessions. All ages are welcome. In anticipation of the festivities, we'll also be hanging kites around the Library. If you have one you'd like to display, please let us know.

This Just In:



The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is the winner of the **2010 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award**. Collins's 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 (Please check website for date) at 3:30 PM** for a preview of the new DCF list. Food and beverages will be provided, and the program will end with the kids participating in a lottery to check the books out.



The summer reading theme is: *Make a Splash: Read!*

This summer we'll be Wet, Wet, Wet! **Thursdays** will be busy as we have origami workshops in the morning and our "Sea-nima" film series in the evening. Get ready for movies such as *Finding Nemo*, *The Water Horse* and *Ponyo*. Kids can come and learn to make knotted sailor bracelets, or take part in a "Kid-wash." (Why bother with the car, this maze is for getting soaked!) And still in the works: a movie marathon sleepover to be held in August.

We'll kick off the festivities with a party at **12:30 PM on Tuesday, June 15**, 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 will surely "whet" your appetite for the rest of the aquatic activities to be held all summer long. Come join us if you can.



Start with a Square

Intrigued by our **Friday Knitting Group**, or daunted by the thought of holding needles and yarn in your hands at the same time? Never fear, help is here. Kids in grades 3-8 can meet at the Library to work on the latest knitting project—blanket squares. Our hope is to eventually combine them into a finished product and send it off to the African orphanage. All knitters, beginners and experienced alike, are welcome to come to the Library any **Friday after 3:30 PM**. If you'd still like to contribute, but can't make it on Friday afternoons, just let us know.

Continue Reading, Listening & Watching...

Stephanie

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery Audiobook

The Namesake DVD

Pre-Natal Yoga DVD

Tina

The Future of Faith by Harvey Cox

This Is Not the Story You Think It Is by Laura Munson

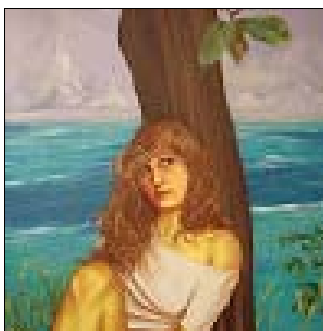
The Outside Story: Local Writers Explore the Nature of Vermont and New Hampshire

The Way Home DVD (LUV)



Kite makers Dakota, Jack, Matty, and Hannah are painting their kites to get ready for launch day, **Wednesday, May 12th @ 12:30 PM at Huntley Meadow.**

Exhibit ~ "New Work 2009-10," an exhibit of oil paintings by **Joseph BelBruno**, graduate of Hanover High School. Joe attended Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences in 2006 on a National Merit Scholarship for a year before transferring to the California College of the Arts in Oakland and San Francisco, where he is presently enrolled in the painting and drawing program.

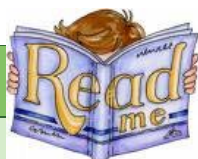


The exhibit opens on Monday, May 3 with an artist's reception on Friday, May 7 from 5-7 and will run through June 29.

All exhibits take place in the Library's Community Room, and are available for viewing during Library hours when the room is not in use.

On Display ~ Artistic work from students from the Upper Valley Waldorf School in Quechee, VT will be in the display cases in May.

Children's Events Calendar



Wordplay

Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays for kids 0-3 and their caregivers on **Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:00 AM**

- May 5 Moms are Amazing
- May 12 Just Draw it!
- May 19 Let's Play Ball
- May 26 Hello Little Buggy

Lunch at the Library

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

Fridays 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM ~ Bring a lunch & make a craft!

- May 7 My Mom is Marvelous
- May 14 The Write Stuff
- May 21 Catch that Ball
- May 28 Beetles, Bugs and Butterflies

Bedtime Storytime

Kids, come to the Library in your jammies for Storytime outside under the stars on **Thursday, July 1 at 7:00 PM**. We'll have stories for all ages and light refreshments. Hope to see you then!

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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Mary Magavern Sachsse in honor of B, Eva & Clare
Chris Weinmann in honor of L, L, S & S

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