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Norwich Public Library

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From the Director

The Norwich Public Library, in conjunction with Vermont Public Television, is sponsoring a **World War II Story-Collecting** program. Ken Burns' *The War*, televised on VPT in September, has moved many viewers to recall their own wartime stories. VPT is sponsoring a story-collecting website on which people can submit stories (500 words or less) and photos of their wartime experiences (abroad or on the home front). If you have a story to tell, but don't own a computer, you can tell it at the library. We'll have computers and staff available to assist you. Story-collecting will be held Wed., Nov. 14 (11am-1pm), Thurs., Nov. 15 (11am-1pm & 5:30-7:30pm), Fri., Nov. 16 (11am-1pm) and Sat., Nov. 17 (11am-1pm). Please call 649-1184 for more information.

Visit the library on a Tuesday afternoon and you'll see heads bent low over new chessboards and hear the click, click, click of chess pieces rapidly being moved. The Library is pleased to be hosting the newly formed Norwich Chess Club. Organized by Norwich resident Dominica Borg, the Chess Club welcomes all level of play. They meet every Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 PM. In support of the club, the Library has purchased new chess manuals. Looking for extra practice or just want to play? The Chess Club has boards and pieces available for in-library use. Please ask at the Circulation Desk.

During November the Library will be hosting an exhibit on radon testing. This traveling exhibit comes to us from the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium, which is offering free radon detectors. Stop by, see the exhibit and pick-up a postage paid request card to receive your detector.

If you're looking for book, audio or DVD recommendations, take a look at our new *Staff Recommends* bookshelf, located near the Circulation Desk and our featured displays, located in the Fiction area. If you'd like to recommend a title, please let us know. We'd love to spotlight your favorites!

As we head into these darkening days, remember that a good book provides warm and cozy company!

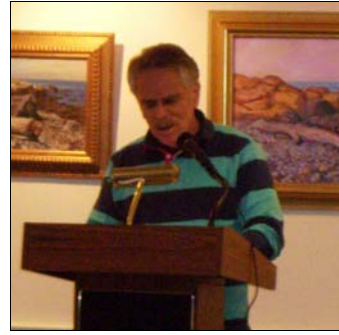
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LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Closing Schedule

- Veteran's Day – Monday Nov. 12
- Thanksgiving – Thursday & Friday Nov. 22, 23
- Christmas – Monday & Tuesday Dec. 24, 25
- New Year's Eve – Closing at 3 PM, Monday Dec. 31
- New Year's Day – Tuesday Jan. 1



Our semi-annual poetry readings have been very successful! We've received many requests to hold them more often, so please check our website for more readings in 2008'

Holiday Shopping at NPL

Looking for the perfect gift for that special book lover? Stop by the on-going book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Norwich Library. The shelves are brimming with new and gently used hardbacks, trade paperbacks and first-rate videos. The book sale area is located in the alcove of the 1901 Room.

Visit Our Blog! NPL NOW

For a more informal update on NPL matters, visit NPL Now at <http://nplnow.blogspot.com>. You can read about behind-the-scenes library news, current library issues, and other relevant happenings.

What the staff is reading...

Lucinda

- American Born Chinese* by Gene Luen Yang
- Silence of the Grave* by Arnaldur Indridason
- Stop Forgetting to Remember* by Peter Kuper
- Abstinence Teacher* by Tom Perrotta

Lisa

- Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo
- The Worst Thing I've Done* by Ursula Hegi
- The Virgin Suicides* by Jeffrey Eugenides
- On Kingdom Mountain* by Howard Frank Mosher

Beth

- Someday this Pain Will Be Useful to You* by Peter Cameron
- The True Meaning of Smekday* by Adam Rex
- Solomon Snow and the Stolen Jewel* by Kaye Umansky
- The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* by Eric Berlin

Stephanie

- Run* by Ann Patchett
- A Vineyard Killing* by Philip K. Craig
- Sex, Sleep, Eat, Drink, Dream: A Day in the Life of Your Body* by Jennifer Ackerman
- Favorite Dog Stories* by James Herriott

What the staff is listening to...

Lucinda

- Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

Stephanie

- After This* by Alice McDermott
- The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams
- Billy Collins, Live!*
- The Painted Drum* by Louise Erdrich
- Passage to India* by E.M. Forster
- Brooklyn Follies* by Paul Auster
- Barrel Fever* by David Sedaris

What the staff is watching...

Lucinda

- The Camomile Lawn*
- Garden State*

Lisa

- Garden State* (LUV DVD)
- Kingdom of Heaven* (LUV DVD)

Beth

- Witches*
- The Ant Bully*

Stephanie

- Mr. Bean*
- The Maltese Falcon*

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

An Early Release Day Event

Come on over to the Library for a special showing of vintage **Pink Panther** cartoons. Kids of all ages are welcome to watch this animated film on our big screen on Wednesday, November 14 at 12:30 PM. Popcorn and beverages will be provided, but bring a pillow or cushion if you want to be comfortable. 90 minutes estimated movie time.

Movie Nite

Come on over to the Library for a special showing of "**Ratatouille**" on Thursday, December 6th at 6:00 PM. We're offering this movie in conjunction with the **Shops on the Norwich Square** so that parents can enjoy an evening out on the town while their kids ages 4 and up enjoy popcorn and a movie. Refreshments are provided, but bring your own pillow or cushion. Estimated pick up time is 8:00 PM.

And What About Book Two??!

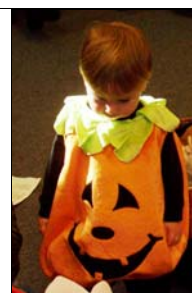
Now that everyone has had a chance to read "**The Jaguar Stones**," the first book in the Middleworld trilogy, we're making plans to get everyone here for a discussion—including the authors! What will happen in Book Two? Who knows? Join us in welcoming the Voelkels on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 PM. We'll drink Maya hot chocolate, talk about the first book and throw some theories around about the second. Please call 802-649-1184 to reserve a spot, as space is limited.

Our Now Ongoing Plant Sale

Donate \$2.00 to the Norwich Public Library and take home a potted plant and a beautiful bookmark. All of the money raised will go towards changing over our **Children's video collection to DVDs**. Isn't great to know that there are wonderful movies here when you need them-- a sick child, a rainy day, or a chance to sit and laugh with family and friends. Help us improve our collection to be able to offer our patrons some fabulous films.

A Note for Parents:

If you find yourself with an extra hour before picking the kids from school, consider stopping in and spending a little time **volunteering in the Children's Room**. We're always in need of someone to shelve books. And in an hour's time you might put a whole shelf of picturebooks away—which would be a great BIG help! Stop in and let us know if you're interested.



At Word Play on Halloween morning the little ones dressed up for book treats. Beginning from the left, Macy is dressed as a lobster, Jackson is Superman and Will dressed as the special squash of the day.

NPL Calendar

Art ~ Harry Beskind exhibits new paintings Nov. 2 through Dec. 31 with an Artist's Reception on Friday, Nov. 2 from 5-7 PM. Harry works from nature, sometimes depicting landscapes, seascapes and natural objects in an abstract manner. As he explains, "I'm not too concerned with the reality of the subject; rather I focus on my emotional response, which is reflected in my use of color." Viewers often remark that Harry has kept alive a part of childhood in his capacity for wonderment and play, in the manner of Henri Matisse, who said, "All your life you must see with a child's eyes." It is his hope that the exhibit will bring a smile to everyone's face.

Program ~ On Thursday, November 29 at 7PM, popular speakers **Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith** return to NPL with a program entitled "*I Have Doctored Myself as Well as I Could: Laywoman as Medical Practitioner on the Western Frontier.*" Whether using wet sheets to break a threatening fever, midwifing the birth of a neighbor's child, nursing a baby through dysentery, or using herbs to combat their own bouts of depression, frontier women practiced a folk medicine – and a folk wisdom – that served themselves, their families, and their communities well. Historians Peavy and Smith place these women within the context of nineteenth-century medical practice and invite discussion of parallels between folk remedies of yesteryear and alternative medicine practices of today. They will discuss the medical adventures of frontier women who served themselves, their families, and their communities.

Display ~ The **Upper Valley Knitting Guild** is a community group focused on promoting and preserving the tradition of handknitting. For well over a decade, it's been bringing together knitters of all skill levels and interests, allowing them to share accomplishments and questions among their peers. The group meets at the Norwich Public Library from 7-9PM on the second Wednesday of every month. Meetings are open to the public, and anyone interested in knitting is welcome to attend.

Children's Events

Word Play

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

November 7	The Wild Wild West
November 14	Read Me a Story
November 21	Happy Thanksgiving
November 28	Do You Know the Muffin Man?
December 5	Dreidel, Dreidel

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

November 2	Leaves it to Me
November 9	Saddle up, Pardner
November 16	We Love Books
November 23	LIBRARY CLOSED
November 30	Let's Bake a Cake
December 7	Light the Lights

Bedtime Storytime

Kids, come to the Library in your jammies for Storytime the first Thursday of the month. Join us at 7:00 PM on November 1st in the Children's Room for stories about "Food, Glorious Food." See you there!

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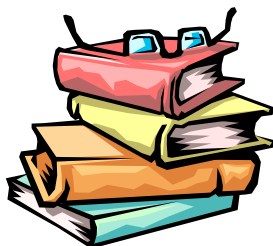
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Hours

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

Staff

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Lisa Milchman, **Assistant Librarian**
Beth Reynolds, **Children's Librarian**
Amy Evans, **Library Assistant**
Wendy Forrester Rosen, **Program & Publicity Coordinator**
Stephanie Smith, **Library Assistant**
Tina Avery, **Cataloger**



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~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

Fines

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

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