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## *Norwich Public Library*

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### *From the Director*

*First Wednesdays*, sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council and co-hosted by the Library & the Norwich Historical Society made its debut on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Norwich Congregational Church. Over 110 people enjoyed Dr. Alan Fern's talk on photographer and gallery owner Alfred Stieglitz. This was just the first of eight lectures, free and open to the public that *First Wednesdays* will bring to our community. On November 5th, former Iranian Ambassador to the U.N. Mansour Farhang will discuss the prospects for foreign relations with a new administration. This will surely be a fascinating lecture.

"UNCOVERED", the Library's Altered Book fundraiser kicks off in November. David Macaulay will be giving a talk about his newly published book, *The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body* on Monday Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for this event go on sale October 7<sup>th</sup> and can be purchased at the Library and the Norwich Bookstore. Please check our website for more "UNCOVERED" information including sneak peaks at the artist's altered books.

Our fall reading series has had its first session, with three more discussions planned on the theme of "revenge". Spots are open, if you haven't yet signed up.

As the leaves turn and fall, we at NPL are looking forward to a stimulating season. Be sure to visit often and check in with our blog (NPL NOW), for updates on a variety of offerings throughout Autumn.

Lucinda



# LIBRARY NEWS

**1st Wednesdays**, a program of the Vermont Humanities Council and hosted by the Library & Norwich Historical Society, features diverse lectures with nationally and regionally renowned speakers. Please join us!

Congregational Church, 15 Church Street, Norwich

For further information, please call the Library: 802.649.1184

7:00PM on the first Wednesday of every month

Please note the schedule through December for NPL below:

## November 5 ~ The New President and U.S.-Iranian Relations

Former Iranian Ambassador to the U.N. Mansour Farhang considers the possibility and potential benefits of America's new president attempting to transcend thirty years of tension between the U.S. and Iran.

## December 3 ~ 27 Rue de Fleurus

Dartmouth professor Barbara Will describes the salon Gertrude Stein created on the Left Bank in Paris, which included many twentieth century artistic and literary luminaries.

## “Revenge” is Theme of Fall Reading Series

The Fall reading series from the Vermont Council of the Humanities Fall reading series has begun at 7:30PM in the Community Room. This seasons theme is “Revenge.” Discussions will be led by Suzanne Brown. The series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

- October 6                *Agamemnon*, the first play of the *Oresteia* of Aeschylus
- October 20            *Welcome to Hard Times* by E.L. Doctorow
- November 3           *Selected Stories* by Andre Dubus
- November 24         *The Sweet Hereafter* by Russell Banks

## Friends of the Norwich Library Book Sale

Get ready for cabin fever and cold winter days! The semi-annual book sale will be held Friday, October 24 from 3-8PM and Saturday, October 25 from 10AM-3PM. Many great books will be for sale at reasonable prices for all ages and for all interests. The money raised will support our programming and the purchase of new Library materials.

<u>The staff is reading...</u>	<u>The staff is listening to...</u>
<p><b><u>Lucinda</u></b>  <i>American Wife</i> by Curtis Sittenfeld  <i>Eclipse</i> by Stephanie Meyer</p>	<p><b><u>Beth</u></b>  <i>Empire Falls</i> by Richard Russo  <i>Ciderhouse Rules</i> by John Irving</p>
<p><b><u>Lisa</u></b>  <i>The Ginseng Hunter</i> by Jeff Talarigo  <i>When You Are Engulfed in Flames</i> by David Sedaris</p>	<p><b><u>Stephanie</u></b>  <i>The Miracle at Speedy Motors</i> by Alexander McCall Smith  <i>People of the Book</i> by Geraldine Brooks</p>
<p><b><u>Beth</u></b>  <i>American Wife</i> by Curtis Sittenfeld  <i>The Dragonfly Pool</i> by Eva Ibbotson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The staff is watching...</u></p>
<p><b><u>Wendy</u></b>  <i>Wait Till Next Year: a Memoir</i> by Doris Kearns Goodwin  <i>Out of Mao's Shadow: The Struggle for the Soul of a New China</i> by Philip Pan</p>	<p><b><u>Lucinda</u></b>  <i>Mad Men</i>  <i>The Big Picture</i></p>
<p><b><u>Stephanie</u></b>  <i>American Savior</i> by Roland Merullo  <i>The Wailing Wind</i> by Tony Hillerman</p>	<p><b><u>Lisa</u></b>  <i>Evening</i>  <b><u>Beth</u></b>  <i>Finding Nemo</i>  <i>School of Rock</i></p>
<p><b><u>Tina</u></b>  <i>Ballistics</i> by Billy Collins  <i>Atonement</i> by Ian McEwan</p>	<p><b><u>Tina</u></b>  <i>Autism: the Musical</i></p>

# CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

## Halloween Party

Bats and Cats and Pumpkins—oh my! Join us for our **Annual Halloween Dinner** of pizza & soda on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4:30-5:30PM. This is the perfect time to grab a bite to eat before a big night of trick-or-treating around town. Tickets will be sold at the Library for the eerily low price of \$5.00 per person. Goblins, 3 years and under, are free. Space is limited, so buy your tickets before they disappear.

## All Night Read-a-thon an All Out Success

Have you ever been to our Library in the middle of the night? Last month sixteen kids came spent an evening reading here at the Library, and what an wonderful night it was!! We ate pizza, got excited by the new book series *39 Clues*, passed out copies of *Brisingr* at midnight and sang a lullaby to *Everyone Poops*. Oh and we read, read, read—hundreds of pages. Eight of the kids stayed awake all night, and two others crashed at 6:00 AM. It was an absolutely amazing event, one we plan to host again. Thank you to everyone who participated, here's hoping you've finally caught up on all that lost sleep.

## Illustrator Matt Phelan in our Phuture

Due to a family emergency, Matt Phelan has had to postpone our event, originally scheduled for October. We'll publish the details about a new date for early next year as soon as we've finalized our plans. In the meantime, please visit [www.mattphelan.com](http://www.mattphelan.com) to view more of his fabulous sketches and for information about the three new books Matt is releasing this fall. For those fans of *The Higher Power of Lucky*, a sequel *Lucky Breaks* is being published in the spring. Fingers crossed, we'll get to ask Matt all about it. Stay tuned for more information about this event for all ages.

## And the Winners are...

Congratulations to the winners in our Summer Reading raffle: Maille Pringle, Charlie and Cameron Forbush, Mateo Trimble, Lauren Gemery, Zoe Granizo-Mackenzie, Madeline Zuckerman, Wilson Rimberg, and Grace Davis. Winners of our photo contest were: Amelia Wallis, Courtney, and Mary Sabatelle. Look for the winning entries to be posted on our website. Here's to an exciting reading theme next summer when we immerse ourselves in Art!

## Knit Happens on Fridays

Friday afternoons have traditionally been very busy here at the Library. Kids in grades 3-6 have enthusiastically been coming to knit—this is our fourth year for this activity. We recently mailed 20 comfort dolls to children in Africa, and over 40 hats were sent to Afghanistan. Both were projects we focused on knitting in year's past. This year we're going to be knitting little articles of clothing to donate to the **Vermont March of Dimes**. The weather has started to turn just a teensy bit cooler, and knitting is certainly a cozy way to spend an afternoon at the end of a long week. Stop in and say "Hi!" We're looking forward to seeing you, knitting needles in hand.

# NPL CALENDAR

~ **Art ~ Daniel McGinley-Smith** exhibits his photographs in a show entitled "Morning Light Together" continues through October 31.

“With black and white photography I can simplify my images more easily, focusing on the building blocks of lines and contrast. I have always believed that beautiful photographs do not require beautiful subjects. I am distracted by the beauty, but also inspired by the feelings that the natural world brings as a subject matter. Of note, nearly all of the photographs in this show were taken with at least one child, and sometime more than one with me. We saw these places and things together. I have to thank Sage, Mica and Ezra for the early morning light. Without them, I would have been fast asleep, unaware of the dawn light on Blood Brook.”

~**Program~** Poetry and Dessert Potluck is Friday, October 17 @ 7:30 PM. Join us for the merriment that brings together two of life’s finest offerings: poetry and dessert. This event is open to everyone: grandparents, grandkids, and everyone in between. Bring a dessert to share and a favorite poem—yours, if you write them; someone else’s if you are a

## CHILDREN’S EVENTS CALENDAR

### Word Play

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

- October 8      PLAYGROUP ONLY
- October 15     A Baker's Dozen
- October 22     A is for Apple
- October 29     Ghoulishly Good
- November 5    Everyone Eats

### Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-6 and their caregivers  
Bring a lunch and make a craft. Fridays 12:00-12:45PM

- October 10     PLAYGROUP ONLY
- October 17     Hi, Pie Guy
- October 24     My Dearest, Pumpkin
- October 31     Happy Halloween
- November 7    Soup’s On

### 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 6 in the Children’s Room. In December, instead of telling stories, we’ll show the movie, WALL-E. Watch our website for details. Hope to see you

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