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From the Director

This week NPL joins libraries across the nation in celebrating **Banned Books Week** (though we'll celebrate a wee bit longer than just one week!) First observed in 1982, Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to express one's opinion and stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of those viewpoints to all who wish to access them. Librarians pride ourselves on being proponents of open and equal access and abhor censorship of any kind. However, I can attest from personal experience that librarians do sometimes censor, especially when selecting or in some cases *not* selecting materials for their libraries.

Purchasing materials for a library collection is a time-consuming, challenging and terrifically fun job. The #1 rule selectors need to keep in mind is that they are purchasing for the community, *not* for their personal bookshelves! This is where it can get sticky. It's easy to buy a title that *you would* like to read, but imagine buying for a community of 3500 people. Books you'd never read, subject matters that make you nervous, genres you dislike all are instances when you should seriously consider that purchase. Guaranteed, there are library patrons who would be thrilled to see that title on the shelf.

Here's where I admit my selection censorship. For the longest time I didn't want to purchase the recent bestseller *Marley & Me*. I didn't feel it would have a long shelf life and we're already so pressed for shelf space. The first two requests we've filled using interlibrary loan. However, when the sixth library patron requested it...I realized my mistake. If the community wants it, and we can afford it, we should have it! Lesson learned again.

Here's to celebrating our **f**reedom to read.

Lucinda



Fall Book Discussion Series Reading and Discussions of Arthur Miller

Tuesdays at 7:00pm
Norwich Public Library Community Room

◆ Tuesday, October 10
Death of a Salesman (book and film)

◆ Tuesday, November 14
A View From the Bridge (film only)

A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Friends of the Norwich Library
Suzanne Brown will lead the discussions. Books available on loan in advance. Call Suzanne Laaspere 802-649-1708 for more information.

Friends of Norwich Library
Looking for a bargain? Please visit the Alcove near the non-fiction section. There are shelves of recent books (hardcover and paperback) in good condition, as well as other gems. The Alcove is a continuing version of the twice a year book sale sponsored by the Friends. Proceeds from sales support library programs and special purchases.

Currently, among other treasures, you will find *Mother of Pearl* by Melinda Haynes, *The Camel Club* by David Baldacci and *The Full Cupboard of Life* by Alexander McCall Smith. Please check out the Alcove and support the Friends at the same time.

Friends Book Sale on Old Home Day Weekend

Congratulations and many thanks to the Friends for raising \$1200 at the book sale! Numerous books from a large variety of genres stacked the tables. Buyers were lined up well before the opening and most of the sales were quick on Friday night. Plan to attend the next sale in March 2007; we'll let you know when to start standing in line for this wonderful event.

WHAT THE STAFF IS READING

Lucinda

The Emperor's Children by Claire Messud
The Devil's Feathers by Minette Walters

Lisa

Eat Pray Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
The Painted Drum by Louise Erdrich
Special Topics in Calamity Physics by Marisha Pessl
After This by Alice McDermott

Beth

Mockingbird by Charles Shields
Case Histories by Kate Atkinson
Emperor's Children by Claire Messud
Here There be Dragons by James Owen

Stephanie

Confessions of an Economic Hit Man by John Perkins
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer
Blue Highways by William Least Heat Moon
A History of the End of the World by Jonathan Kirsch
Silent Joe by T. Jefferson Parker
Pacific Beat by T. Jefferson Parker

WHAT THE STAFF IS LISTENING TO

Lucinda

Eat Pray Love by Elizabeth Gilbert
Acoustic Africa
Rent: The Broadway soundtrack

Lisa

The Highest Tide by Jim Lynch

Beth

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

Stephanie

Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything by Steven D. Levitt
In the Company of Cheerful Ladies by Alexander McCall Smith

WHAT THE STAFF IS WATCHING

Lisa

Hoodwinked

Beth

Capote
Eight Below

Prize Winners

Congratulations to Noah, Andrew, & Peter Huizenga, Willa Kaufman, Josh Goodrich, Peter Burnham, and Gus Lyons. They are all winners in our **Grand Prize drawing** for those who completed their contract for our Summer Reading Program. We had 140 kids sign up to read this summer and collectively they read more than 1400 books. If you placed all of those books end to end, just imagine how long the line would be. Way to go, kids!

Halloween Party

Bats and Cats and Pumpkins—oh my! Join us for our **Annual Halloween Dinner** of pizza & soda on Tuesday, October 31st, from 4:30-5:30 PM. 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.

Are you ready for “The End”?!?!

Book number 13, the last book in Lemony Snicket’s *Series of Unfortunate Events* will be published on Friday, October 13. (Catch the unlucky coincidence?) Kids in grades 3-6 can join us at 3:30 PM for a reading from the new book—on the day it’s released! Puzzles, games, trivia and themed food will be on hand for those daring enough to try them. Call 802-649-1184 to reserve a space at this Absolutely Awful event. . Let’s celebrate the fact that this sinister series is finally over.



Old Home Day Parade

Left to right
Hartley,
Tobias,
and Lily, and
Fiona dress up
as 50's gals
and guys for
this year's

Art News

Brenda Phillips, from Plainfield, NH, exhibits new paintings inspired by the poetry of William Butler Yeats. The exhibit continues **through October** and is open for viewing during Library hours.

Brenda's mother, grandmother and several great aunts and uncles suffered from premature dementia and died young. This show was inspired by Brenda's effort to preserve her memory by memorizing poems. Without conscious intention, the painting "Byzantium" appeared in her studio and Brenda loved how she has expressed her understanding of the poem (and her love of color!) and so the series of paintings began.

Program

Thursday, October 26th at 7pm

Venture to the Amazon in a slide show that journals the travels of always on-the-go local women Kit Griggs, Willy Black and Carole Blake. They took us to China last year, and this year we can travel with them to South America. From the city of Lima, Peru to a riverboat on the Peruvian portion of the Amazon River they stopped every day to visit villages to experience life along the Amazon. It's a voyage into a culture that we seldom visit ourselves and an opportunity to meet the people along the Amazon.

Children's Events

All children's events take place in the Community Room.

Word Play

Stories, songs, rhymes & fingerplay for kids 0-3 & their caregivers

Wednesdays 10:30 - 11:00am

October 4	Color My World
October 11	Jungle Jams
October 18	It's Harvest Time
October 25	Not so Scary Stories
November 1	Falling Leaves

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

October 6	Paint Me A Story
October 13	Terrific Tigers & Lovely Lions
October 20	P is for Pumpkin
October 27	Bats Off to You!
November 3	Amazing Autumn

Bedtime Storytime

Stories for all ages. Kids, come to the Library in your jammies.

Join us at 7:00 P.M. in the Children's Room. See you there!

October 5 and November 2

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Hours

Monday: 1pm-8pm
Tuesday: 10am-5:30pm
Wednesday: 10am-5:30pm
Thursday: 10am-8pm
Friday: 10am-5:30pm
Saturday: 10am-3pm

Due Dates

*4 weeks for many items
*2 weeks for new items with red dot, cassettes, interlibrary loans, and magazines
*1 week for videos and DVDs and Discovery Packs

Fines

*5¢ per day for most items
*50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery Packs & Inter-library Loans

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