



bookmark

NORWICH • PUBLIC • LIBRARY

September 2006 Volume 5 Issue 9

From the Director

It's back to school time and while we are counting down the minutes until the school bell rings, here's a brief overview of the resources available to students and their families at NPL.

Online Databases – The Library currently subscribes to *Consumer Reports Online*, the *Vermont Online Library* and *World Book Online*. All of these databases are available to patrons in the Library and from the comfort of your own home! To access these databases from our website (www.norwichlibrary.org) go to the *Internet & Computers* menu and click on *Online Databases*. In most cases you'll need to have your library barcode available to use these resources.

Public Access Computers – During the hours after school, the Library maintains a reservation system for computer usage. Patrons of all ages are limited to one thirty-minute time slot. Adults are encouraged to call in advance to reserve a time slot. A laptop is also available for adults to use.

Special Programs – Knitting needles will soon be clicking again as our popular Knitting Club returns and there's talk of a Chess Club starting! More information to follow. In addition, Beth is already planning exciting programs to take us through the fall months.

Professional Staff – We are here to make sure you don't leave empty-handed. Whether it's a subject that needs to be researched, a book that needs to be located or a question that needs to be answered, we are here to help. Don't be shy in asking.

To ensure that patrons are aware of our policies concerning behavior and child safety, letters outlining those policies will be sent home to those who routinely come to the Library after school. I ask that parents carefully consider the amount of time their child spends at the Library unattended. We happily welcome children who are here to do homework, participate in a library program or use the Library's resources. We continue to strive to meet the needs of all our patrons in the after-school hours. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Lucinda



Library News

Fall Book Discussion Series Reading and Discussions of Arthur Miller

Tuesdays at 7:00pm
Norwich Public Library Community Room

- ◆ Tuesday, September 12
The Crucible (book and film)
- ◆ 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 Oliver Sacks's *Memories of a Chemical Boyhood*, a three paperback collection from local author Janet Evanovitch's six, seven, and eight mystery series, and a signed first edition of John Connolly's "The Black Angel." Please check out the "Alcove" and support the Friends at the same time.

Friends Book Sale at Old Home Day Weekend

Gently used books for a variety of your reading interests.



Friday, September 8 @ 3-8pm
Saturday, September 9 @ 10am-3pm
In the Community Room at the Library

WHAT THE STAFF IS READING

Lucinda

Medusa by Michael Dibdin
Vanishing Point by Marcia Muller
End in Tears by Ruth Rendell
Why She Went Home by Lucinda Rosenfeld

Lisa

My Heartbeat by Garret Freymann-Weyr
The Brambles by Eliza Minot
Confessions of a Memory Eater by Pagan Kennedy
I Feel Bad about My Neck by Nora Ephron
The Passion of Mary Magdalen by Elizabeth Cunningham

Stephanie

Skinny Legs and All by Tom Robbins
Blink by Malcolm Gladwell
The Book of Guys by Garrison Keillor
The Friend Who Got Away edited by Deborah Offill
Vivid Companion by Irene McKinney

Beth

Special Topics in Calamity Physics by Marisha Pessel
A Dog Called Perth by Peter Martin
Sheep by Valerie Hobbs

WHAT THE STAFF IS LISTENING TO

Lucinda

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

Lisa

Digging to America by Anne Tyler
Dirty Job by Christopher Moore

Beth

Dragonslayers by Bruce Coville
Olivia Kidney by Ellen Potter

Stephanie

Down and Out in Paris and London by George Orwell
Children Playing Before a Statue of Hercules edited by David Sedaris
Finding My Voice by Diane Rehm

WHAT THE STAFF IS WATCHING

Lucinda

Stage Beauty
The World's Fastest Indian

Lisa

Punch-drunk love
Capote
Out of Africa

Beth

The Blue Butterfly, an amazing film with the most incredible footage of animals and scenery.
The Chronicles of Narnia
Everything is Illuminated

Summer Reading Program

This summer was absolutely fantastic! Kids read more than **1,300 books**, we hosted a really cool journal making workshop, a fabulous Harry Potter party, and over 50+ kids and adults enjoyed the puppetry of Chuck Meese. A BIG Thank you to **King Arthur Flour** for donating gift certificates to all the kids who completed their reading contracts, and an *Extra Special* thank you to the **Friends of the Library** for sponsoring the entire Summer Reading program. All the crafts, workshops, snacks and performers—without them the Summer of Fun just wouldn't be possible.

Back to School

Well, it's that time of year again: it's September and the pencils are newly sharpened and the jeans not yet broken in. For families and kids using the library in the after school hours, watch for upcoming details about our open house. Our "Annual Conduct" letter and contract will be arriving in your mailbox soon.

Welcome Back Carrie

A great big Welcome Back to **Carrie Wheelock** who was our after school monitor last year. This year she returns with a few more responsibilities, and a few more hours spent here each week. Look for her shelving, subbing for storytime readings and setting up displays downstairs in the children's room. If you get a chance, stop in and say Hi!

Exciting Events

School has started and already the calendar is filling up with fun events here at the Library. Please join us on Wednesday, September 27 at 3:45pm for **An Afternoon with KLUTZ Stuff**. Kids in grades 3-6 can come and make a tiny tote or petite pouch, perfect for a special stone, as a necklace, or just a fun accessory. We'll have beads, ribbons and many styles of patterns to choose from. Stop in and see a sample on display at the children's desk.

In October we'll host a **Lemony Snicket party** in celebration of the last book, appropriately titled—"The End." We'll play a bit of terrible trivia and eat some foul food, Kids in grades 3-6 should keep their eyes peeled for information about this Exhausting Event.

Knitting Club

We're looking to start back up the popular **Chicks With Sticks** club. This year we'll shift the focus to natural fibers and wearable art—slippers, a purse, a scarf or hat. Stop in or call and let me know what days might work best. Perhaps we'll start next month, or as soon as we get the details all worked out. Last year Thursdays were a good day, but we'll see what works for everyone this year. Looking forward to seeing you all, knitting needles in hand.

Art News

Brenda Phillips, from Plainfield, NH, exhibits new paintings inspired by the poetry of William Butler Yeats. The **opening reception is Sunday, September 10 from 4-6pm** in the Norwich Public Library Community Room. The exhibit continues through September and is open for viewing during Library hours.

Brenda's mother, grandmother and several great aunts and uncles all got 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

"I Have Not Forgotten You": Vermont Women and the Westward Movement, an author discussion on **Thursday, September 28 at 7pm** with Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith. By 1860 42 percent of Vermont's residents had left its rock hillsides behind and headed westward. Sarah Town, of Franklin, no doubt spoke for many another homesick emigrant when she wrote from Illinois in 1846, "Though far away among strangers in a strange land...I have not forgotten you." Through diaries, letters, and reminiscences, the speakers share experiences of Sarah Town and other women who left—but never forgot—Vermont. Linda and Ursula have co-authored several books in this genre

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 - 11:00 A.M.

- September 6 Hello/Goodbye
- September 13 All in the Family
- September 20 ABCs
- September 27 123s
- October 4 This Little Piggie

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

- September 8 New Beginnings
- September 15 The Relatives are Coming
- September 22 Absolutely Alphabetical
- September 29 The Nicest of Numbers
- October 6 Positively the Piggist

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!

Norwich Public Library

PO Box 290
368 Main Street
Norwich, Vermont 05055

802-649-1184

www.norwichlibrary.org
circulation.desk@norwichlibrary.org

Staff

Lucinda Walker, **Director**
Lisa Milchman, **Assistant Librarian**
Beth Reynolds, **Children's Librarian**
Wendy Forrester Rosen, **Program & Publicity Coordinator**
Stephanie Smith, **Library Assistant**
Nancy Tiedemann, **Cataloger**
Carrie Wheelock, **Library Assistant**

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

Bookmark

Bookmark & New Acquisitions

Visit our website at www.norwichlibrary.org to read the current issue of *Bookmark* and view new acquisitions.

If you would like to receive email updates on library events and programs, sign up electronically on the homepage of our website, or send an email request to circulation.desk@norwichlibrary.org.