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From the Director

I can see my life's history of summer reading on the shelves that line the walls of the summer home I've visited for forty-five years. Here is the aging collection of Golden Books, *Little Toot*, *Mary Poppins*, *Hopalong Cassidy*, and a book of *New Yorker* cartoons from 1955. Upstairs is my still unread copy of *The Oxbow Incident*, which I was supposed to read for my 10th grade American Literature class. When I've finished all the books that I brought with me, I begin to browse these shelves. I bypass all the heavy tomes (do I really want to read the *Once and Future King*?) until I find the one I've been searching for – the book I've read each year since the summer of 1976, *Rosemary's Baby* by Ira Levin.

I wish I could say that my favorite summer read is something more substantial, but let's face it, it's summer and I'm at the beach. This copy is a July 1968 Dell edition that cost someone a whopping 95 cents. The back cover is missing and bit of mold blooms on what's left of the spine. The pages are coming loose and I have to be careful not to bend it too much.

It's when I first open the cover that the magic happens. The smell, that musty, sea foamy smell immediately brings me back to the summers of years past: Coppertone, disco on the FM transistor radio, the boing-boing of the Kadima paddles and the rattle of dice at the daily adult-only backgammon tournament. It all comes flooding back, just from the simple action of turning the page and reading the first sentence, "Rosemary and Guy Woodhouse had just signed a lease on a five-room apartment..." Ah, summer is finally here, even if it's the end of August.

I hope that you enjoyed a summer of great reading. Our first-ever summer reading program for adults was very popular and it will be an annual event. We'd like to thank the Friends of the Library for providing financial support for this new program. We also thank the following people and businesses for generously donating prizes for our weekly raffle: Dan & Whit's, the J List, the Norwich Bookstore, ZuZu's, Ceci Tseng, the Nugget Theatre, and our own Stephanie Smith.

Now that summer's greenery is taking on an autumnal tinge, I'm looking forward to the new crop of fall titles (and revisiting my old friends again next summer....)

Lucinda

LIBRARY NEWS

Vermont Humanities Council Fall Book Discussion

The theme is “What a Character!” and consists of four books from *Book Magazine’s* “100 Best Characters in Fiction.” Discussions will be led by Suzanne Brown, Assistant Professor of English, Dartmouth College in the **NPL Community Room at 7:30 PM.**

Sept 30 *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

Oct 20 *My Antonia* by Willa Cather

Nov 4 *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Dec 2 *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf

The books are available on loan in advance at NPL. For further information call Mary McKenna at 802-296-2191. A Vermont Humanities Council event hosted by Friends of Norwich Public Library.

Women: Nurture Your Self

Thursday, September 23rd at 7 PM

Please join us for a nurturing and nourishing evening in mind and body. A book review panel composed of NPL Librarians will give book recommendations; body therapies, such as massage and other body techniques, will be provided without charge by area professionals; and of course, delicious refreshments will be enjoyed by all. **Space is limited; please call to register in advance.**

Friends of the Norwich Public Library

After a very busy and successful spring and summer of fundraising events, we want to thank each and every person who donated books, plants, hours of volunteer time, and enthusiasm to our efforts. We could not do it without you!

Looking ahead, our **Fall Book Sale will be held Friday, October 29 @ 3–8 PM and Saturday, October 30 @ 10 AM – 3 PM.** If you’re cleaning out bookshelves, please remember that the Friends will be grateful for your donations of books. You can leave them at the main desk at the library, or call the Library to arrange a pick-up. No textbooks, encyclopedias, Reader’s Digests or musty books, please.

Other projects will be on our fall agenda too, so if you’re interested in learning more, please come to our September meeting on Saturday, the 4th, at 10 a.m. in the Community Room. We’re a congenial, dedicated group looking for like-minded folks to join us in supporting our Library.

Reading, listening and watching by NPL Staff

Beth

Strangers at the Feast by Jennifer Vanderbes

The Cookbook Collector by Allegra Goodman

Number 9 Dream by David Mitchell

The Graveyard Book Audiobook

Stardust DVD

Lisa

The Nobodies Album by Carolyn Parkhurst

Wild Punch by Creston Lea

The Farmer’s Daughter by Jim Harrison

The Imperfectionists by Tom Rachmann

Foyle’s War—series 1 (DVD)

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Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins

Cutting for Stone by A. Verghese

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Freak Show by James Saint James

The Island by Elin Hilderbrand

Stephanie

Still Life by Louise Penny

Market Day by James Sturm

Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute by Jarrett Krosoczka

Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand by Helen Simonson Audiobook

The Last of the Blond Bombshells DVD

Tina

The Way of Beauty by Francois Cheng

Listening is an Act of Love Audiobook

Slings & Arrows (LUV DVD)

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Welcome, Matt!

The next time you visit the Children's Room, you're sure to see some new books, new movies and a new face. Matt Putnam-Pouliot has been hired as our new Children's Room Assistant. He comes to us from a library in Elizabethtown, New York and will be with us a few days each week. If you have a moment, stop down and say "Hi."

This Summer We Definitely Made a Splash!

This summer we've been Wet, Wet, Wet! We've had so much fun meeting an illustrator, watching movies, folding paper, and tying knots. Congratulations to those prize winners and to those who turned in their completed reading records for a King Arthur Flour cookie coupon. A great BIG thank you to King Arthur for their generosity, and for the Friends of the Library who support the Summer Reading Program--financially and in every other possible sense. We couldn't do it without you! Much fun was had at the End of Summer Sleepover/Movie Marathon. We might just do it all again next year when we celebrate the theme: One World, Many Stories.

Let's Talk About It

Kids in 6th grade and up are invited to join us for a discussion of Katherine Paterson's *Day of the Pelican*. Books are available for pick-up at the Library. This event is part of the statewide *Vermont Reads* program and is being held in conjunction with other events being offered in Norwich. Check our website and Facebook page for details.

Looking Ahead to: Book Feast: Read it and Eat

In October we'll celebrate the spooky season with a Perilous Party in honor of authors, Lemony Snicket and Roald Dahl. We'll serve food from Dahl's book of gruesome gourmet treats, the aptly entitled, *Revoltin' Recipes*. Be sure to come with an appetite. In November we'll host a Teen Tea, complete with china cups, scones and lemon curd, and we'll introduce some of the classic fiction books that are often devoured by a young adult audience. Participants are encouraged to bring along a book from the Adult Fiction section to recommend to others. And lastly, kids and adults alike are encouraged to bring their favorite quote from a children's book, preferably one that is food related, for a collaborative, interactive art piece for display in the Library. Intrigued? Email me at beth.reynolds@norwichlibrary.org

Start with a Square

We knit plenty this summer, and have just about completed the two blankets we'll be sending to Africa. And now we're starting to talk about plans and projects for the Fall. (Maybe some hand warmers for the hospital.) All knitters, beginners and experienced alike, are welcome to come to the Library any Friday after 3:30. We'd love to see some of you who've been interested in coming but just haven't made it yet. There's always room for one more knitter around our table.

Art Exhibit

Sept/Oct—The Group 12+ Shows Again

The **12+ Painters** group includes Nan Green, Libby Gardner, Bea Alexander, Olive Pettengill, Martha Drake and Nancy Dean. The works, primarily water-colors, are recent paintings with a mix of landscapes and still lifes.



Please join the painters for an **Artist's Reception on Friday, September 10th from 5–7 PM**. The exhibit opens on **September 10 from 5–7 PM** and runs through **Thursday, October 28th**.

Display Cases

September—Karen Ward of the Norwich Women's Club designs displays to preview the wonderful fashions that have come to Represent the semi-annual Nearly New Sale, which will be held **October 13–17** at Tracy Hall.

Children's Programs



Word Play

Stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays for kids 0-3 and their caregivers

Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 AM

September 1 Hello/ Goodbye

September 8 All in the Family

September 15 ABCs

September 22 123s

September 29 Falling Up



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!

September 3 New Beginnings

September 10 The Relatives are Coming

September 17 Absolutely Alphabetical

September 25 The Nicest of Numbers

Bedtime Storytime to be held in March

We had such a great time at our Storytime under the stars in July. We'll have a special bedtime storytime again in March—complete with hot cocoa and marshmallows. Kids are welcome to come and listen to stories in their jammies. Mark the calendar for the first **Thursday at 7:00 PM**. 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; 3 days for Museum Passes

Fines

~ 5¢ per day for most items

~ 50¢ per day for videos, DVDs, Discovery

Packs & Interlibrary Loans, Museums Passes

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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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