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From the Director

Judging from the cooler nights and darker mornings, fall is fast approaching. It seems as if life's pace has suddenly quickened. Gone are the lazy days of August and here are the hurried days of September. I managed to perfect the art of procrastination the past two weeks until even my children had to complain. I know I wasn't alone as I saw the large numbers of students and parents come into the library looking for required reading lists!

As we head into the first weeks of school and research papers and projects loom on the horizon, don't forget about the Library's online database subscriptions. Go to our website (www.norwichlibrary.org) and click on the *Internet & Computers* tab and highlight *Online Databases*.

The Library subscribes to *Consumer Reports Online*, the *Vermont Online Library (VOL)* and *World Book Online*. Special mention needs to be made about the Vermont Online Library. This database is really 18 databases in one. It includes over 100 newspapers, reference books, business journals, health and medical resources and six databases specifically for elementary and high school students. Most articles are available full-text and can be printed or emailed.

Many patrons have asked about the availability of downloadable books. This was a program heavily advertised by the Vermont Department of Libraries. Unfortunately, the state has decided not to offer this service. The start-up costs were too high. However, I am on a new committee that is investigating the feasibility of downloadable books being offered to select libraries. I will keep you posted as to our work. I know that our patrons would very much like this service and I appreciate your patience.

Lucinda



LIBRARY NEWS

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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.

Read the latest!

- ◆ Azor 'Peach' Goodwin writes 'If I Lived at Hogwarts' his winning entry from the recent NPL contest
- ◆ *Amazing Grace*, the passing of poet Grace Paley
- ◆ 'In Praise of Listening' to books on tape and NPL's growing audio collection
- ◆ Book review of *The Detainees Speak Poems from Guantanamo*

[Annual Appeal – Gifts received since July 1, 2007](#)

- ◆ Maureen & Jeffrey Doyle
- ◆ Dick & Jane Olson
- ◆ Suzanne Stofflet
- ◆ David & Ingrid Webb
- ◆ Cleta Wheeler

[Friends Book Sale](#)

The Friends of the Norwich Public Library are having their bi-annual booksale on Friday, October 19 from 3-8PM and on Sunday, October 20 from 10AM-3PM. There have been dozens and dozens of books donated to the Library since the last booksale so this one promises to be very large in number and choices. Your purchase supports programs and materials for NPL.

[What the Staff is reading...](#)

[Lucinda](#)

Full Dark House by Christopher Fowler
The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J. K. Rowling
Consider the Lobster by David Foster Wallace
New England White by Stephen Corter

[Lisa](#)

The Yiddish Policeman's Union by Michael Chabon
Love Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
The Giant's House by Elizabeth McCracken
The Shadow Catcher by Marianne Wiggins
A Peculiar Grace by Jeffrey Lent

[Beth](#)

The Other Side of the Bridge by Mary Lawson
The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby

[What the staff is listening to...](#)

[Beth](#)

Looking Glass Wars

[Stephanie](#)

Harry Potter

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Chutney Popcorn

[Lisa](#)

Disappearances

[Beth](#)

Meet the Parents
Almost Famous



CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

Does it Have to be Over?

What a mysterious and fabulous summer! We had over 130 kids pledge to read during these last few months, and at last count, 1,615 books had been read, enjoyed and in some cases devoured. A BIG thank you to King Arthur for supplying us with Cookie Coupon prizes. And a HUGE thank you to the Friends organization for sponsoring this summer's activities; The Harry Potter party, the Valley Quest stamp making, the Hugo Cabret movie night, and "The Clue of the Linoleum Lederhosen" bookclub. It truly was an enjoyable summer. Next year's theme—"Bugs"!

Special Events

Kids in grades 3-6 are welcome to come afterschool on Thursday, September 13th for **Roald Dahl Day**. We'll join fans from all over the world in celebrating this marvelous author. There will be trivia, food from his cook-book, "Revolting Recipes," and other scrumptilyicious surprises. Sign up at the Downstairs desk so we'll know how many disgusting dishes to prepare.

Things to Think About

In looking over some of the book reviews recently I realized that we have been buying several different "spy" series. Alex Rider is of course the most popular, but then there are the young James Bond books and the Artemis Fowl series is always checked out to somebody. Would anyone be interested in getting together and talking about their favorite books? It could be one of the above or perhaps another series you feel the library simply must have. Stop in or email me, or perhaps send me a message in secret code...

Upcoming Events

On Friday, September 7th at 7:00 there will be a celebration in the multi-purpose room at the Marion Cross school for **Middleworld~The Jaguar Stones: Book One**, by Norwich authors Jon and Pamela Voelkel. The bookstore promises an "evening that will be full of fun surprises and a taste of life in the rainforest." Watch our website for information on a book discussion group to be held here at the Library in October. Once everyone has read this page-turner, we'll get together and try to predict what will happen in book two.

Knit Happens on Fridays

Our afterschool knitting group has continued to meet over the summer, and the 21 dolls we started last school year are just about ready to be sent off to Africa. Some of the girls have just started crocheting with plastic bags, and there has been talk of knitting hats or blanket squares. Kids in grades 3 and up are welcome to come and join us at 3:30 on Fridays. Interested parents are also welcome to sit and knit. The more the squarier, uh, merrier.

NPL Calendar

Art ~ Norwich artist Stephanie W. Hart exhibits new oil paintings in a show entitled *Second Look* opening Monday, September 4 through October. The **artist's reception is on Friday, September 7 from 5-7PM** in the Community Room of the Library. Stephanie considers herself to be a landscape painter and paints exclusively in oil. She has chosen to call this new exhibit *Second Look* because she painted a small version on location and created the larger paintings in her home studio. In Stephanie's words, "it is interesting, I think, to see how the second larger painting changes from the first. Sometimes I'm surprised at what happens. I love working this way because it is usually so much fun."

Program ~ A *Vermont Music Sampler* will be on **Thursday, September 27 @ 7PM**, please join us for a very interesting program on Vermont's musical folklore. Dr. William Tortolano, professor of Fine Arts & Music and College Organist at St. Michaels College for over 40 years, will give a slide presentation which includes listening to music on tape and providing live commentary.

Display ~ The Norwich Women's Club displays a preview of many of the items to purchase at the bi-annual **Nearly New Sale** which takes place at Tracy Hall the weekend of October 17.

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 AM

September 5	Hello/Goodbye
September 12	My Family
September 19	Mother Goose
September 26	Down on the Farm
October 3	What's New?

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 7	The Start of Something New
September 14	My Family is Made of ...
September 21	Fun with Fairytales
September 28	Chattering Chickens
October 5	PLAYGROUP ONLY

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 September 6, October 4 and November 1 in the Children's Room. See you there!

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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

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 & Discovery Packs

Fines

~5¢ per day for most items

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

Bookmark & New Acquisitions

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