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NORWICH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## From the Director

This morning, Beth and I were fortunate to see a Painted Lady butterfly shedding its chrysalis. It was mesmerizing to watch the tiny and seemingly delicate creature undergo this transformation. It took a lot of time and it didn't look easy, but the end result was beautiful.

On **Saturday September 12, from noon – 2:00 PM**, we'll be celebrating the transformation the Library underwent during the renovation in 1999. Like the butterfly shedding its chrysalis, it took time and it wasn't always easy but the result was and *is* amazing. There will be music, refreshments, demonstrations of our new circulation system, Koha, and of our downloadable audiobook services plus a fun craft suitable for all ages. In addition, we'll be exhibiting the entries in our Library Card Design contest. Patrons can vote on their favorite children's and adult designs. It's Old Home Day in Norwich and there will be a lot going on. We hope you'll drop in.

The Library's transformation was not just in its physical size but its usage. Ten years ago the Library was open 36.5 hours a week, now we are open 44.5 hours (with people clamoring for hours on Sundays.) Back then the Library had 17,600 items, while today, there are 36,000 items on the shelves. Circulation has increased 64%, from 23,005 in 1999 to 65,147 in 2009. Not surprisingly, computer usage has also risen. In 1999, 16 people a week used the Internet, today over 25 people a *day* use it.

This tremendous transformation could never have happened without the support of past and present members of the Board of Trustees, our dedicated and hard-working volunteers, our terrific staff and you, our wonderful patrons!

In January we will begin working on a new long-range plan. As before, community forums will be held in the spring. We'll keep you posted as we start the process.

And now, let us face the next transformation—from summer to fall.

Lucinda

## Library News

The [Friends of the Norwich Public Library](#) extend a welcoming invitation to join them . The Friends hold a quarterly book sale, sponsor the Bingo tent during the Norwich Fair in July and are soon launching a small gift section in the Library. New faces and ideas are welcome! Your time and energy for a worthy cause is appreciated. The Friends of NPL meet the first Saturday of every month to make plans and brainstorm money-raising events in support of the Library. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 5th at 10 AM in the Community Room at the Library.

### FIRST WEDNESDAYS RETURN

Please note: Held at Norwich Congregational Church at 7:30PM  
306 Main Street, Norwich, VT

- October 7 ~ *The Inheritance: The World Obama Confronts and the Challenges to American Power*  
New York Times Chief Washington Correspondent David Sanger considers the most difficult problems confronting the Obama administration.
- November 4 ~ *On the Ridge Between Life and Death: A Climbing Life*  
David Roberts, mountaineer and author of numerous award-winning climbing books, reflects on his climbing and writing career, and on what mountaineering has cost him.

First Wednesdays, a program of the Vermont Humanities Council, is co-sponsored by the Norwich Public Library and the Norwich Historical Society.

#### What we are Reading

##### Lucinda

*The Girl Who Played with Fire* by Stieg Larsson  
*Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson  
*One Good Turn* by Kate Atkinson  
*How Green was my Valley* by Richard Llewellyn

##### Beth

*Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv  
*That Old Cape Magic* by Richard Russo  
*Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*A Bit on the Side* by William Trevor  
*Cheating at Canasta* by William Trevor  
*Big Machine* by Victor de la Valle  
*Morality for Beautiful Girls* by Alexander McCall Smith  
*A Certain Justice* by P.D. James

##### Tina

*Be That Empty* by Alice Fogel  
*A Little History of the World* by E. H. Gombrich

#### What we are Listening to

##### Lucinda

*The Cold Sassy Tree* - ODM

##### Beth

*The Shoe Bird*, based on a story by Eudora Welty – ODM

#### What we are Listening to

##### Stephanie

*Saturday* by Ian McEwan  
*Tea Time for the Traditionally Built* by Alexander McCall Smith  
*The Good Husband of Zebra Drive* by Alexander McCall Smith  
*Dust* by Martha Grimes

#### What we are Watching

##### Lucinda

*Saint Ralph*

##### Beth

*Skyscrapers*  
*Curse of the Were Rabbit*

##### Stephanie

*Stranger than Fiction (LUV)*  
*Monsoon Wedding*  
*The Brooklyn Bridge*

##### Tina

*Stolen Life (LUV video)*  
*Nobody's Fool (LUV video)*



## Children's Room News

### Does it Have to be Over?

What an amazing, creative summer! We had over 120 kids pledge to read during these last few months. Many of them have stopped by the Library, reading records in hand, ready to talk books and pick up their prizes. 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 kick-off party; the visit by cartoonist James Sturm; the Cin-E-Magination Film Festival, the musical afternoon with Ellie Terick; the origami evening; and an afternoon of creating paper beads. It truly was an enjoyable, magical summer. Next year's theme—"Water, Water Everywhere." (That's our chosen theme, not that we expect it to rain or anything like that.)

### A New School Year in Which Knit Happens

During the last school year, kids in grades 3-6 met at the Library to work on their latest project--hats for the **Vermont March of Dimes** program. Right now our focus is trying to finish up anything yet-to-be-completed. Once that's done, we'll get started knitting for a new as-yet-undecided charity. Spending Friday afternoons here at the Library is the perfect thing to do now that the weather has started to turn just a teensy bit cooler. (This marks the start of our fifth year knitting as a group, if you can believe it!) We're looking forward to seeing you any Friday after 3:30, knitting needles in hand.



Ellie Terick and 50 kids twirling



Floating parachute bring lots of smiles



Visit by cartoonist James Sturm



Kids cartooning at the workshop

## NPL Calendar

### Art Exhibit ~

#### Sep/Oct Bill McCormick Photographs



After spending one year attending photography school in Canada, Bill returned to his hometown of New Haven, CT to study and work at The Creative Arts Workshop. In 1989 he moved to Vermont and his photography took on a new dimension to reflect the serenity of the Upper Valley. While traveling throughout the U.S., he has been inspired by the beauty of the country. He has tried to capture the awe-inspiring vistas through the lens of his camera.

When composing his photographs, Bill searches for various angles, textures and patterns that exist in everyday life. "These pictures reflect many years of my love of photography and the uniqueness that I find around every corner." Bill and his family live in Norwich, VT.

- Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Opening artist's reception - Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 5-7PM

### Display Cases ~

The Norwich Women's Club will host their semi-annual Nearly New Sale in October. Some of the items to be sold will be displayed at the entrance to the Library. Karen Ward's displays always delight the eye!

## Children's Events Calendar

### Word Play

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

Wednesdays 10:30-11:00 AM

September 2 Hello, Hello

September 9 Your ABCs

September 16 Rock it to Me

September 23 Sleeping Under the Stars

### Lunch at the Library

Stories and songs for kids 3-8 and their caregivers on Fridays **11:30-12:15**

Bring a lunch & make a craft! **(Please note the time change.)**

September 4 Hi, It's Me

September 11 We Love Letters

September 18 Rock Out!

September 25 So In-Tents

October 2 Autumn Breezes Blowing Round

### 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

### Fines

~ 5¢ per day for most items

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

### Bookmark & New Acquisitions

Visit our website at [www.norwichlibrary.org](http://www.norwichlibrary.org) to read the current issue of *Bookmark* and see our 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](mailto:circulation.desk@norwichlibrary.org).

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### Hours

Monday 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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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