

Inside East Norwalk

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"THE ROMANCE OF NORWALK" – FIRST SETTLERS

Introduction: In 1929, the book "The Romance of Norwalk" by Elsie Nicholas Dannenberg was published by the States History Company. Within its 514 pages, there are various references to East Norwalk – from time to time, those references will be reprinted here, "Inside East Norwalk."

"Norwalkers Come From Hartford – Settle in East Norwalk — on a plain near the sea"

"...The travelers camped on the spot for the night for the night and then early the next morning, commenced the last lap of their journey. It may be that they followed and old Indian trail down into East Norwalk, or it may be that one of the planters already there, piloted the,

"They made their way in a southerly direction to the plain 'neare the sea' in East Norwalk, where they halted for good. The last stop of the travelers is now marked by the Founders' Stone, placed at the corner of East Avenue and Fitch Street, in 1896, by the Norwalk Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"The stone tablet reads: 'Norwalk founded A.D. 1649. Its earliest homes were planted in the vicinity of this stone. First meeting house directly opposite, west...

"The meeting house referred to, on the stone, stood at the corner of East Avenue and Fort Point Street. A vacant lot with a yawning hole now marks the spot.

"Any one of several reasons may explain why the newcomers settled in East Norwalk, instead of in what is now Norwalk or South Norwalk. Perhaps it was because the Indians before them had thought well enough of the East Norwalk plain to construct a fortress there against the Dutch. The Indians evidently considered Fort Point, where they built their rude protection, a good site for a lookout post, and the English may have felt the same way about it. Perhaps the settlers felt they would be safer if they were at least partially hemmed in by water. They may have thought the spot would be easier to defend in times of danger than any other. Again, the new settlers may have decided that they could get a broader view of the harbor and more seacoast in East Norwalk than they could anywhere else. Or, lastly, perhaps their decision was influenced merely by the fact that the plains of East Norwalk presented fewer difficulties than the hills of Norwalk or South Norwalk."

Next issue: "Yankee Doodle House,"

3D PRINTING AT THE LIBRARY

In keeping with the latest technology and service to its community — especially, in this case older children and young adults — the East Norwalk Association Library has acquired a 3D Printer and is organizing a program for its use.

The American Library Association point out: "The library community stands on the front lines of the digital revolution. Libraries connect entire communities with the digital technologies that are fundamentally changing the way we process and utilize information. 3D printing is among the most recent transformative digital services to be offered in libraries."

The program, which will be offered weekly at a to-be-determined day and time will be open to ages 9 to 16 on a registration basis. Each multi-week "session" will be used to teach the rudiments of 3D printing and enable the participants to create an object of their choosing either from existing projects or individually computer-designed.

The 3D Printer will be set up for use in the newly-created "The Third Space" within the Library stacks which is also used for "Gaming and Gamers" as well as the Young Adult books collection.

It is expected that the program will be up and running by mid-October and advance notification for registration will be provided via in-Library flyers, email, and this column.

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS: "YOUR COMPANY STORE"

Your Company Store, located at 10 Fitch St., in East Norwalk, provides in-house printing and a variety of customized services on a wide array of products: Screen Printing, Embroidery, Digital Imaging, Sand Blast Etching, Vinyl Cutting, Pad Printing, Cylindrical Printing, Direct Importing, and Laser Engraving. The Company Store has a large inventory of customizable merchandise and access to more than 250,000 products available to put your logo or personalized message on.

For huge quantity orders, Your Company Store offers Our Direct Importing which can cut costs. The Company Store offers fast service on many of our in-stock items. Some awards, plaques and wearables can be done the same day or next day when absolutely necessary.

The Company Store largest division is custom wearables. Where they can screen print, embroider or apply digital imaging to many wearables – this includes: T Shirts, Sweatshirts, Polos/Golf Shirts, Button-down Shirts, Headwear (caps & visors), Woman's

Wear, Banners and more. Custom engraving is provided for: Awards & Recognition, Plaques, Crystal, Marble; Sports and more.

Cook Associates — Your Company Store, at 10 Fitch St., Norwalk, CT 06865, Phone:(203) 838-0490, Email: sales@yourcompanystore.net, Website: www.yourcompanystore.net.

NORWALK READS: ENCOURAGING READING AMONG CHILDREN

Founded in 2003, Norwalk Reads actively supports the literary needs of the children of Norwalk. In addition to at least two citywide free book distributions held each year, the organization provides other distribution opportunities through the Norwalk schools and other Norwalk organizations such as The Maritime Aquarium, Stepping Stones Museum, summer events at Calf Pasture Beach and more. Close to 100,000 free books have been distributed to more than 20,000 Norwalk children over the years.

The next citywide distribution, scheduled for Saturday, October 31, will be held on Saturday, October 31 — full details will be forthcoming.

As an adjunct to the twice-annual city-wide free distribution of books to Norwalk children held by "Norwalk Reads," the East Norwalk Library continues its "Ongoing Norwalk Reads Program."

Parents and caregivers can enroll their children in the program at the East Norwalk library. Each child will receive a "punch card" which entitles them to choose 3 books of their choice each month. The books are theirs to read and keep. The program is free.

The East Norwalk Library, too, is a distribution center for the city-wide "Norwalk Reads" day.

"LIKE" EAST NORWALK LIBRARY ON "FACEBOOK"

The East Norwalk Library now has a "Facebook" presence. Log onto Facebook and search for East Norwalk Library — "like" the Library and you'll be privy to happenings, and other bits of information regarding the East Norwalk Library and the community it serves.

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ASSOCIATION LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday through Friday, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closed Sunday and Holidays.

"INSIDE EAST NORWALK"

If there's some East Norwalk "happening" or other East Norwalk news or features you would like to share with the readers, email: stan@eastnorwalklibrary.org, or call (203) 249-6293.