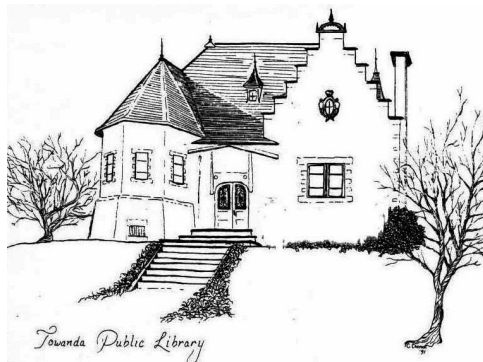


STEP RIGHT UP



Hours

Monday – Thursday: 10 – 8
Friday: 10 – 5
Saturday: 10 – 2
Sunday: 4 - 7

June's Jottings

The staff and Board of Trustees of the Towanda Public Library are in the midst of creating a strategic plan for the library's activities in the next five years. As part of the planning process, we prepared a five year comparison in usage statistics. We wanted to see how differently the library is being used to help us predict how our customers will use the library in the years to come.

We have found that the use of the library continues to grow despite fears that the Internet would make libraries obsolete. It has, in fact, done the opposite. Customers come to the library to use high speed Internet connections; for some the library is their only source if Internet access.

Although the proliferation of technology has changed the way some use the library, others continue to do so in more traditional ways. **The circulation of fiction has increased by 43%. Books on tape and CD have increased by 29%. The circulation of videos and DVD has increased by a whopping 315%. Children's fiction has increased by 88%. Our children ARE reading.**

Although the use of fiction has increased, **the use of non fiction materials has declined by 20%. We think this is due to the increased use of computer resources. Computer use has risen by 35%.**

So, what does all this mean for you? Well, it means that you may be seeing more of what you're looking for at the library.

We may allocate our resources differently to reflect the way you're using the library. We may spend more on computer resources that you can access from your own personal computer and less on in house reference materials. It may mean that we'll spend more on books on tape and CD and DVDs.

The overall goal of the strategic plan is to keep the Towanda Public Library a vital part of your lives and your community. If you have suggestions for us, please don't hesitate to call, stop by or email us. This is your library.

June Houghtaling, Director

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TRUSTEES

The Trustees wish to announce some changes in the membership of the Board. With regret, they accepted the resignation of Jane Gingerich as she is leaving the area. They have elected Linda Mackie to complete her term. They welcome the return of John Coldren for a new term after several years' absence.

Additional work on the Annex has been postponed until spring as the outdoor work depends on moderate weather and the plans are being finalized for the new handicap bathroom facility.

The annual **Adopt-A-Day** solicitation is now in progress. Anyone wishing to celebrate any person or event by sponsoring a day at the library may do so at any time, but to get on the calendar at the time you wish, the dates for this year are now open and available.

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Kid's Korner

Wow, the Inter-Scholastic Reading Competition is underway!

We are pleased to be able to have all of the books for the three reading categories of Elementary, Jr. High and Sr. High.

The IRC competition will be held in April 2007. All those participating in the IRC will be able to renew their books for more than the one-week circulation.

To allow the students opportunity to prepare for the competition we are asking our other patrons to take these out for only one week or -better yet - wait till after April.

There are some great reads here again this year so do take a look.

Good luck from all of us here at TPL!

Check these out!

New books for:

Easies - Pete the Pirate, Shiver me letters, How I became a pirate, Leaf man, Baby danced the Polka, Who took the cookies from the cookie jar, God gave you friends and more check the new shelf.

Juvenile - Bone The Dragonslayer, Bone Out of Boneville, The Seven wheels of Power, The Pinhoe Egg, The Winter Knights,

The Zoo animals in the wild series: Sea Lion, Lion, Polar Bear, Chimpanzee, Alligator, and Parrot

And It's your health series: Drugs, Alcohol, Sex & Relations, Smoking, Eating Properly, Puberty and Self-esteem .

There are more on the window-sills where the new fiction are.

Movies from books

There have been a variety of books that have been made into movies. Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Chronicles of Narnia, Eragon, and Charlotte's Web just to name some more recent.

Well, we have good news for you movie-goers...

the book is better than the movie.

We have the books and unabridged books on tape for these movies and more.

Get the whole story read the book!

Story-times

The start-ups for the Time for Two's and Preschool Story-time will be February 27,28 and March 1, 2007. We go through 8 weeks and end this Spring session with National Library Week April 15 - 21, 2007. We read, rhyme, sing, do a craft and enjoy being together. We meet from 10:30- 11:30am. Please sign up at the desk or call 265 - 2470. Themes to follow.

Alice-Rae Clock

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FRIENDS

The Friends of the Library purchased a lovely new tree for the library lobby Xmas season and decorated it with beautifully hand-crafted ornaments. This whole display added greatly to the enjoyment of the Holiday Season. The patrons enjoyed the look and the staff greatly appreciated the visage and thank the Friends for their time and efforts.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS FOR 2007

EASTER : April 6,7,8 - Friday, Saturday, Sunday

MEMORIAL DAY: May 26, 27,28 - Saturday, Sunday, Monday

INDEPENDENCE DAY: July 3-5PM, July 4, Wednesday

LABOR DAY: September 1,2,3 - Saturday, Sunday, Monday

THANKSGIVING: November 21-5PM, Thursday, Friday

CHRISTMAS: December 23,24,25 - Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

NEW YEAR'S EVE - December 31 - Monday

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remember to check out the display case each month for an interesting exhibit... And check out the Adult Reading Group once a month on Thursday at 1.