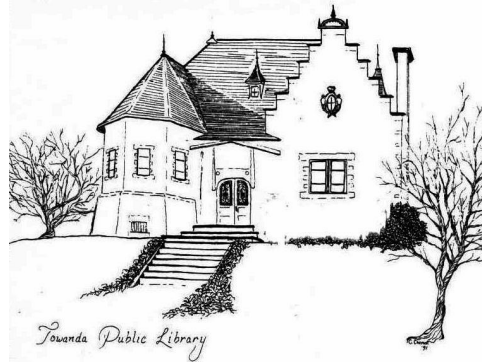


**STEP RIGHT UP**



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

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### **June's Jottings**

At the beginning of each year, library staff gathers statistics about the previous year's library use. These statistics are particularly interesting because they show what areas of the library get the most use and can help determine in what areas library funds should be allocated.

In 2007 nearly **43,000** items were checked out of the library. The circulation of adult fiction and non fiction was down slightly and media circulation (i.e. CDs, DVDs, etc.) climbed.

Interlibrary loans remained constant. Last year we requested nearly 1200 items from other libraries and loaned 500 of our items to other libraries. **(Interlibrary loan is a cooperative effort between libraries to offer materials to customers that are not available in the local library.)**

Over **900** adults and children attended library programs.

The library's public access **computers were used 8,073 times.**

I've been told that libraries are becoming obsolete; that the evolution of the Internet and proliferation of electronic data will close library doors forever. I have not seen evidence of this locally. To the contrary, library use grows with each passing year.

So we'd like to thank you, our customers, for not only keeping your library alive but for using it and supporting it so that it can grow and evolve with the changing times.

*Happy New Year!*

**June Houghtaling, Director**

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### **FRIENDS**

The Friends of the Towanda Public Library have taken down the holiday decorations and will have a sorting out session at their next meeting - January 21.

The Friends of the Library meet on the third Monday of each month – if you would like to be a library helper in some capacity, they would welcome your attendance and participation in their organization.

**The monthly book sale has been moved to the first Wednesday of each month from 3:00PM to 7:00PM. Mark your calendars! And come buy some great reading bargains.**

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### **Remember**

Check out the Adult Reading Group which meets once a month – usually on the third Thursday at 1:30. Titles are chosen by the group and are ordered a month in advance. Check at the desk for what is coming and pick up your copy. All readers welcome.

## Kid's Korner

Where did 2007 go? I can't believe that it is now 2008. I am planning to have another fun year. A lot of programs have started, will be starting soon, or are under planning.

First off we still have the books set out for The **Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards** Program for 2007-2008. The library is working together with the Elementary school for the **Grades 3 –6 Program**. You need to read at least three of the books listed and then you can vote for your favorite. You only have until March so stop buy and pick up a few to take home and read.

We also have the books for the **Inter-Scholastic Reading Competition** that is now underway. We have all the books for all three reading sections of **Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High**.

The sections are clearly marked with signs. The Elementary and Senior high sections are in the Easy Reader section of the library, and the Junior High is in the Juvenile section. The selected books can only be checked out for two weeks so that everyone can get a chance to read them. Good luck everyone.

**Story Hour** will be starting up again real soon. The start date for *Time for Two's* is February 26. Time for Two's will be every Tuesday for eight weeks from 10:30-11:30.

*Preschool (3-5 year olds)* Story hour will be on Wednesday and Thursdays Starting February 27 and 28. We will then meet for eight weeks from 10:30-11:30.

**You can stop by the library or call us at 265-2470 to enter your child.**

I hope everyone has a great year. I wonder how many books you could read in a year? It might be fun to keep track and see how many books you read at the end of 2008.

**Katie Patton**

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## TRUSTEES

The Trustees opened their new year with a note of sadness – our most efficient and conscientious secretary of the past several years, Sylvia Abrams, has taken on a new responsibility that precludes her participation on our Board.

We wish to publicly express our appreciation for her fine work and her contributions to the Board of Trustees and to wish her well in her new endeavor.

A bid was accepted to begin interior and exterior work at the Annex to prepare for the installation of the handicap restroom. The remodeling of the building is an on-going project of the Board.

The public is reminded that the display case is available - upon reservation – by community groups who wish to highlight some facet of their work or organization. Chairman of scheduling is Tomoko Henty. Sign-up for requested dates can be made at the desk or with Mrs. Henty.

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Brake Fluid 12 oz \$3.15 - \$33.60/gal

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Whiteout 7oz. \$1.39 - \$25.42/gal

Evian water 9oz \$1.49 - \$21.19/gal

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