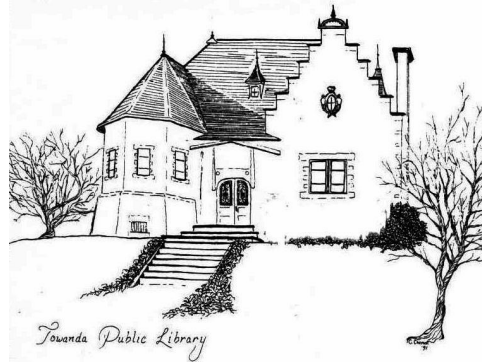


STEP RIGHT UP



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

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June's Jottings

I'll bet that many of you have fond memories of your public library as a child. Maybe you remember the Story Time programs your parents took you to or you remember researching a term paper in high school. Maybe you remember checking out the Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew mysteries. (*The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet* was my personal favorite.

Public libraries today are much the same as you remember and a whole lot more. Today you can go to the library not only for books and reference materials. You can also check out a DVD, audio books, check email, or go online. In some instances you don't even have to go to the library anymore. You can connect remotely with your home computer. The value of public libraries just keeps growing. That's what librarians and library users have always known.

Now, thanks to a statewide study, we can prove it. The study "Taxpayer Return on Investment in Pennsylvania Public Libraries" shows public libraries give back many times over what they cost and are absolutely vital to a huge number of Pennsylvanians. In fact, we taxpayers receive a return of \$5.50 for every \$1.00 we invest in public libraries in Pennsylvania. For every \$10 of local, state, and federal taxes we invest in public libraries, we receive a return of \$55. This study asserts that if public libraries in Pennsylvania were to disappear, the total economic loss to users

and local economies would be about \$1.34 billion.

The study revealed that during a year's time, 52% of adults in Pennsylvania visited a public library and 13% used a remote connection to visit one. Large numbers of library patrons used libraries to get information for work-related activities, to research personal or family issues, to study and do school work or just to stay current. Those who use public libraries are pretty much evenly spread among age groups and income groups up to \$150,000 per year. Libraries are important to all of us.

What this study demonstrates is that public libraries are not luxuries but necessities and that public libraries are a good investment.

June Houghtaling, Director

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TRUSTEES

The Trustees are happy to report that the new rain gutters have been installed on the Annex and the portico has been repaired.

This completes the original sketch work to the front of the Annex.

The architect is expected to finalize the requirements and drawings for the handicap lavatory this fall so that bids may be let early in 2008.

The list of improvements that will allow the Annex to be used is growing shorter – but a lot still hinges on the ultimate use plan that is being devised for the space. The Trustees welcome your suggestions to their planning discussions. Please submit them in writing.

Kid's Korner

WOW!! I can't believe that I have now been here for almost three months. For those of you who don't know me, my name is **Katie Patton** and I am the **new children's librarian**.

On top of being here for three months I can't believe that summer is here, and that the **summer reading program has started**. The theme this year is ***Get A Clue @ Your Library***.

Our first summer read-to-me story hour and summer reading club meeting was held on June 20. They both went off with a bang. We had a great turn out, and the kids appeared to really enjoy themselves.

During our second meeting we had a blast. The read-to-me story hour worked on decorating some fabric that will be stitched together to make a friendship quilt. We are hoping to display the quilt in the pediatric therapy clinic at the Towanda Memorial Hospital. The reading club had a police officer from the Towanda Borough Police visit to talk to them about fingerprinting, and got their own fingerprints done.

This summer we also have someone coming in to talk to us about animal camouflage. A date that you are going to want to make sure to mark in your Calendar is **July 18**, the **Binghamton Zoomobile is coming to visit us from 1-2 PM**. The zoomobile will be held at the **J. Andrew Morrow all-purpose room**. It should be a good time, and I hope everyone can make it. Another date to mark and remember is **July 4 - since the library will be closed we will not be meeting that day**. I hope everyone has a great summer. Feel free to stop by and ask me questions or just to say hello. **As always remember to keep on reading.**

FRIENDS

The popular **Friends Book Sale** has been scheduled for

Thursday, July 26 from 10AM to 7 PM

Friday, July 27 from 10 AM to 5 PM

Saturday, July 28 from 10 AM to 1 PM

Because of the renovations to the Annex, the sale has been returned to its original location in the **basement of the Library**.

The Friends will now accept used books for this sale **ONLY** from **July 12 to July 25**. Please screen your contributions carefully as all books will need to be carried to the basement and if the book deserves to be discarded, just do it. The Friends are not getting any younger!!! No text books or Readers' Digest Condensed Books, please.

This is one of the major fund raising projects sponsored by the Friends of the Towanda Public Library. All profits go to the support of the library.

Call Helen Schad (570) 364-8354 or the library (570) 265-2470 for more information.

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remember

check out the **Adult Reading Group** once a month on 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 up. All readers welcome!

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS FOR 2007

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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