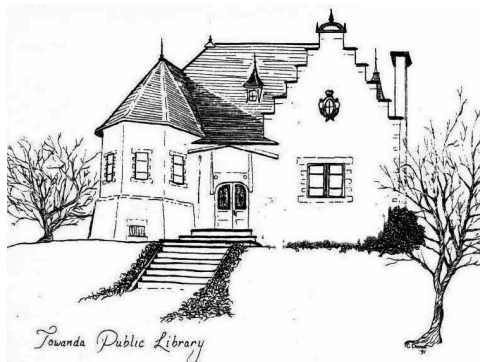


STEP RIGHT UP



Hours
Monday - Thursday: 10 - 8
Friday: 10 - 5
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June's Jottings

One of the strengths of any organization is its **VISION OF THE FUTURE**. How can we best serve our community in the next five years? What kinds of materials and technologies will our patrons want? How can we best utilize our financial resources? The **Long Range Planning Committee of the Library Board** met recently to discuss those questions, define goals for the next five years, and to review the success in meeting last year's goals.

One of the goals for 2006 has just been realized. It became evident to us that a reference librarian would enhance our services by providing research help, answering questions, and evaluating the non fiction collection. When Mary Jane Galik retired as Interlibrary Loan Librarian, we decided to combine Interlibrary Loan and Reference. **Roberta Hanson has been hired as our new Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian**. Mrs. Hanson has many years of library experience and a master's degree in librarianship. She is here every **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and every other weekend** to assist you.

Some of the long range plan has to do with the development of the **Library Annex**. This year, with the help of a Community Development Block Grant, the Library Annex will have a **handicapped accessible entryway**. Next year, again with the help of CDBG funds, a new **handicapped accessible restroom** will be installed. The Library Board is working with architect Randy Crawford to plan for the renovation of the first floor to house a children's library.

We also hope to introduce wireless service for our patrons who have their own laptops. In addition to improving the library's collection and technology, we plan to strengthen the children's collection, purchase a new server and security software, evaluate E Books and self-checkout devices, and provide a color copier in the next few years.

The Long Range Planning Committee meets twice a year to assess and evaluate the library's goals. If you Have ideas or information concerning the improvement of the library please stop by or call. This is your public library and you can help to shape its future.

June Houghtaling, Director

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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will be having its next meeting on March 20th and the important item on the agenda is planning for the annual **MUMS FOR MOMS sale** which is traditionally held on the Friday before Mother's Day - which this year will be May 13. You may even decide to purchase a flower for yourself! You do not need a note from your Mother!

If you would like to be informed as to how you may be included in their activities, leave your name and phone number at the desk.

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TRUSTEES

The bid packages are now ready to go out for the new entry at the Library Annex. The only change in the entry since the building was used as a Kindergarten 40 years ago is the replacement of the glass outside door with the metal fire door. The plans for the new entry are on display in the reading room of the Main Library.

There is a possible increase in State funds to libraries - still not bringing it back to the level before the big cuts - but definitely a step in the right direction. If you would like to see this happen, be sure to contact your **State Representatives** and tell them how the Library affects your community.

The Public Relations Committee invites you to enjoy the **cabinet displays**. If you or an organization you support would like to reserve a month to display artifacts, please leave a message at the desk with your name and phone number.

Kid's Korner

The spring story times are doing well. We still have room in the Tuesday Two-Year-Old program. Each week our theme changes so each session stands alone. Come when you can. Please call or sign up at the Library desk: 265 - 2470.

Paws, claws, scales and tales is our summer reading theme for 2006. Our three main programs have been booked for Towanda Public Library.

June 22 (Thurs.) at 1pm. Bruce Weaver is a ventriloquist, singer and puppeteer.

July 19 (Wed.) at 1:30pm. Tom Knight will do his magic and puppets.

August 2 (Tues.) at 1:30pm. The Zoomobile from Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park (Live Animals).

Keep those dates ready to come to the upper room in the Yellow brick building (The Annex to the Library). We have air conditioning and these sessions are open to the public for free.

More information will follow.

The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Public Libraries are initiating a program called One Book, every young child. It will be focused on the week of April 3-7. This is National Library Week and the Week of the child. The activities will be centered around the book Inside mouse, outside mouse by Pennsylvania author Lindsay Barrett George.

Their goals are:

- To increase awareness among parents and the early care and education community of the need for practices that promote early literacy development. We want adults to understand the importance of reading often to children and of engaging children in the story as they read it. When adults read to children we want them to talk about the book before they read it, while they are reading it and after they read it. We want to encourage related programming that engages children in the learning process.
- To reach children more at risk because of poverty and other risk factors. We want children in rural and urban areas to have increased opportunities to participate in early learning activities,

To increase the ability of agencies to respond to early literacy needs statewide through collaboration.

Early Care and Education Community - Through a grant from Verizon state regulated child care programs, Head Start programs, Family Literacy programs and similar programs will receive paperback copies of Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse and a copy of the poster. The reverse side of the poster lists related Inside Mouse, Outside Mouse activities aligned with the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards that both

libraries and early care and education programs can use.

There is a traveling trunk of materials to go along with this book presentation. More will follow on this venture.

Battle of the Books will take place April 22,2006
Best wishes from your Public Library.

New additions -

Easy

a series of holiday books including: On New Year's Day, On Chinese New Year, On Valentine's Day, On Saint Patrick's Day, On Easter Morning, On Independence Day, On Halloween Night, On Thanksgiving Day, On Hanukkah, On Christmas Eve, and On Three King's Day.

A series of animal books including: Turkeys, Deer, Hummingbirds, Black bears, Rattlesnakes, Pinto horses and Copperheads

Juvenile

A series on science including: Matter, Electricity, Light, Magnetism and Heat

Other selections are Bull riding, Barrel racing and Calf roping.

Looking at how genetic traits are inherited with graphic organizers, Spindle's end by Robin McKinley.

2006 Newbery Award Medal winner Criss Cross by Lynne Rae Perkins

2006 Newbery Honor Books: Whittington by Alan Armstrong , Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson, Hitler Youth: Growing up in Hitler's Shadow by Susan Campbell and Princess Academy by Shannon Hale.

2006 Caldecott Award Medal winner The hello, Goodbye window by Chris Raschka,

2006 Caldecott Honor books: Rosa by Bryan Collier, Zen shorts by Jon J. Muth, Hot air: the (mostly) true story of the first hot-air balloon ride by Marjorie Priceman and Song of the water boatman and other pond poems by Beckie Prange

Most of the above have been ordered and a few have come in.

These are always interesting reads.

Whew...I think we're springing into Spring! Happy reading!!!

Alice Rae Clock, Children's Librarian

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BOOK BABES

The Adult Reading Group has chosen the classic "A Tale of Two Cities" for their next discussion on **Thursday, March 30 at 1 PM.** All Readers welcome!