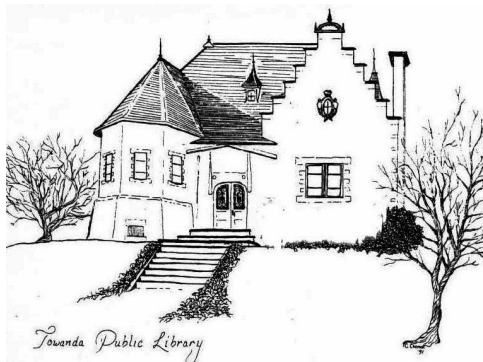


**STEP RIGHT UP**



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

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### **June's Jottings**

Recently someone told me that she had not "stepped foot in a library in 30 years". I began to think about what this person has missed:

Adventure stories, science fiction, mysteries, movies, Internet, CD's, books on tape, maps, brochures, paperbacks, biographies, newspapers, encyclopedias,

information on science, religion, cooking, handicrafts, woodworking, nutrition, illness, surgery, crime, painting, drawing, masterpieces, travel, poetry, soccer, baseball, football, dog sledding, love stories, great works of literature, fantasy, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, entertainment, photography, geography, technology

(take a breath) get tax forms, student financial aid forms, databases, local history, displays, large print and interlibrary loans, newsletters and atmosphere.

Write, dream, escape, ponder, explore.

Learn how to fix your car, your washing machine, your lawn mower, your plumbing.

Find information on gardening, antiques, money, grants, wills, pregnancy, childbirth.

Find a quiet place to study, meet with a community group, check your email, make photocopies, reflect and contemplate.

Having a library card carries no value at all in terms of monetary breaks and privileges, (it's not your Visa gold card) but it can be the most valuable card in your wallet.

Most library services are absolutely free. So if you know someone that hasn't been in a library since high school, please encourage them to stop by. We'd love to see them.

**June Houghtaling, Director**

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### **Friends of the Library**

We of the **Friends of TPL** are well and thriving! After many years of service, LaVaughn Chenot has passed the responsibilities of president on to me. She and her husband, Chuck Chenot, have given freely and fully of their time and effort to the Friends and I look forward to her continued help and guidance in the future.

All other officers remain in their positions:

**Fran Welch, Vice President**  
**Margaret Tulk, Secretary**  
**Jane Gingerich, Treasurer**

We are also pleased to have three new members join our group.

Our recent focus is on our **annual book sale** which the Towanda Community generously supports with donations of a large variety of books - and also as buyers for those books.

The bag sale for the books will be held on the **5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of November from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Annex**. Sarah Misson on behalf of her father, William, has donated a portion of his **pumpkin** crop to augment the sale.

The Friends join me in saying how much we appreciate the comfort of the newly installed heating/air conditioning system in the Annex. This building is and will continue to be a great resource for the Towanda Community.

**Helen M. Schad, president**

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### **the knitting group.....**

The knitting group is growing - bring your yarn and needles and join the fun. No experience is necessary but experienced knitters are welcome to join the roundtable of chatter and laughter.

**Tuesdays 1 PM-2:30 PM**

## Kid's Korner

Halloween, Night time, Snow and Thanksgiving are the themes for the remainder of our story times.

**We have some openings in the Tuesday Time for Twos and in the Thursday Preschool.** Our groups meet from 10:30am. To 11:30 am. We do a variety of pre-literacy activities with the little ones. Stories, songs, finger plays, rhymes and a craft are some of the things we do in story time. Call the library at 265 - 2470.

**Paws, claws, scales and tales** is the new summer reading theme for **2006**. Yes we just completed the 2005 but work begins right away for 2006 summer's fun. I will keep you posted as we discover what activities we will be presenting.

### **New fiction books:**

Long night moon - Cynthia Rylant,  
Twin to twin - Margaret O'Hair,  
Before I was your mother - Kathryn Lasky,  
Pigsty - Mark Teague,  
Halloween is... - Gail Gibbons,  
The big pumpkin - Erica Silverman,  
Thanksgiving is... - Gail Gibbons,  
The perfect Thanksgiving - Eileen Spinelli  
The Edge Chronicles 6 VOX, Pendragon series  
The merchant of death  
The lost city of Faar - D.J. MacHale

### **Non-fiction books:**

Let's start art series Collage, Drawing, Printing, and Painting,  
Let's talk about Stepfamilies and Bullying.

**The Interscholastic reading competition for 2006** will be starting up in a few months. We will be getting more books to have on hand for those interested in pursuing some great reads for the competition.

Alice Rae Clock, Children's Librarian

## **Adult Book Discussion Group**

On Thursday November 10 at 1 PM the reading group will meet in the Conference room to discuss **Brick Lane** by **Monica Ali**. Monica Ali was born in Dhaka, Bangladesh and grew up in England. The book deals with the merger of her two worlds. "Brick Lane is as crisp and urgent as a headline, but the true pleasure of this wonderful novel comes from its timeless sense of wonder and affection for the haplessness of human nature." If a reader wishes to order a copy, stop at the Desk. Readers buy their own books for this group or borrow from others.

There are no officers, no experts, no refreshments, no attendance rules. Any readers interested in the "Book of the Month" are invited.

## **. TRUSTEES**

The Trustees are pleased to welcome Aggie Griffin as a new member of the Board. Aggie has been a faithful and helpful volunteer in the Library and we are happy that she is willing to serve in this new capacity.

At their October meeting, the Trustees reviewed two options for the architectural work that will next be applied to the Annex. The Community Block Grant that has been awarded to the Library will address the problem of handicap accessibility of the Annex. A front walk and entrance modification will be necessary as well as updated bathroom facilities. Specifications will probably be put out to bid in early 2006.

**"When you are growing up, there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully—the church which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you. The public library is the great equalizer."**

KEITH RICHARDS, ROLLING STONE GUITARIST

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**The first library in the United States** was established in 1638 and contained 400 books. Massachusetts clergyman, John Harvard, donated money and the books to the nearby university.

The gift was considered so important that the school promptly renamed itself **HARVARD**, and changed the name of the town from Newtowne to Cambridge because John Harvard had gone to school at Cambridge. Harvard's first librarian was awed by the great number of books and the responsibility of caring for them.

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### **THE YEAR 1905**

The average life expectancy was 47 years  
Only 14 % of the homes in the US had a bathtub  
Only 8% of the homes had a telephone  
A 3 minute call from Denver to NYC cost \$11.  
There were only 8000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads.  
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10mph  
The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower  
The average wage in the US was 22 cents per hour  
The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 a year  
90% of all US doctors had no college education  
Most women washed their hair once a month  
2 out of every 10 US adults couldn't read or write  
Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from High School  
18% of US households had at least one full-time servant