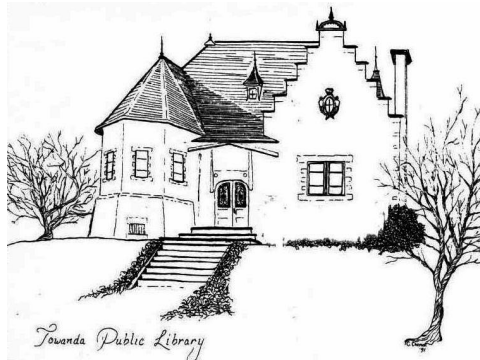


STEP RIGHT UP



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

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June's Jottings

New electronic databases have been added to the library's web site!

We're pleased to be able to bring free access to **HeritageQuest Online**, **Learning Express Library**, and **Thomson Gale Legal Forms** to anyone holding a Towanda Public Library card. Towanda Public Library is able to offer these online services because of its membership in the North Central Library District based at James V. Brown Library in Williamsport.

HeritageQuest Online provides a unique and expanding collection of research materials for tracing family lineage and American culture. It provides over 25,000 family and local history books, the complete U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1930, PERSI (Periodical Source Index) and Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files. It also includes a quick course in genealogy for beginners.

Learning Express Library offers hundreds of practice tests to improve needed basic and advanced skills. These practice tests include civil service, college entrance exams, firefighter, GED, graduate school entrance exams, military, nursing, real estate, and U. S. citizenship.

Thomson Gale Legal Forms users have access to thousands of customizable legal documents that are available any time. Standard legal tasks may not necessitate the full services of an attorney with this handy database. Bills of sale, lease agreements, wills and power of attorney forms are all included.

Also included on the web site is a new state-wide service called **Ask Here PA**. This virtual reference service puts you in touch with a live librarian 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your reference questions can be answered any time of the day or night through live chat.

So take advantage of all your library has to offer whether from inside the building or your own home computer. We're here to assist you.

June Houghtaling, Director

BOOK BABES

The adult reading group continues to grow and enjoy. The group meets on a Thursday that they select from 1 o'clock until the discussion is completed and the next book chosen. Books are either obtained by inter-library loan or by purchasing personal copies. There are no dues, no refreshments, no officers - the only requirements are an open mind and the desire to read outside of your normal reading area.

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TRUSTEES

The new entryway to the Annex is on and ready for inspection. Rebuilding the portico and installing the new rain gutters are next on the list. The tile on the main floor has been removed as an asbestos abatement exercise and now the trustees can take a look at the floor itself.

The handicapped restroom will go out to bid as the next restoration phase. CDBG funding has been committed for this project.

This fall, the Board will go before the County Commissioners again seeking funds for the third phase of the handicapped accessibility funding, the elevator.

Community focus groups will meet in October and November to help the Trustees clarify their strategic plan for both of their buildings and their programs.

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FRIENDS

The Friends have purchased a new prelit Christmas tree for the library and will meet on November 27 at 11 AM to craft some new decorations. Their next regular meeting will be held on November 20 at 11:30. Any persons interested in helping the library are welcome.

The Friends thank **the Team #84** Chuck who removed the remaining sale books to contribute 2 ½ tons of books to help with a literacy program in Delaware: Duel on the Delaware Robotics, Salem Community College. **They have been recognized with a 2006 Success Won't Wait Award.**

Kid's Korner

The cold temps are coming and with them outdoor fun and coming in for some hot cocoa and then a cozy spot with a book. Winter is one of the best times for reading. (Have I said the same thing for spring, summer and fall?)

The fall children's story times are nearing completion. We have two themes left for the month of November; On the go (transportation) and Thanksgiving.

We usually don't try to meet during the month of December as everyone is busy with holiday activities. We start up again in the spring usually about late February after the threat of heavy snow falls and slippery sidewalks.

With the spring comes new life and new directions. Jane Gingerich has read at the Time for Twos story time here for about 16 years. She is moving south this spring. Though we will miss you dearly Jane, we hope for the very best in all your future endeavors. Keep in touch.

New books for all those winter readers.

Non-fiction Juvenile

Uncovering History Series - Everyday life in Renaissance times, Native Americans, Vikings, and Bible lands.
How does it work Series - Communication, entertainment and Space technologies.
We have new books on trucks, ships, aircraft, cars, Polar bears, alligators, walking sticks, dragonflies, caves and more.

Fiction Juvenile

The Chronicles of Narnia - Lucy, Susan, Edmund and Peter in their own stories
Lemony Snicket's The end
The edge chronicles The winter knights
Christian fiction - Rebekah in danger (historical fiction in Plymouth colony) and
Mandy the outsider (historical fiction before World War II)

Graphic fiction

Bone #1 Out from boneville and #4 The dragonslayer

We have a variety of new easies just check out the new section in the Easy room.
Christmas vacation is coming and then time to enjoy some great reads.
Remember there is SNOW better time to read than winter. READ ON.

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