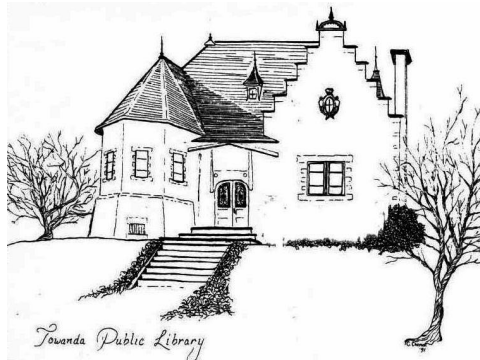


STEP RIGHT UP



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

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June's Jottings

Summer is one of our busiest times of year and this year was no exception. This year's Summer Reading Club featuring the theme "Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales" was one of the most successful. We have seen increased participation among the teen group, the daycares and the preschool group. We're encouraged by the number of children reading during the summer months as well as during the school year.

The annex entryway project is coming along thanks to a Community Development Block Grant. The Robert Feaster Corporation will be finished with the project in about a month. At that time the library board will consider installing gutters and a new portico. It's exciting to see that building begin to take shape.

Good news! Pennsylvania's General Assembly passed, and Governor Ed Rendell signed the state's budget bill for fiscal year 2006-2007. For Pennsylvania's public libraries, the new budget brought good news.

The final budget includes an all-time high amount for public libraries -- \$75.5 million. This budget will go a long way to restoring and even expanding library services after the devastating state budget cuts of 2003-2004.

This appropriation is an increase of over \$14.1 million over last year's budget and represents the third largest increase in the history of the public library subsidy, thanks to our governor and state legislators.

Last but certainly not least, we would like to welcome Wendy Bedford to the library staff. Wendy has been training to take over the desk in the evenings. Say hello next time you're in. Wendy is friendly, knowledgeable, and has a wonderful sense of humor.

June Houghtaling, Director

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BOOK BABES

The Adult reading group has started their fall scheduling and have decided on the third Thursday of each month at 1 PM in the Conference room.

As with all their selections, those in attendance listen to descriptions of books and decide what they would like to have as their next selection.

The book they have selected for the discussion on September 21 is "Corelli's Mandolin" a novel by Louis de Bernieres.

The Washington Post review in its Book World says:"Brimms with all the grand topics of literature - love and death, heroism and skullduggery, humor and pathos, not to mention art and religion...A good old fashioned novel."

If this sound interesting to you, order your copy now at the desk and come and join the discussion.

TRUSTEES

After a summer hiatus, the Trustees will begin the fall season with a new look at the Strategic Plan.

"The **Mission of the Towanda Public Library** is to maintain a free, public, non-sectarian library which serves community members equally according to need, regardless of age, sex, race, educational background or intellectual capability, economic or educational status.

The library will provide informational, educational and recreational materials to meet the needs of the community.

The Towanda Public Library shall provide enrichment and promote an appreciation of reading, thereby being an invaluable source for the community."

Because of the changing environment, the Trustees must now take a look at translating this **Mission Statement** into an action plan for the community. To this end, the Long Range plan must be reconsidered with additional community input. Establishing a team to support this effort will be the first order of business.

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Kid's Korner

Wow Summer Reading is over!!!

Paws, claws, scales and tales was this year's Summer Reading Program theme at the Towanda Public Library. The program ran for eight weeks and is now completed. We are happy to announce that we had over 115 children participate. Our prizes are awarded on the basis of how much time the participants spent reading.

The top places for our record keeping groups are as follows:

Top Reader for 2006 is Robin Holman with 6,409 minutes or about 107 hours of recorded reading.

Outstanding Robin!!!

Summer Reading Club (school age)

1st. Allyson Beiersdorf,

2nd. Noah Wheeler,

3rd. Beth Frisk

4th. Hannah Wheeler.

Summer Reading Club Daycare (school age)

1st. Rachel Juhola

2nd. Rusty Haskins

3rd. Adam Pronti

4th. Bryce Fretz

Teenbeat (independent teen readers)

1st. Dallas Mosier

2nd. Sarah Conklin

3rd. Chad Logsdon

4th. Angela Johnson

Read to me (preschool)

Meghan Mendler, Tivon Liguori, Dempsey Flynn, Leah Frisk, Spencer Jackson, Jessica Hartman, Dylan Hartman, Clayton Watkins, Jodie Sullivan, Delana Sullivan, Mason Hartman, Ezoza Ismailova, and Hunter Button.

The Towanda Public Library wishes to thank all the area businesses that have donated items for incentives to this reading program for our community. **This year our sponsors were: Burger King, Citizens & Northern Bank, Country Cottage Ice Cream, Dandy Mini Mart, First Citizens National Bank, Keystone Theatre, Kmart, M & T Bank, McDonald's, Only the Best, Peoples State Bank, State Farm Bank, Stella's Downtown Café, Subway, Towanda Business Association and Wendy's.**

Reading during the summer helps kids maintain or improve their reading abilities so all those who read this summer are winners. **Terrific!!!** Keep on reading and hope you enjoyed the rest of your summer vacation.

Fall Story times are starting the week of September 24, 2006 and will run through November 16, 2006 the week before Thanksgiving.

Jane Gingerich will again be directing the Time for Twos. The two year olds and adult guardians will be

meeting on Tuesdays at 10:30am. for this eight week session.

Alice-Rae Clock will be directing the three to five year olds Preschool groups. They will meet on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30am. in the children's room.

Please sign up by calling 265 - 2470 or stopping in at the main desk in the library.

We really enjoy our time with these youngsters. We read books, sing songs, do finger plays, some physical activity and crafts. The session runs for about an hour. We have eight different themes for each week so if you miss one just come to the next.

Our goal is for these little ones to enjoy coming to the library for stories and more.

Alice-Rae Clock

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TAKE A LOOK

The Public Relations Committee invites you to enjoy the cabinet displays.

The Summer display ended with a display of very interesting shells.

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.

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New Units of Measure

Ratio of an igloos circumference to its diameter -

Eskimo Pi

2000 pounds of Chinese soup - Won ton

1 millionth of a mouthwash - 1 microscope

1000 aches - 1 megahurtz

Basic unit of laryngitis - 1 hoarsepower

454 graham crackers - 1 pound cake

1 million-million microphones - 1 megaphone

1 million bicycles - 2 megacycles

2000 mockingbirds - 1 kilomockingbirds

10 cards - 1 decacards

1 kilogram of falling figs - 1 Fig Newton

1000 grams of wet socks - 1 literhosen

1 millionth of a fish - 1 microfiche

10 rations - 1 decoration

2 monograms - 1 diagram

8 nickels - 2 paradigms

Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the

pavement - 1 bananosecond

100 Senators - Not 1 decision!

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