



Library Newsletter - Fall 2010

June's Jottings

Greetings!

As we prepare for this holiday season, I'd like to take a moment and thank each of you for your support during the past year. Whether it was your patronage, a memorial donation, an "Adopt A Day", a gift of used books, or time spent working on the book sale, your support is invaluable to the library. We couldn't do it without you!

We have exciting news. Larson Design has finished the plans for the library's "annex". The former Odd Fellows building will be transformed into a children's library on the first floor and a meeting room on the second. As of this writing, the project is out to bid and we expect to hire a contractor in the month of December. It is our hope to move the children's section into the newly renovated building in the spring of 2011. The Library Board has been working on this building as funding allows. Community Development Block Grants were used to build a new entryway and a handicapped restroom. The roof and gutters were recently replaced and drainage work completed. The building has a fairly new heating and air conditioning system. The completion of the annex will allow for some growth of the children's section and free some space in the main building for growth of those collections.

We are in the midst of ordering materials for the young adult collection. The Green Free Library in Canton and Towanda Public Library jointly applied for a Library Services and Technology Act grant last year and it was successful. The grant is for the purchase of young adult materials and games and gaming equipment for teens. Most of the gaming equipment has arrived at the library and we're planning a Teen

Game Night for Monday, November 29th from 5PM to 7PM. Board games, Wii, pizza, and Legos are on the menu for the evening.

Tumblebooks, the library's database for animated children's books, has been a great success. In the past year, almost 10,500 books were viewed by clicking on the Tumblebooks link on our web site. Keeping in mind the success of Tumblebooks, the Library has added two new databases to its web site. With A to Z Maps, patrons now can access the world's most useful online map database. With its collection of more than 146,000 maps and supplemental materials, it is the only product that combines such a large database of static, animated, real-time, scientific, and antique maps in one, easy-to-access place.

A to Z the USA offers in-depth e-content in 156 data categories with 50+ maps for each state. It has thousands of U.S. state reports and articles ready to download, royalty-free image collections of flags, vintage postcards, panoramic photos, license plates, and much more. Map collections include thousands of modern and antique maps, and dozens of other categories feature data on geography, government, history, and society and culture. Created by a dedicated team of researchers, cartographers, and writers, the database is continually updated. Go to www.towandapubliclibrary.org and click on the A to Z icons. One must use their library card to login to the databases from home.

That's all for now. Here's hoping you and your families have a safe and happy holiday season!



June Houghtaling
Library Director

Memorial Donations & Gifts

The Towanda Public Library received gifts recently in memory of the following people:

- Richard “Dick” Dunn** by Fred and Diane Place.
Aline Engler by Juanita Felten
Don Foster by Helen and Wally Harris
Eleanor Smith Fox by M. Roe Smith
Herbert Fox by Anne Sullivan
Arlene Ben Kinney by Wypotomoss Service Unit, Girl Scouts.
Marjorie Elliott by Towanda Elementary School Benevolent Committee.
William Elliott by Merrie Hotaling, Fred and Diane Place.
Constance Ennis by Jim and Sally Powers, Rhea Johnston, Anne Sullivan.
Shirley Greenough by Bradford County Council of Republican Women
Maxine Harden by Esther Dayton, John and Joan Gormley, Merrie Hotaling
Jean Harris by Women’s Golf Association of the Oakland Country Club, The Fike Family.
Hans Heyer by Patricia Coates.
George Hotaling by Esther Dayton.
James Jennings by Nancy Lindstrom.
John Knowles by Richard Vanderpool & Family.
Robert Kunkle, Sr. by Anne Sullivan.
Anthony Lenox by Louis Ugliuzza, Tom Singer, Allison Singer Whitman, David Singer, Larry and Eileen Sherman, Elaine Engisch, Doris B. Lewis, Department of Medicine at SUNY, Marjorie Burgess, Friends and Colleagues of Dr. Robert Lenox, SUNY Upstate Medical University, Art and Vida Spengler, Helen and Wally Harris, Robert and Iola Cragle, Russ and Judy Bukwa, Sandra Crouse, Debra Cummings, John Lennox, Pat and Jeff Cornick, Rita Homan May, Marie Lenox, Laura Lenox, Marletta and Joseph Ennis, Tom and Sue Flynn, John and Maryalice Demangone, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCracken.
Virginia Lasco by Bradford County Council of Republican Women.
Lois Light by Bradford County Council of Republican Women.
Howard Emory O’Connor by Towanda Elementary Benevolent Committee, Diane Landmesser.

- Thaddeus Otten** by Morris and Alice Otten
Paul Robinson by Karen Robinson and Family
C. Bennett Shipley by Mrs. Freda Shipley
Lucille Smith by John and Joan Gormley
Gus Spentzas by Towanda High School Class of 1948
Dr. Walter Wanck by Margaret Lenox

Donations were made by North Towanda Township, Ruth Tonachel, Towanda Lions Club, Brooks Eldredge Martin, Wysox Township, Sarah Rohrer, Williams Companies.

The Towanda Public Library’s memorial fund provides a way for family and friends to commemorate their loved ones in a beneficial and lasting way. Through the years, more than four thousand books have been purchased with the funds. For more information on contributing to the fund, contact the library at 265-2470.

Children’s Corner

The children’s section of the library has been the place to be this fall. The kids have been enjoying time for twos and preschool story-time. We have read books about cats, dogs, sports, creepy crawlies, and many more. We have painted, glued, and colored many different projects. We have sung songs, done finger plays, and used the felt board. It has been anything but quiet in the children’s section. We will be taking a break for winter, but will start story-time back up toward the end of February for the Spring Session.

With fall story-time ending it is time to start thinking about Christmas. We are once again planning a special Christmas Story-time. Last year we had so much fun at this story-time that we have decided to do it again this year. The children enjoy listening to Miss Katie read Christmas stories, making decorations for the tree, decorating a cookie for Santa, making reindeer dust, and of course a visit from Santa himself. Information on this story-time will be posted the beginning of December. So keep your eyes open.

For more information about any of our children’s programs call Katie Patton at 265-2470.

Book Reviews:

My Name is Mary Sutter By Robin Oliveira

My Name is Mary Sutter is by new author, Robin Oliveira, and this is her first attempt at writing a book, but I must say I was very impressed with her thorough research and knowledge. This tells the story of Mary Sutter, a woman way ahead of her time, who wishes to become a doctor. Set during the turbulent Civil War era, Mary Sutter tries her best to help those who are in need. She is a midwife, like her mother. Everyone says that Mary is better than her mother. Despite that, Mary wants to do more and is frustrated by the way people view women.

Mary makes the decision to do what is best and embarks on a journey that will either make or break her. She leaves home and heads out of Albany, New York to Washington, D.C. She encounters many problems as she goes about trying to help, but being stubborn and determined helps her in the long run. She meets Dorethea Dix who turns her down for work that needs to be done, so Mary, being the person that she is, makes her way to the Union Hotel Hospital. She

makes a nuisance of herself but manages to get the job done. The Union Hotel Hospital is not the best place to help those who come injured from the war, but they make do. Despite all the problems that she encounters with trying to help those who are injured, she meets two remarkable doctors.

The Civil War is a time when not much is known in the medical field, but they learn as time passes what to do to help those who are injured and dying. During the Civil War, Mary faces countless odds against her and the almost inconsolable loss that threatens to break her but never does. Her courage and bravery in the face of death, destruction, and loss is what makes this book very good. If you are interested in reading about the time of the Civil War through the eyes of Mary Sutter and the doctors who do their best in healing, then this book is for you. Usually, in Civil War novels, you read about the war and so forth, but never about those who are behind the scenes, trying to save the wounded. I highly recommend this book as one of the best novels to read about the Civil War and those who tried to heal those who were wounded or dying.

Stephanie Grohol
Desk Librarian and Avid Reader

Really Real Non-fiction Books!

Here we are at the busiest time of the year! The Holidays! Somehow it just creeps up and jumps out at us every year! At Towanda Public Library our shelves are full of shiny bright new books, and other non-print media! The Holidays are a great time to catch up reading the newest and latest authors, or listening to a book on CD as you and your family are going “over the river and through the woods....”

For this newsletter I’m not going to review all shiny bright new non-fiction books for a change. I have picked two of the almost-new recipe books upstairs in the non-fiction section. The third is a new book donated to the library They’re all too good to miss!

First is: *The Pennsylvania Trail of History Cookbook* by The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. (641.597 PEN). This is a wonderful book filled with recipes of by-gone times in Pennsylvania. The recipes are taken from the Amish community, times during WW I and WWII, and

wonderful recipes like grandma or great grandma used to make! The illustrations and photography add to the charm of the book! Check out my favorite recipe: *Pumpkin Soup Baked in Its Shell* on page 13. I’ve got to try this with a pumpkin here at the library!

The second book is *Sticky, Chewy, Messy, Gooney* by Jill O’Conner (641.5 OCO). This recipe book is packed with yummy, rich and gooey desserts and treats! If you love chocolate this is the recipe book for you! And it is not the time to start a diet! The illustrations and photos are terrific, and make you want to run right into the kitchen and start cooking!

The last recipe book is for our many patrons who want to have wonderful, elegant parties during the holiday season without alcohol in the recipes or as the drinks or cocktails. *Sober Celebrations: Lively Entertaining Without the Spirits* by Liz Scott (641.5 SCO) is the recipe book for you! Check out her “mocktail” recipes and simple substitution suggestion to delete the alcohol from recipes.

Bobbie Hansen
ILL/Reference Librarian

Friends of the Library

BOOK SALE

Monthly, every first Wednesday - 3 to 7 PM in the Library Basement - 104 Main St., Towanda, PA



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Food for fines

If you have a library fine, here's a great way to pay off your fine
AND help a family this holiday season.

For every nonperishable food item you bring to the library between
November 15th & December 15th, 2010, we'll knock **\$2** off your fine!
What a deal!

Help us help the food pantry.