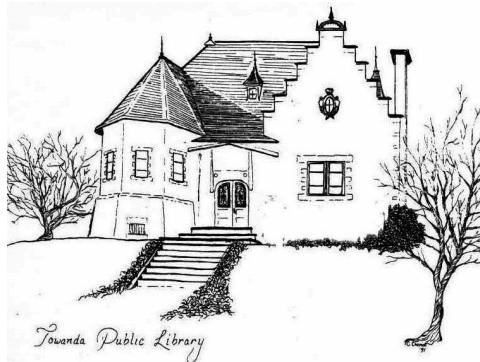


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Hours
Monday – Thursday: 10 – 8
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June's Jottings

You may have heard or read that Google, the world's most popular Internet search service, has partnered with some of the nation's leading research libraries and Oxford University to begin converting their holdings into digital files that could be freely searched over the Internet. The research libraries include the University of Michigan, Harvard, Stanford and the New York Public Library. The goal is to expand the web beyond its current body of material and create a digital "Card Catalog" and searchable library for the world's books, scholarly papers and special collections; an ambitious project to be sure but one that will be well worth the effort.

The Internet has already expanded the walls of the local public library. The Towanda Public Library has access to **POWER Library** (Pennsylvania's Online World of Electronic Resources). **POWER Library** is offered as a service of Pennsylvania's public libraries, school libraries and the State Library. This collection of databases allows users to access thousands of full text articles, newspapers, a major encyclopedia, plus photographs, pictures, charts, maps, reference materials for young people and much more. **All you need is a library card and login instructions to get all this on your desktop at home.**

Some think that the Internet will replace the local library. Not in the foreseeable future. The first wave of books in Google's project are long out of print and in the public domain. There are no copyright issues. As digitization progresses, permission from copyright holders will have to be obtained and ultimately fees for access will be involved. **Your public library is committed to providing free and equal access to educational, informational and recreational materials and will continue to do so.** The Google project, and those like it, will compliment the holdings of the public library, not replace them.

See you in 2005! Happy New Year!

June Houghtaling, Director

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library did a lovely job of decorating the building for the Holidays and we all thank them for their efforts.

Their next project in beautification is window treatment for the main reading room. They have the fabric and are looking forward to draping the windows for a softer look to the room.

The Friends are always glad to have persons who are interested in projects to enhance the Library whether it be donating to the acquisitions of the collection or providing a homey atmosphere for the patrons. Just leave your name and phone number at the desk or call the Library with that information and the Friends will contact you.

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TRUSTEES

The Trustees wish to announce that the Library Annex is officially closed for the winter. The heating system is no longer usable and until decisions can be made about how to replace or reconfigure the system, the water lines have been drained and there will be no heat in the building.

The Trustees are also petitioning the County Commissioners for a portion of their **Community Development Block Grant** money to construct a handicap entry and rest room. The plans have been drawn and present a picture of this next step in making the building available and useful to the entire community.

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ADOPT-A-DAY

The campaign for persons to **Adopt-a-Day** at the Library is now underway. If you would like to participate in this or the **Adopt-A-Magazine** program, call the Library or stop at the desk for more information. You, too, can be posted on the honor board on your special day!

Kid's Korner

Happy New Year!!!

It's a good time to read in any weather but there is something special about curling up with a good book when it is really cold out. We have some wonderful picks for you to enjoy.

Peter and the Starcatchers - Dave Barry

The Amulet of Samarkand - Jonathan Stroud

The Golem's Eye - Jonathan Stroud

The Spiderwick Chronicles - Tony DiTerlizzi

Princess Diaries Series - Meg Cabot

Guardians of Ga'hoole Series - Kathryn Lasky

The Grim Grotto - Lemony Snicket book 11 (we have all the other books in the series and on audio cassette)

The Frog Princess - E. D. Baker

Dragon's Breath - E. D. Baker

Once Upon a Curse - E. D. Baker

Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke

Inkheart - Cornelia Funke

The thief Lord - Cornelia Funke

The Edge Chronicles Series - Paul Stewart

For the **easy readers** we have:

The Umbrella - Jan Brett

How Many Feet in the Bed - Diane Hamm

Jingle the Brass - Patricia Newman

Tasty Baby Belly Buttons - Judy Sierra

No Laughing, No Smiling, No Giggling - James Stevenson

We have added **two award winning videos** to our collection for young people My Louisiana Sky and Willa an American Snow White. Most of our videos are now three-week circulation just like our books. Check them out!

Summer reading theme for this coming summer is **Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds**. We are beginning to get posters, books and prizes ordered. Medieval and fantasy is the main ideas behind the multi-state program. As always you can read anything you would like for the summer reading program. So practice your reading to get ready for the summer reading fun.

Story times will be starting in February the week of the 20th. and will finish the week of National Library Week April 10th. We will give you more detail as to themes and sign up at the library 265- 2470.

Alice-Rae Clock, children's librarian

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Many Thanks

To our kind readers who arrived at the building with hands full of tools for our once-empty tool box. You will never know how many times we say **thank you** to you.

READING GROUP

The next book for the reader's group is **the namesake** by jhumpa lahiri. Yes, I would have capitalized, but I'm copying off the cover of the book and it is all in small letters.

This is a portrait of the immigrant experience following several generations of the Ganguli family from their traditional life in India through their arrival in Massachusetts in the late 1960's and their difficulty in melding into the American "Way of Life".

Books are selected by the group and the date for the next sharing is set at each gathering. The attendance is fluid and is based on who is interested and available - but all meetings are scheduled for the Conference Room. The next session will be on **Thursday, January 20 from 1 until 3 or until the discussion is finished.**

Readers are welcome to sign up to review any of the books that interest them. If you want the Library to buy your book for you, you must sign up at the desk in time for the order to be processed and received. If you wish to borrow or share a book, feel free to make your own arrangements.

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OFF THE SHELF

One of the nice things about the expanded offerings on Cable TV is that I now receive the Sci-Fi channel. One of their leads has the word **IF** which expands into sciFi. That has always been my view of Science Fiction. It is the world of **IF**.

With computer generation in movies, we can now see on the screen what we have seen in our heads through reading stories of this genre. The latest addition is **I Robot**. This will introduce a whole new generation to tales by Isaac Asimov as **Journey to the Center of the Earth** and **Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea** led others to read Jules Verne.

The movie credits say it is "suggested by Isaac Azimov's book" but it is really the work of screenwriters Jeff Vintar and Akiva Goldsman. There are no loopholes in Azimov's stories that would allow the behavior exhibited in the movie.

Azimov was a prodigious writer. It took him 19 years to publish his first 100 books, 10 years to publish the next 100 and 5 years to bring the total to 300. In all he has 477 published titles **including at least one book in each of the Dewey Decimal System's 10 major Library classifications.**

Born in Petrovichi, Russia in 1920, he died at 72 from AIDs contracted from tainted blood used during his heart operation in 1983.

Carl Sagan said, "**Isaac Azimov is the greatest explainer of the age.**" Of himself, IA said: "**I have been fortunate to be born with a restless and efficient brain, with a capacity of clear thought and an ability to put that thought into words. I am the lucky beneficiary of a lucky break in the genetic sweepstakes.**"