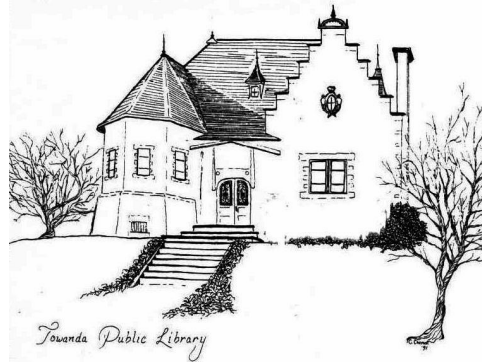


STEP RIGHT UP



Hours
Monday - Thursday: 10 - 8
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June's Gottings

In July of last year, the United States Supreme Court upheld the Children's Internet Protection Act. All libraries in the United States receiving E Rate (telecommunications discounts) and LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act Grants) must install a "technology protection measure", more commonly known as an Internet Filter. This is an effort on the part of the federal government to protect patrons from child pornography, obscenity, and harmful-to-minors materials on the Internet.

As one might expect, the Children's Internet Protection Act, or CIPA, leaves librarians across the country scratching their heads in an effort to understand what compliance means. Although CIPA requires libraries to prevent access to visual depictions of child pornography, obscenity and harmful to minors materials, libraries are also charged with the task of ensuring that web sites are not overblocked, interfering with the patron's First Amendment rights.

CIPA requirements differ greatly for adults and for children. A child is someone who has not yet reached the age of 17. The material that is considered harmful to minors is not restricted for adults. Filters should allow different settings for adults and for children.

The problem occurs with the filters themselves. Most filters are designed for home use. Some block specific web sites while others block certain words. Are filters that block certain web sites CIPA compliant if only visual depictions should be blocked? Are filters that block certain words CIPA compliant? These are the questions that are troubling libraries as they try comply and keep federal funds.

Towanda Public Library will comply with CIPA by the deadline of July 1, 2004. Our patrons may notice a change in the way the Internet is accessed at the library. We will do our best to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act while protecting your First Amendment rights.

June Houghtaling, Director

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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are up to their ears in flowers - it is time again for the Mums for Moms Sale on **Friday, May 7 from 9 to 5 on the Courthouse steps .**

What happens to the money that is raised at events like this and the book sales? A large portion of last year's fund raising went towards the new roof for the Annex. Other money went for the children's programs, a baby-changing table in the rest room, a drying rack for art activities, the upright display case outside the restroom, and other library materials.

Because of the State cuts in library funding, the Friends may be needed to help with general reading supplies and computer equipment.

The Friends have also provided refreshments and volunteered for children's programs.

The Towanda Public Library is very fortunate to have such good Friends. Their work is extremely important to the Library.

If you would like to become a Friends, there are several options:

- Friend \$5.00
- Family \$10.00
- Sponsor \$15.00
- Benefactor \$25.00 or more

Membership blanks are available at the desk.

BE A REAL FRIEND - JOIN TODAY

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TRUSTEES

The Trustees are happy to report that the new roof on the Annex is completed. It turned out to be a more major overhaul than had been anticipated with 3 and 4 layers of shingles removed and complete new underlayment needed.

The news that circulation for the month of March hit an all-time high for the Library was happily received. The Library is such a vital part of the community, that the Board is delighted that so many people take advantage of what it has to offer.

Charles Ormsbee's computer classes continue in great demand. And the Board was pleased to receive a Thank You from the robotics team for the computer assistance from the Library.

KIDS KORNER

We currently have all of the Caldecott and Newbery Winners at the library. We have just finished purchasing those we didn't have. Listings of all Caldecott and Newbery Medal Winners are displayed in each area.

Caldecott Medal Winners are on display in the Easy room. These medal winners are books that have outstanding pictures or illustrations. **Newbery Medal Winners** are in the juvenile and teen area. They are displayed along the windowsills. Newbery Medal Winners are those that are judged to be the best stories.

Have trouble remembering which is which? Put them in alphabetical order. Caldecott goes before Newbery and pictures goes before stories. Take a look at the lists. How many have you read? If you have read all of the Caldecott and/or Newbery Award Winners let me know I'd like to print your name in the newsletter.

Attention College Students for Children's Education
*** All Caldecott and Newbery Award Winner Books are here ***

Discover New Trails @ Your Library!

Get out your binoculars
summer reading program is coming into focus.

Lewis and Clark here we come!!!

We have reading programs for all kids. Read-to-me for the little ones in the pre-school ages. Summer Reading Club is for kids finishing Grades kindergarten through grade five. Teen Beat for those still in school but out of Grade five (ages 11+). We have prizes along the way to help keep your interest up. Read as many books as you wish but the end of year prizes will be for how much time you spend reading. You guys that can read Harry Potter books don't have to count it as just 1 but the number of minutes it takes to read it. We think this is fair and should help everyone to read at their level.

Questions about Summer Reading

How do I get better at reading?

Practice by reading, and reading some more.

Do I have to read only books from the library?!

No, any book at your reading level is O.K. from home, grandmas, another library while on vacation, our books sales and of course here at Towanda Library.

What was the time for the person who read the most last year?

2,195 minutes ...Think you could read more?

How many minutes did all the summer reading program kids read last year?

18,868 minutes or 314.47 hours.

How many minutes do I have to read each day to finish my log?

15 minutes or more a day, if you miss a day read 30 minutes the next. To get the grand prize for minutes - the more the merrier.

Do I have to attend club meetings?

No, we understand it's family vacation time too. Come to as many as you can because they are all different and fun.

Can I read a book anywhere?

Yes, yes, yes. What fun in a tree; in the car, plane, bus, or motor home (if you don't get sick); by the pool, pond or swimming hole; at the beach; at camp or before bed, any time you have.

I'm a teen reader. Do I have to get only books from the juvenile teen section?

No, we don't have a young adult section so choose what you like but let Mom or an adult in charge O.K. you adult choices.

Let's see how much fun we can have this summer reading!

Alice-Rae Clock, children's librarian

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OFF THE SHELF

We have another new author on the Library shelf - another local person giving us a glimpse into his life. This time salutes the outdoors with **Hiking the Endless Mountains** by Jeff Mitchell.

I really like fiction stories - so I must admit, I was prepared to not like this book - but once I opened it, I couldn't put it down.

Jeff has explored all sorts of hiking and walking areas in this section of the state and has told us what is there, how to get there, where the difficult places are, and how long it will take to do the trail.

My son did his 50 miler for Boy Scouts on the Loyalsock Trail - and I never before understood where he was or what he saw. My daughter started her hiking career on the trails around World's End - and aside from hearing about the boys in the group and the rattlesnake they had to walk around, I had no idea where she went. I've been to The Haystacks - but I took the easy way in after the first time of following a real hiker up and down the hills. And as a family and as a church group we have done Ricketts Glen - so I am not exactly an outsider.

But Jeff told me what I really saw and why it was so special - and he did it in manner that was concise and easy to visualize and understand.

"World's End's unusual name originates from early travelers who used a narrow mountain road on the west side of the creek that made a sharp bend near a cliff above the creek. To these travelers, this was a place to end it all, or it appeared to be the end of the world. The park was also once known as "Whirl's End".

The areas he covers are State Game Lands 299, Susquehanna County, Lackawanna State Park and Merli Sarnoski Park, Wyoming County, Ricketts Glen State Park, State Game Land 13, Wyoming State Forest, Worlds End State Park, Tiadaghton State Forest (Eastern Section) and Bradford County: Lambs Vista, Sunfish Pond County Park, Falls Creek, Mount Pisgah Parks, and Round Top Park. Enjoy!