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# News and Views from Your Library

## Announcements!

**July 11 & 12**-The Keystone Weekenders are having a book and bake sale on Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 7 PM and on Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 5 PM at the Towanda Campus of Keystone College, 602 Main Street, Towanda. Proceeds will benefit the Library. The students are accepting used books donations now at the campus. For more information, call 268-2900.

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### Teens, We Hear You!

You've been asking for more young adult books, magazines and materials. We're working on it but we need your help. If you're in to reading, music, or gaming, we'd like to hear your recommendations for purchasing materials for the young adult collection. We would also like to hear from you if you are interested in participating in a Teen Advisory Council at the library. The Advisory Council would be responsible for making recommendations not only about purchasing books, music and magazines, but possibly setting up an area within the library just for teens. Serving on this volunteer organization

gives you a say in your library. Let us know if you're interested. The first meeting will be held Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:30 at the Library.

June Houghtaling, Library Director

## **New Books for Young Adults**

**Kendra by Coe Booth: Kendra's mom, Renee, had her when she was only 14. Renee and her mom made a deal—Renee would get an education, and Kendra would live with her grandmother. But now Renee is out of grad school and Kendra in high school...and getting into some trouble herself. Kendra's grandmother lays down the law: It's time for Renee to take care of her daughter. Kendra wants this badly—even though Renee keeps disappointing her. Being a mother isn't easy, but being a daughter can be just as hard. Now it's up to Kendra and Renee to make it work.**

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**Suck It Up by Brian Meehl. (From the book jacket) Dear Reader, Are you up to your neck in blood sucking vampire stories? Tired of those tales about dentally enhanced dark lords?**

**Before I wrote this book, I thought all vampires were night-stalking, fang-popping, bloodsucking fiends.**

**Then I met Morning McCobb. He drinks a soy-based blood substitute called Blood Lite. He believes staking should be classified as a hate crime. And someday he hopes to march in a Vampire Pride Parade. He was also the first vampire to out himself and tries to show people of mortality, like you and me, that vampires are just another minority with special needs. Trust me—this is like no other vampire book you'll ever feed on.**

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## *Book Recommendations by Staff*

### **Non-Fiction: Really, Real Books!!**

*I admit it! I read a lot of non-fiction books! And I'll bet I'm not alone. Non-fiction books are really, real books about real people, places, animals, things, and events (for a short definition). The Towanda Public Library is bursting with non-fiction books! You'll find them in both the adult and juvenile sections of the library. Here's a short sample of new non-fiction titles lurking on the NEW BOOKS!*

**Hello Charlie: Letters from a Serial Killer by Charlie Hess and Davin Seay (364.152 HES).** If you're an Ann Rule fan and enjoy her non-fiction books of murder and death in America, this book will leave you afraid to check you emails or mailbox! This book will have you hooked from cover to cover! I must admit, it scared the daylights out of me, and I didn't finish the book!

**Simple French Cooking by Carole Clements and Elizabeth Wolf-Cohen (641.59 CLE).** Is there such a cookbook? Can French foods really be quick and easy? Julia Child led us to believe that could never happen! But this book made me a believer in quick and easy French recipes. Don't miss the beautiful color photos and easy to follow directions! My mouth watered when I read about Old-Fashioned Chicken Fricasee' on page 120 (photo p. 121). Check it out!

**That's about all for now. Stop by and check out what's new at Towanda Public Library! You won't be disappointed!**

**--Bobbie, InterLibrary Loan/Reference Librarian**

## **It's Just Fiction!**

**Just Breathe** is the latest contemporary novel by bestselling author, Susan Wiggs. **Just Breathe**, published in September of 2008 by Mira Publishing, recently came out in paperback. **Just Breathe** tells the story about Sarah Moon, a cartoonist who, through her comic strip, **Just Breathe**, tells life stories with wit and sarcasm. Sarah's life is almost similar to that of her alter ego, Shirl, a character in the comic strip. Whatever happens in Sarah's life, usually ends up in her comic strip for the entire world to see.

Sarah's perfect life is not so perfect when she discovers her inability to conceive. After trial and error, Sarah does conceive but she makes a discovery that will shatter her world. After her discovery, she leaves Chicago and her marriage behind to head to the one place that she thought she would never return to, the small coastal town in Northern California where she grew up. She makes many discoveries about the town that she hated growing up, her father who she loved but is estranged from and the life that she left behind.

As Sarah makes headway in her life with her family and the town, she makes another discovery. You can fall in love again. She becomes friends with her high school classmate that she had a crush on years before and she discovers that she can begin her life again. The soon-to-be ex-husband reappears. As Sarah tries to figure out what to do, she is reminded by the past that she can do whatever her heart's desire and still be able to do what she feels is right. Will Sarah choose her ex or will she choose a future filled with hope and a love that she never expected to find again?

Susan Wiggs is many times over a bestselling author of over thirty books. She lives in the Pacific Northwest with her family. She has her own website that is filled with information about her books and other valuable information. <http://www.susanwiggs.com/>. Look for a copy of **Just Breathe** at the Towanda Public Library.

–by Stephanie, Desk Librarian

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## **Fun for the Young (and the young at heart)**

The kids are done with school for the year and it is staying daylight longer. These sure are signs of summer time. Another sure sign of summer is the **summer reading program**. This year the theme is **Be Creative @ Your Library**. We just finished up our first week and the kids had so much fun. Our Toddlers (2-3 year olds) met for the first time Tuesday morning and we talked about being a painter and then got to paint with watercolors. The Preschoolers (3-5 years olds) enjoyed learning about the different things you can do on a stage. Then they got to make masks so that they can pretend to perform on a stage like the characters in the books. The school age group met at the Winding River Players Black Box Theatre where they enjoyed a performance of **The Princess and the Pea**. After the performance the actors gave us a tour of the Theatre and showed us what goes on back stage. Our Toddler and Preschool story-time are both full so we will not be registering anymore. However, there is still space in the Wednesday afternoon school-aged program. Feel free to call us here at the library for more information.

We do have two big events for the summer reading program that are open to the public. We will have **Sadie Green Sales Jug Band** coming on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-2, "They are an extraordinary vaudeville style musical act performing Classic Rags and Traditional Jazz along with crazy versions of authentic Jug Band Music." We also have **Keppel's Magical Reading program** coming on July 29 from 1-2. Keppel's programs consist of magic, comedy, audience participation and facts about reading. Both of these events are free to the public so please come and enjoy the show with us.

Last, but not least of our fun summer projects is the Children's Garden. The Garden Club donated some money to us so we could put together a Children's Garden with the kids. We have made space and built a box for the garden between the library and the annex. The next phase is to get some of the kids to help plant the garden. By building this garden with the kids we are hoping to plant a seed to read in the children of our community. We cannot thank the Garden Club enough for their donation.

So please come in and see us this summer. There is a lot to see and do. Not to mention its nice to come into the air conditioning on a hot summer day and read a book.

–Katie, Children’s Librarian

**The first library building used exclusively as a library was a frame house  
erected by James Logan in Philadelphia in 1725**

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**BEST ONLINE SERVICES AT SOCIALSECURITY.GOV**

By Aurelia Serrano-Wilson  
Social Security District Manager in Towanda PA

Americans love their computers. In fact, a recent study shows that the number of Americans who use the Internet has more than doubled over the past 10 years, reaching nearly three quarters of the U.S. population. Nearly half of all Americans have a high-speed Internet connection at home, compared to only five percent at the start of the decade. The study indicates that Internet use is even beginning to outpace traditional media. Younger Americans spend more time online than in front of a television.

But as most people know, the Internet is a gateway to more than media and entertainment. It is a highly accepted way to do business. As Americans become increasingly comfortable with the security and convenience of doing things on the Internet, online business is becoming more and more popular.

There is so much you can do at Social Security’s website from the convenience of your home or office. Here are some of the best online services:

Use the Retirement Estimator to get a quick and accurate estimate of your future Social Security retirement benefits. [www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator)

Prepare for your retirement by visiting the Benefits Planner where you can get all your ducks in a row. You can also go here to use the disability and survivors planners to find out how much you or your family might qualify for if the need arises.  
[www.socialsecurity.gov/planners](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners)

Retire online! You can complete and submit your retirement application in as little as 15 minutes. [www.socialsecurity.gov/retireonline](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retireonline)

Apply for disability benefits online. [www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/applyfordisability)

There’s even more you can do at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov). So whether you’re interested in planning your retirement or applying for disability, learning about Social Security’s history or finding out about how the system works, our online office is the most convenient one to visit.

On Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00PM, a representative from the Social Security Office will be at the Towanda Public Library to demonstrate the Social Security web site and answer your questions. Some laptops will be available for hands-on practice and you are welcome to bring your own. Registration is required. Please call 265-2470.

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The term “book” comes from the early English word  
“boc” which means tablet or written sheets.