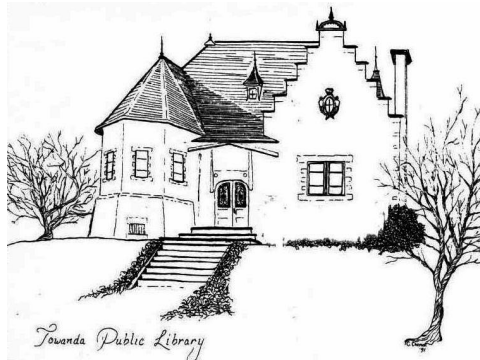


**STEP RIGHT UP**



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

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## June's Jottings

Come enjoy the air-conditioned comfort of the Library!

And you may now bring along your own laptop because the library has wireless Internet access.

While you're here check out what's new. We're expecting lots of favorite authors to publish in July and August; **Kay Hooper** ("Sleeping With Fear"), **Linda Howard** ("Cover by Night"), **James Patterson** ("Judge and Jury"), **Luanne Rice** ("Sandcastles"), **Danielle Steel** ("Coming Out"), **Mercedes Lackey** ("When darkness Falls"), **Daniel Silva** ("Messenger").

As you'll see later in the newsletter, we have a lot of activities planned for kids this summer. **All activities will take place either here in the main library or at the J.Andrew Morrow Elementary School all purpose room.**

The Library "Annex" entryway and sidewalk work has begun, so we won't be able to hold summer programming there. Call or come by the library for more information.

You asked for them, we got them. **The Library now has new library cards.** Featuring an attractive postcard picture of the library, these plastic cards fit easily in the wallet or on a keychain. **A \$1.00 fee will replace your old blue card if you choose.**

Have a wonderful summer!

**June Houghtaling, Director**

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## BOOK BABES

The Adult Reading Group has elected to continue through the summer months - a great excuse to sit down and rest from outdoor activities.

They have chosen for their next selection **Yellow Raft in Blue Water** by **Michael Dorris**.

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 group will meet on Thursday at 1PM - 2 weeks after the books arrive.

## TRUSTEES

As we have all noticed, the work on the sidewalk and front entrance of the Library Annex is in progress. It is scheduled to be completed before fall. It causes a change in our programming, but is sorely needed.

After close examination by our library consultant, the Trustees have decided to postpone the application for a major reconstruction grant for the Annex until a clearer picture of the future use of the space emerges. This will entail 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.

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## STAFF

Congratulations to Tracy and Jon Sayre on the birth of their son, Dayton Arthur. Tracy is a desk librarian and clerk.

At the end of the summer we will be saying goodbye to Clayton Dessa and Kim Zechman. Both Clayton and Kim began working here in 2004 as library aides. Clayton now works at the circulation desk and Kim is helping with the Summer Reading Program. Both leave for Mansfield University this fall. Congratulations Kim and Clayton. We'll miss you!

# Kid's Korner

## Hi Kids!

Wow summer reading is here! Paws, claws, scales and tales has started out with a visit from Cleatis, a pot-bellied pig.

He was such a cute little guy and did tricks for cherrios and carrots. We had a good attendance for the show that Bruce Weaver put on for us. It was a lot of fun and laughs for the audience there.

Bruce will also be at the Troy Fair if you were unable to catch his performance at the Bradford County Libraries.

**Our next SELF program will be on July 19, 2006.** Tom Knight will be here with his puppets and songs. All the children enjoyed him when he has been with us before.

**Save the date of August 1, 2006 at 1-2 for the Binghamton Zoomobile.** If these dates are not good for you, check the listings of the other libraries for their times and dates.

. All special programs are held at the J. Andrew Morrow all-purpose room. Go past the library heading north you will see on your left Maple St. (near library), then Lombard St. and then take Plank St. At the end of Plank St. take a right and your next left is the driveway to the school. We are holding our events here because of the construction at the Annex building.

We will be having visits from Police dogs, alpacas, cats, birds, reptiles, and bats! All for our fun and interest.

**Check out the books on all these animals and more.** What a great time summer is to read for fun. Keep reading or being read to help yourself get better at reading. We have plenty of records and prizes waiting for you.

**READ! READ! READ!**

See you at the meetings!

### Alice-Rae Clock

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### TAKE A LOOK

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

The Summer display will compliment the Summer Reading Program.

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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## Technology

At a recent computer expo (COMDEX), Bill Gates reportedly compared the computer industry with the auto industry and stated, "If GM had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25.00 cars that get 1,000 miles to the gallon."

In response to Bill's comments, General Motors issued a press release stating: If GM had developed technology like Microsoft, we would all be driving cars with the following characteristics (and I just love this first one):

1. For no reason whatsoever, your car would crash twice a day.
2. Every time they repainted the lines in the road, you would have to buy a new car.
3. Occasionally your car would die on the freeway for no reason. You would have to pull to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue. For some reason, you would simply accept this.
4. Occasionally, executing a maneuver such as a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would have to reinstall the engine.
5. Macintosh would make a car that was powered by the sun, was reliable, five times as fast and twice as easy to drive; but, would run on only five percent of the roads.
6. The oil, water temperature, and alternator warning lights would all be replaced by a single "This car has performed an illegal operation" warning light.
7. The airbag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
8. Occasionally, for no reason whatsoever, your car would lock you out and refuse to let you in until you simultaneously lifted the door handle, turned the key, and grabbed hold of the radio antenna.
9. You'd have to press the "Start" button to turn the engine off.