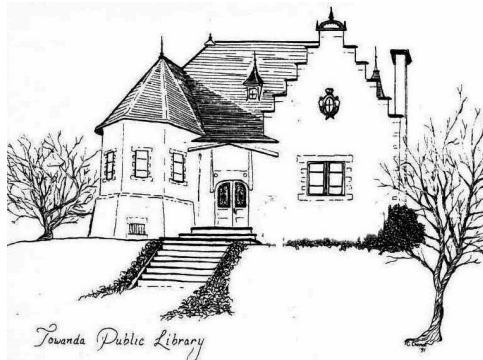


STEP RIGHT UP



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

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June's Jottings

The Library is participating in a book lease program called "McNaughton", a division of Brodart located in Williamsport.

It works like this: each month we receive a list of books that, it is anticipated, will be published in three months.

From that list we choose 15 to 20 titles including fiction, non fiction, and large print. We can order multiple copies of books that we believe will have high demand.

As soon as the books are published, the folks at Brodart cover the books with a mylar jacket, give them pockets, barcodes and spine labels, and send them to us.

Many of the books we receive through this program arrive before the release date and can be sitting on our shelves at the same time they are made available in book stores. No more waiting!

If the title loses its popularity, as so many bestsellers often do, it may be sent back to the company.

You can expect to find these titles at the Library in July:

- On Grief and Grieving by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross,
- The Ruin of J. Robert Oppenheimer and the Birth of the Modern Arms Race by Priscilla McMillan,
- Polar Shift by Clive Cussler,
- The Interruption of Everything by Terry McMillan,
- Life Guard by James Patterson,
- Looking for Peyton Place by Barbara Delinsky,
- Origin in Death by J. D. Robb, among others.

We have ordered three print copies of the long awaited Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J. K. Rowling plus a copy on cassette and a copy on CD. Get your name on the waiting list now!

Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

June Houghtaling, Director

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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Towanda Public Library are happy to announce the election of a new president. Helen Schad has taken over the position. The library wishes to thank Lavonne Chenot for her many years of leadership.

Books are now being accepted for the fall Book Sale. NO encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader's Digest Condensed Books or magazines will be accepted. All other books may be dropped off at the Library Annex just west of the Main Library on Mondays from 1-4PM. The Annex will not be open on holidays.

The Friends of the Library are volunteers who wish to see the Library thrive. They welcome all interested persons to join in their meetings and projects. Leave your name at the desk if you wish them to contact you.

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TRUSTEES

The Trustees wish to acknowledge a very generous gift of new computers from the Towanda Rotary Club. Through a Rotary Small Community grant, two computers and headphones have been placed in service for our patrons.

Patrons come in all sizes: in June 160 Kindergarten children were given a tour of the library and Keystone College Weekenders were instructed in the use of the POWER Library. Kid's Korner has additional information about children's involvement in the Library.

The Trustees are very pleased about the Library Website and urge all readers to check it out. Back copies of Step Right Up are now archived from the site. The address is in the top banner.

The regular Trustee meetings will not be held in July and August. Should business arise that need immediate attention, the Library Director will contact the President. Board members are subject to call of the President at all times and particularly when the regular meetings are not held.

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Kid's Korner

Lollipop Kids

The Lollipop Kids have donated to our library again this year with a check for \$550.00. Lee Ann Wolfe has records that go back to 1992. The total gift from all the years of giving is \$8,960.39.

All the monies received go directly for children's materials in the Children's room. It is always a welcome gift this time of year as we look forward to new books and materials for summer reading. What an accomplishment!!

Thanks to all the area children who took part in this project.

Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds Summer Reading Programs

We are underway now with all our programs. We are trying additional story-times for some area daycares and our own in the library session.

I am thrilled to have Kimberly Zechman, an aide here at the library, assisting me this year. The record keeping gets done each week so at the end of the 8 week sessions it is easy to compile our totals. Kimberly will have a vital role in adding up the logs and helping where needed. Thank you in advance Kimberly for being willing to help us out.

Remember kids you can read anything you want (with Mom's O.K.) and the books do not have to be only from Towanda Public Library.

Recording your time read and the titles of the books you read is important. We need the time records to recognize the winners in all groups for end of summer reading prizes. We also use these records for information we give to the state. We never include names just totals of time and titles.

The more you practice reading the better reader you will be.

So read for fun this summer Read, read, read.

Remember ... don't let your summer drag-on read!!!

New Books for Kids

We have added some new titles to our collection.

Fantasy and Folklore Series: **Elves and fairies, Dragons, Wizards and witches, Unicorns and other magical creatures, Goblins and trolls, and Ogres and Giants.**

Jump, frog, jump, A frog in the bog, The weaving of a dream, Saint Patrick and the Peddler, Bill Gates (People to know), Pecos Bill, Annie Oakley, John Henry, The legend of Sleepy Hollow, Sleeping Beauty illustrated by K. Y. Craft.

We have two English/Spanish books in the I like to visit series The library and The Zoo. Check out the many more new fiction in the window sills and in the new easy shelf.

New Computer Games

We were fortunate to receive \$200.00 toward the purchase of new computer games for the kids room.

New titles include: **Alphabet express, Care Bears: Care-A-Lot Jamboree, Dora the explorer, Monsters Inc., Thomas the tank, Bookworm, Gettysburg - Civil War Battles, Harry Potter Collection, I Spy: Spooky Mansion Deluxe, Monster truck rumble, Nancy Drew and the secret of Shadow Ranch, Nascar Thunder 2003, Scooby-Doo Jinx the Sphinx and Spooky Castle.**

Summer is FUN!

Alice-Rae Clock, children's librarian

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The Book group completed its first year and has decided to resume in the fall meeting monthly on a Thursday afternoon at 1 PM.

Instead of choosing books that follow a particular theme, possible titles were solicited from the members and the Director will shop from the list. An announcement will be made later in the summer when the books have arrived.

All readers are welcome!

This is not an instructional event, but a sharing event. The opener is usually - "What did you think of this one?"

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FOWL LANGUAGE by Richard Lederer

"Malcolm Baldrige, former secretary of commerce, liked to tell how a high-ranking official once responded to a subordinate's request for a raise by saying 'Because of the fluctuational predisposition of your position's productive capacity as juxtaposed to government statistics, it would be momentarily injudicious to advocate an incremental increase.'

The staff person said, 'I don't get it.'

The official said, 'That's right.'

If like that hapless staffer in the story, you just 'don't get it', you are not alone. Gobbledygook is alive and well and multiplying in the parlance of press releases, official reports, and government and corporate regulations.

The word itself was coined in 1944 by Texas congressman Maury Maverick, who compared the forbidding prose of Washington bureaucrats to the senseless gobbling of turkeys. In a memo to his staff, Maverick advised: 'Be short and say what you're talking about...Anyone using the words 'activation' or 'implementation' will be shot'

Gobbledygook, according to semanticist Stuart Chase, means "using two or three or 10 words in the place of one, or using a five-syllable word where a single syllable would suffice."