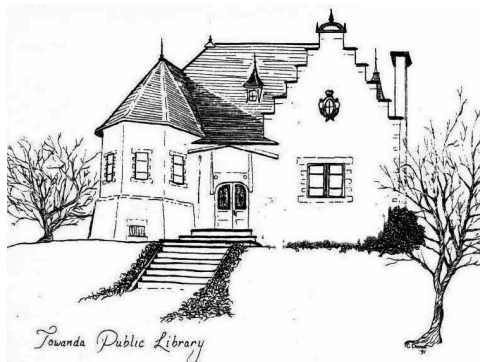


STEP RIGHT UP



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

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June's Jottings

Do you know that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has an unintentionally well-kept secret?

POWER Library ([Pennsylvania's Online World of Electronic Resources](http://www.towandapubliclibrary.org)) provides access to thousands of full-text periodical articles, newspapers, a major encyclopedia, plus photographs, pictures, charts, maps, reference materials for people of all ages. Sadly, this wonderful resource does not get the attention it deserves.

The folks at the North Central Library District realized that the word won't get out unless we do something about it. They've put together some great materials promoting the use of POWER Library. Our job is to get those materials in the hands of educators, businessmen, realtors, elected officials, childcare providers and anyone else who may benefit.

We will be distributing these materials during the month of May. Anyone with an Internet connection and a library card (free and easy to get) may access this database anytime, anywhere.

Just access the library's web site (www.towandapubliclibrary.org), click on the POWER Library link. Put in the library's barcode number, pl2922, (pl as in public library) plus your 5 digit library card number. If your card only has four digits use a zero in the front. There's a wealth of information at your fingertips AND you don't have to worry about the accuracy of the information! These databases are chosen by professional librarians.

Check out POWER Library and see your tax dollars at work!



June Houghtaling, Director

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Friends of the Library

If you didn't get to the Mums for Moms sale at the Court House, check the Library to see if there are any left-over plants. Plants grow all summer - not just for Mother's Day.

Remember, the Knitting Group will begin meeting again in the fall.

And if you have a project here at the library that you would like to be a part of, drop the information at the desk - there is always a need for helpers.

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TRUSTEES

The Trustees petitioned the County Commissioners for a portion of their **Community Development Block Grant** money to construct a handicap entry and rest room. The petition was granted and the money will be available at the end of this year. So plans will be refined before that time so that construction can begin when the money becomes available.

The latest communication with the historical building architects, Randy Crawford and Associates, who have been overseeing other projects here at the Library, had to do with the exact location of the handicap lift to the second floor. That project is not imminent, but the heating/air-conditioning contractor, Joe Saring of the Saring Co., a division of Wells, needed to be sure that the duct work being installed would not have to be redirected at a later time.

Two separate heating and air-conditioning units are being installed for greater economy and efficiency. This will allow the upstairs and the downstairs to be regulated separately. The new system will be air instead of the hot water system that was in place.

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READING GROUP

The "just for Fun" reading group continues to meet monthly to explore fact and fiction concerning other cultures. The latest novel, L'Affaire by Diane Johnson, deals with interpretations of life by French society and British society. If you would like to be a part of this group, details are at the desk.

Kid's Korner

Our summer reading 2005 theme is **Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds**. Doesn't this sound cool!!! The Middle Ages and fantasy have some interesting reads.

We will be having a variety of special programs throughout the 8 weeks: **June 20 (Monday) 1pm. Ray Owens** will be coming back to the annex building upper room (now air-conditioned). He will be doing some songs and small skits about reading. All in the community are invited to attend.

June 29 (Wednesday) 1pm. Kim Horn will be bringing a live owl and kestrel for her talk on Birds of prey. She is with the Warren Wild Bird Center where they tend wild birds and return them to the wild if possible. This program is open to our community as well again in air-conditioned annex upper room. **Falconry**

July 6 (Wednesday) 1pm. Merle Eiffert is a blacksmith from East Smithfield and will bring his portable forge to demonstrate working with metals. Sword making would have been done similarly. His working today will be with wrought iron and he will be making nails. Come see the master craftsman. **Guilds anyone.**

July 7 (Thursday) 1pm. Al Grout will be teaching us to juggle. We will have equipment here to try your hand at this physical activity. Fun for all ages. **Jesters**

More special programming will be announced and schedules will be printed and picked up at the library.

Towanda Public Library Summer Reading Programs

June 20 - August 13, 2005

Read-to-me (all those pre-school)
Count all time and books read to little ones.
Bring in completed sheets for prizes and chance to grand prizes.

Wednesdays at 10:30am we will have **Story-time** for **3-5 year olds at the library.**

Books read at the story-time can count for one half hour of reading of read-to-me time and all titles added to title list.

Summer Reading Club (all those who have finished K - 5th. grade)

Wednesday at 1pm at the old kindergarten building above the library (the Annex) in the upper room.

We have air conditioning now!!!

You get little prizes every week you attend our meetings.

Bradford County Daycare (J. Andrew Morrow)

Tuesday and Thursday at 1pm. school age here at the library annex upper room.

Teen Beat (6th. grade through High School)

All independent reading of pleasure books will be included for time and titles.

Bring in your records and each time receive a candy bar.

Daycares - **Tues. 10am.** K-4 building, **Thurs. 9am.** Scott's and **10am.** Nana's House

Thanks to our area businesses that contribute our prizes: **Burger King, Citizens and Northern Bank, Dandy Mini Mart, Dunkin' Donuts, First Citizen's National Bank, Fred E., Keystone Theater, M & T Bank, McDonalds, Only the Best, Stella's Downtown Café, Subway, Towanda Business Association, and Wendy's .**

Alice-Rae Clock, children's librarian

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Library Trivia – courtesy of the New Albany Community Library “News and Reviews”

550 B.C. - Lao Tse was appointed royal librarian in China (which means they MUST have had a library back then!)

612 B.C. - The library of Nineveh, Assyria, (near present-day Mosul, Iraq) was destroyed by war: meaning they had a library, too, although Assyrians were known not so much as readers as ruthless conquerors. These were the people that Joan (of whale fame) did not want to save.

1066-1485 A.D. libraries were centered around monasteries until the advent of universities in cities such as Paris and Bologna.

1840 - Public Libraries in New England were the first to be funded through taxes.

1876 - Melvil Dewey published his Dewey Decimal Classification System and the American Library Association was founded.

1905 - Robert Louis Stevenson called a Librarian a “virgin priest of knowledge”

1989 - The film “UHF” featured a scene where Conan the Liberator slices a borrower in half because he returned a book late.

1994-2003 - The Gates (Bill) Foundation gave \$154 million in grants and 40,000 computers to libraries across the world.

2003 - Over 400,000 librarians operate 134,000 US libraries.