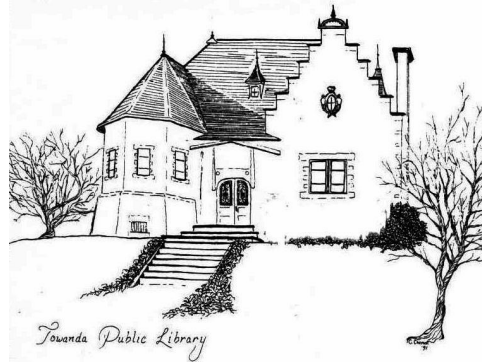


STEP RIGHT UP



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

Volume 6 No.5 Sept - Oct, 2004 104 Main Street 265-2470 www.towandapubliclibrary.org

June's Gottings

Summer is one of the busiest times of year in libraries across the nation. This summer has been no exception for the Towanda Public Library. Special programs as well as the weekly Summer Reading Club meetings have been very popular with the children in our area. A special thanks to SELF Family Literacy and all the businesses and organizations who contributed to the success of the Reading Club. Be sure to read "Kids Korner" for the names of the prize winners.

Many times during the past few months, nearly all the library's computers were in use at the same time; that's 12 computers with public access to the Internet. The use of the children's computers doubled from previous months. The Children's Internet Protection Act, which requires libraries receiving federal funds to filter the Internet, has not deterred our patrons.

Our new web site was launched in July. The site content was put together by a committee of staff and board. After viewing a number of sites and critiquing each in turn, we chose elements and links that patrons would like and use. Web site links were chosen using the same criteria as selecting materials for the library, such as reliability of the source, the validity of the information presented, how often the material is updated and the possibility of continuation of the site. Charles Ormsbee of the North Central Library District created the site using the committee's information. Mr. Ormsbee has made several visits to the Towanda Public Library as instructor for computer classes. The listing for the site includes a Home Page, What's New - which includes the Library bi-monthly newsletter, Catalog of library resources, Reference, Kids and Teens, Seniors, Local History, Friends of the Library, and how the respondent can Help the Library .The newsletter will be entered in Acrobat Reader format which can be added to a computer at no charge by following the on screen directions. The Towanda Public Library welcomes feedback from the users of the new web site.

Comments may be sent to towandal@sosbbs.com. The web site address is www.towandapubliclibrary.org.

We are in the midst of the "Adopt-A-Magazine" fundraiser. "Adopt-A-Magazine" is a way for patrons to help the library by donating the cost of a magazine subscription for a year. Each time the magazine is issued, a special sticker is affixed to the cover with the donor's name in appreciation for your gift to the library. It is through Adopt-A-Magazine participants, that the library is able to offer a variety of periodicals for research, information, and for browsing. Please contact the library for a list of "adoptable" magazines or for further information.

June Houghtaling, Director

* * * * *

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are now accepting donations of used books in good condition for their fall Book Sale. Books may be brought to the Library Annex on Tuesday mornings.

The Sale will be held in September or October - depending on when they can have everything on display.

The vertical display case has a collection of seashell art work of Janice McConnell. If you are interested in making items such as these, be sure to sign up at the desk for her arts and crafts session in September.

The horizontal case also displays seashells - these by LaVaughn Chenot.

* * * * *

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Towanda Public Library wish to congratulate the Library Director, June Houghtaling, upon the very successful completion of 12 credit hours with the Northampton Community College. This effort qualifies her for certification by the State of Pennsylvania as a Public Librarian for a population of up to 20,000.

Kid's Korner

We are very proud of the results from the Summer Reading Program this year. Those who participated read 52,396 minutes or 873.27 hours. All those who read this summer practiced their reading skills on books of their choice. We were also very encouraged by the donations of area businesses for our prizes.

The Grand prize winner was Sarah Madden with 5,277 minutes read. She was awarded a \$50.00 Savings Bond from First Citizens National Bank and a gift certificate from the Towanda Business Association to be used at any of their member businesses.

Tuesday Summer Reading Program with Bradford County Daycare

- 1st. prize Alex Birney \$20.00 Amazon gift certificate and Towanda Business Association gift certificate
2nd. prize Dominique Ruiz \$15.00 Amazon gift certificate
3rd. prize Paige Wilson Keystone Theatre gift bag
4th. prize Kalee Johnson \$10.00 Amazon gift certificate

Wednesday Summer Reading Club

- 1st. prize Nicolas Sutton \$50 Savings Bond from First Citizens National Bank (5260 minutes)
2nd. prize Kaitlin Hallabuk \$15.00 Amazon gift certificate
3rd. prize Taylor Hallabuk Keystone Theatre gift bag
4th. prize Colton Hallabuk \$10.00 Amazon gift certificate

Thursday Summer Reading Program with Bradford County Daycare

- 1st. prize Rachel Juhola \$20.00 Amazon gift certificate and Towanda Business Assn. gift cert.
2nd. prize Tyler Sibley \$15.00 Amazon gift certificate
3rd. prize Dale Maynard Keystone Theater gift bag
4th. prize Kaitlyn MacPherson \$10.00 Amazon gift certificate

Teen Beat Summer Reading

- 1st. prize Kelly Holman \$25.00 from Citizen & Northern and Towanda Business Assn gift certificate
2nd. prize Myriah Sutton \$20.00 Amazon gift certificate
3rd. prize Sarah Conklin Keystone Theatre gift bag
4th. prize Allison Ramsey \$10.00 Amazon gift certificate

Read-to-me Summer Reading Group

Quentin Campbell won the drawing for a Towanda Business Association gift certificate.

Special thanks to Wendy's for all the free frosty coupons we gave to those children attending our special programs and all those in our regular summer reading groups.

Once again we thank you all for reading this summer. Reading is a life long activity so keep practicing by reading, reading, and reading.

Story-time Fall Session

Starting the week of September 19

Time for Two's - Tuesdays

Preschool Story-time (3-5) - Wednesday and Thursday

Nanna's house Daycare - Friday

Please sign-up by calling the Library at 265 - 2470.

Children's Book Week is the week of November 14 through November 20. We will have a variety of activities planned so stayed tuned for more details. I will be visiting the area daycares that do not come to the library.

Alice-Rae Clock, children's librarian

* * * * *
NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

The Library has received a very special gift in the work of Ruth Prusack, Board Member of the Oak Hill Cemetery, who for over 10 years has been researching the names of persons interred there. She has compiled her findings including locations, birth and death dates, references to additional family members. She coordinated this with the maps held by the Cemetery Secretary, Jean Miller. This will be available at the Library for researchers.

* * * * *

The second item of **NEWS** is that following the success of the Book Discussion Group, plans are under way for a new series. The format will be slightly different, but the discussions should be interesting.

Because there is no grant for this Group, there will be revolving volunteer discussion leaders. Each participant will be responsible for buying each book - but may order them through the Library if so desired. Titles chosen will be available in paperback through Amazon.com for approximately \$11.50 each.

The general theme is **cross-cultures** - and the books for October and November have been chosen. The books for February and March will be chosen by the members of the group.

Any readers who wish to be included should sign up at once at the desk as books need to be ordered as soon as possible.

* * * * *

OFF THE SHELF

The wonderful thing about reading is that it can take you some place you don't expect. In reading a mystery set on an island in Puget Sound, the action went to the U.S. War Relocation Authority which moved persons of Japanese stock from the west coast areas.

On Page 157 "The Kobayashi's..." brought me up short - Michiko Kobayashi was in my high school class! We knew little about her - she lived in the Quaker settlement in our district - She appeared, she was very intelligent, she played great field hockey - and now I found out that she was probably a displaced person!