



Towanda District Library News

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Summer Reading Program

Read on the Wild Side! is the theme of the 2009 Summer Reading Program at Towanda District Library.

It's almost time for the adventures to begin.

Through the generosity of numerous Summer Reading Sponsors, there will be plentiful reading incentives for all who participate as well as featured speakers at each weekly children's program.

Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 preschoolers and elementary students participate in a variety of age-appropriate listening, learning, and creating.

Programs provide engaging, interactive performances, community speakers, craft projects, games, readers' theater, and reading challenges for youth ages 3 to 6 years and for readers ages 7 to 12 years.

Open enrollment allows children to join the fun anytime during the 7-week program – June 17 through July 29, 2009.

Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. youth have an opportunity to read to a canine friend. This is by appointment only. For complete details, see the newsletter insert that describes all the fun!

It's going to be WILD!

Twentieth Anniversary of Towanda Library Building

National Library Week 2009 proved to be an exciting week at the library. Attendance figures for April 2009 topped last year's record-setting monthly total by 20%.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Anniversary events in person, you can see the April 16th historical presentation, honoring community leaders who made this library possible, in its entirety at the library website: www.towandalibrary.org. Click on the YouTube link.

Karen Stott Bersche

Economize @ your library®

Magazine subscriptions can be expensive. You may check out any of the library's magazines free-of-charge.

There is no charge for DVD and video rentals at your library.

Summer Reading programs are free.

The 2 billion items checked out from U.S. libraries this year is 10 percent more than during the economic downturn in 2001.

What's new @ your library®

Library Hours

Mondays	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesdays	1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesdays	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursdays	1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Fridays	3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m. to 12 noon
Sundays	Closed



Find the library's Facebook page by going to our homepage www.towandalibrary.org. Then click the icon that you see above.

"Become a Fan" to keep up-to-date with everything happening at the library.

Towanda READS

The next meeting of the Towanda READS book club is **Wednesday, June 10th**.

Towanda READS will discuss Silas House's novel, *The Coal Tattoo*. It is part of a trilogy that includes *Clay's Quilt* and *A Parchment of Leaves*. Bloomington-Normal featured the book in their *One City One Book* events during National Library Week 2009.

New participants are welcome to join the book discussion group at the library on **Wednesday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

Friends of the Library

TDL Friends meet a few times a year and complete valuable projects that supplement the library's resources.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library is **Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00 p.m.** when the group will plan their support for the library's Summer Reading Program and determine a schedule for the Annual Used Book Sale at the July 4th festivities.

The Friends recently hosted a performance by singer/storyteller Chris Vallillo at the library. Bringing Chris' show *Abraham Lincoln in Song* to the library allowed Towanda Elementary School students to enjoy his performance at a reduced rate for an all-school assembly.

The Friends also purchased a laptop computer to use for public presentations. Further, they provided the Flip Video camera that captured the Anniversary celebration for viewing on YouTube.

Our Friends group is growing! If you would like to join us, please contact Karen Bersche at the library at 728-2176 and she will put you in touch with the Friends' president. Now is a great time to join the Friends!

Family Movie Nights

June 12 **Jungle Book**

June 26 **Godzilla**

July 10

Secondhand Lions

July 24

Escape to Witch Mountain

Thank You

Summer Reading Program Sponsors

Towanda Ladies' Night Out, Towanda Parent Organization, FS FastStop

Towanda Senior Citizen's Organization, Towanda HCE

R E-Z Storage, Alexander Mfg. and Meyers, Inc.

Anderson Trucking, First Farmers State Bank, Midwest College of Cosmetology

Towanda History Items Donated

Following is a list of history binders containing information researched, compiled and donated to the Towanda Library by Nancy J. Miller of Bloomington:

Census Records for years 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930

Civil War Soldiers from Money Creek Township

Towanda in the Black Hawk War – June 3, 1832 to August 3, 1832

Towanda Soldiers in the Civil War – 1861-1866

History of Elizabeth 'Mattie' Stephenson (1853-1873) of Towanda

Proclaimed A Heroine by Citizens of Memphis, Tennessee

Miscellaneous Collection of Newspaper Articles on Towanda 1850-2008

Section 33 and landowners in Money Creek Township

The library and Towanda Area Historical Society have a valuable partnership and shared mission of making this one-of-a-kind information available to citizens. Towanda Area Historical Society items are for *In Library Use* only. Next meeting of TAHS is Tuesday, May 26 at 7 pm in Community Building.

Picturing America

The Towanda District Library is pleased to invite you to join us as we celebrate our selection as a part of the ***We the People*** national grant initiative "Picturing America" Bookshelf.

Our library is one of 4,000 libraries nationwide selected to receive a ***We the People*** Bookshelf grant including free hardcover editions of 17 classic children's books. The grants, presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association, are provided to support the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture in our library.

The books will be used throughout the Summer Reading Program and in conjunction with the Lincoln Bicentennial Programs. The next Lincoln program is **June 24** when storyteller Vivian Carter spins stretch-of-the-imagination yarns about Abe Lincoln and David Davis during her program ***Wild and Woolly Tall Tales***.

Throughout the summer, youth will be challenged to read selections from the ***We the People*** Bookshelf. Those who read 2 books can select a free paperback book of their choice. The youth who reads the most books about America's history will receive tickets to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield. For full contest details, ask for a copy of the contest rules at the circulation desk.

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Monday	10am-7pm
Tuesday	1pm-7pm
Wednesday	10am-7pm
Thursday	1pm-6pm
Friday	3pm-6pm
Saturday	9am-noon
Sunday	Closed

Postal Customer
Towanda, IL 61776

Towanda District Library Board:

Dr. Tim Mogill, President;
Rochelle Wardell, VP;
Mark Schwamberger, Treasurer;
Jane Foster, **Letitia Hamblen**,
Dana Maughan, **Rachel Andrews**

Karen Stott Bersche, Library Director

Board meetings:

3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
Towanda District Library

Thanks to Donors

Anniversary Committee for planning of the April celebrations:
Briggs, Hamblen, Mogill, Pulokas, Maughan, Schultz, Liebenow, and
Merritt.

Linda Garbe, Towanda VFW Post 462, Towanda Scouts, TLNO,
Towanda HCE, Towanda 4-H, Helen Mogill, Towanda Area Historical
Society, Max Foster, and Judy Zimmerman for special contributions to
Anniversary celebration success.

Friends of the Library for the new laptop and Flip Video camera.

Friends of the Library for hosting Anniversary Celebrations.

Randy Pearson for assembling new computer hub & tack strips.

Gail Ann Briggs for children's book honoring her grandchild.

Lyle and Jane Triebwasser for donating funds for new Route 66
books in memory of Donald Foster.

Wesley Robin and Glencoe Specialty Services, Inc. for a
significant monetary donation.

Helen Mogill for continued upgrades to library website.