



Towanda District Library News

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AND SURROUNDING AREAS

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E-Books and Audio Books

Do you wish to borrow free e-books?

The Towanda District library is pleased to announce that beginning soon you will be able to download e-books through the Alliance Digital Media Library link on our website: www.towandalibrary.org.

Audio books are also available on the site.

To check out items in the comfort of your own home you will need a valid library card, internet connection, and personal computer.

Once you log in with your library card number and PIN, The Overdrive Media Console (free software available on the site) will download onto your computer. This tool allows you to read books on your computer or transfer them to a reader or audio playing device.

Items have a check out period of 7 to 14 days at which time they automatically return to the collection. There are never late fees!

How Popular are E-Books?

Annual sales at physical bookstores = \$17 billion

Annual sales of E-Books

Expected to generate \$1.7 billion by 2012

Library Parking Lot Upgrade

During the first week in May the parking area in front of the library is scheduled to be paved and expanded.

The Library Board decided to move forward with this improvement project – using local contractors – to be certain that the walking/parking surface can be more easily cleared during inclement wintery weather.

The new configuration eliminates the snow piles that were previously between the parking surface and front sidewalk by removing the cement barricades. Please refrain from pulling your vehicle too close to the sidewalks so the walking path is unobstructed.

Go Green @ your library®

The Seasons of Green Workshops

May 18 @ 5:30

Master Gardener on Veggie Gardening

August 17 @ 5:30

Ecology Action Center Offers Tips

September 7 @ 5:30

Dig Into Composting

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 5 p.m.
Fridays	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sundays	Closed

Friends of the Library

The next meeting of the FRIENDS will be in June to make plans for the July 4th Used Book Sale. The group typically meets in the home of one of our members. 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 for more information.

Story Hours

May

May 2	Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!
May 9	Balloon Garden
May 16	Flowers
May 23	Summer Vacations
Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m.	

Story Hours do not meet from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Join **Master Gardener**, Helen Leake, as she guides us into a comfort zone for growing our own vegetables in containers. If you are unable or unwilling to have a big garden, you can still enjoy fresh, homegrown veggies.

Friday, May 27 at 10:50 a.m.

Medieval School Assembly: Accompanied by lords and ladies, knights and a dog who likes to read, librarians personally invite students to the library's Summer Reading Program.

Thursday, June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Free screening of **FRESH** the movie. Local food growers answer questions immediately following the movie. Locally-grown popcorn will be served.

Library Systems Support Local Libraries

Library systems are to local libraries what Regional Offices of Education are to schools.

Library systems are the regional “support system” for training local library staff in new technology methods, for negotiating group purchases, and for providing the highly-valued *Interlibrary Loan* system that allows a borrower at any Illinois library to have access to materials at other Illinois libraries free-of-charge.

Illinois library systems have existed since 1968. All types of libraries benefit from systems – school, academic, corporate, and public libraries.

Towanda’s online catalog (which includes the holdings of more than 200+ area libraries) is maintained by the Alliance Library System. The delivery vans that bring items to Towanda patrons from other libraries are provided by Alliance Library System.

As of July 1, 2011 Alliance Library System ceases to exist. It will consolidate with four other systems to form RAILS (Reaching Across Illinois Library System). The new RAILS will serve libraries in a 27,000 square mile area. (Alliance was 14,000 square miles.)

The agencies/systems themselves have been strategically planning how to pare costs while continuing to provide Interlibrary Loan and shared catalogs to local library customers. This consolidation process has been progressing throughout the entire past year. More than 50 library system workers lost their jobs during 2010 and 2011.

Your library service at Towanda District Library will remain basically unchanged after the consolidation is complete. You will still be able to access our online catalog and borrow easily from libraries in the northern half of Illinois.

Interlibrary Loan and Online Catalog

The online catalogs for more than 800 Illinois libraries are supported by library systems in order to circulate more than 45 million Interlibrary Loan resources per year to Illinois residents.

Lorna Barrett - Murder Is Binding, a Booktown Mystery

Tricia Miles is the proprietor of HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE, one of the many bookstores in newly revitalized downtown Stoneham, New Hampshire. Tricia's sister, Angelica comes to visit her and appears to enjoy the small town life but she easily irritates Tricia. Troubles continue for Tricia when she discovers the body of Doris Gleason, owner of the cookbook shop next door. Doris wasn't well liked but didn't deserve to be murdered plus her prized antique cookbook turns up missing. The Booktown Mystery Series are very cozy reads with interesting characters, a cat named Miss Marple, and good food and recipes with interesting plots to the very end of the book. Check out all 4 in this series and try to figure out “who-done-it?” before the end of each book. Happy reading. By Pat Pulokas

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WAS APRIL 11 TO 16. WITH THE THEME:
CREATE YOUR OWN STORY @ YOUR LIBRARY

WATCH THE NEW VIDEO FEATURING OUR LIBRARY USERS.

Go to www.towandalibrary.org and click on the library's YouTube Channel in the left column.

April 13th Volunteer Recognition Dinner

More than 70 people from our community volunteered or personally donated to the library during the past year. The Busy Bees 4-H completes the annual spring and fall yard work, the FRIENDS spend hours sorting books for the Annual July 4th Book Sale, one couple donated a new flag, ladies donated magazine subscriptions and baked for the Community Halloween Party hosted by the library, another maintains the library website, and many faithfully donate to the Summer Reading Program. Towanda supports its library!

The theme of the April 13th Volunteer Recognition Dinner, ***The Renewable Energy of Volunteers***, was inspired by the Illinois Library Association's "GO GREEN" workshops that Robin and Randy Pearson attended at the Chicago Field Museum last fall. A scholarship from ILA allowed them to travel to Chicago for the day-long workshop.

To support the GO GREEN theme, cookies frosted with green icing sat on the tables next to cookies with the word GO iced on them. Centerpieces were cubes of Post-It notes with green lettering saying: *Read, Return, Repeat*. The centerpieces became door prizes for guests. Table decorations were green – even the spinach seedlings and the crème de menthe trifle.

Each volunteer received a golden lapel pin with colorful enamel lettering – “*Volunteers Our Most Valuable Resource.*”

In keeping with the tradition of asking local artists to present the evening's program for our volunteers – Stan and Janetta Baeur demonstrated wool spinning, showed slides of their alpaca's, and provided samples of their lovely woolen art pieces for door prizes.

Watch for more opportunities to learn wool knitting, spinning, and felting techniques - at future library workshops that will be open to the public.

This Just In: Check out our new knitting and felting books.

LEGOS

LEGO Donations Gladly Accepted for the Summer Reading Program



A Midsummer Knight's Read

Towanda District Library 2011 Summer Reading Program -- June 15 - July 26

- May 27** **Medieval School Assembly:** A court-jester *juggling act* entertains Towanda Elementary School students. Accompanied by medieval lords, ladies, knights, and a dog who likes to read, the librarians personally invite students to the library's Summer Reading Program!
- June 15**
10:30 am **Medieval Games:** Youth learn about the hierarchy of medieval society when they dress like pieces of a chess set and face off in a life-size chess match. Dress-up was never so much fun! Other age-appropriate games and stories for the younger set, too.
- June 21**
5:30 pm **Ecology Action Center:** Resources are scarce and should be used wisely no matter what era you are born. Frugality in medieval times was a necessity – now it is smart!
- June 22**
10:30 am **Medieval Luxuries:** Books were luxury items in medieval times. Few people could read and write. Begging the king to see the royal library was common. We will make books.
- June 29**
10:30 am **Medieval Arts/Crafts:** Festivals with acrobats and magic shows were common forms of entertainment during this time. Wire jewelry and magic tricks are in the works today.
- July 5**
5:30 pm **Wildlife Prairie Park** teaches about the fine art of falconry. People trained birds of prey to hunt during the Middle Ages. Raptors will visit the library for an outdoor program.
- July 6**
10:30 am **Dragons:** They may be just make-believe, but sometimes it's fun to pretend that we are scared by fanciful critters like dragons or unicorns. Puppet plays use both as characters.
- July 12**
5:30 pm **The Society for Creative Anachronism:** The SCA recreates the Middle Ages at our library - through authentic costumes, food, art, and artifacts.
- July 13**
10:30 am **Knights and the Importance of Family Heritage:** Your family and your honor were highly valued in these times. Images on knight's shields told a story. We'll make coats of arms.
- July 19**
5:30 pm **Gingerbread, Bread and Pretzels:** You'll be surprised how these treats – favorites of children in medieval times – were used. We will prepare for the feast and plays.
- July 20**
10:30 am **Gingerbread, Bread and Pretzels:** We will repeat Tuesday's session – with more time or practicing the plays we will perform for parents next week. Costumes included.
- July 26**
5:30 pm **Medieval Feast and Reader's Theater Plays:** Parents and grandparents are invited! Youth will perform Reader's Theater – after practicing their parts most of the summer. All will enjoy the final feast followed by prizes for the junior knights and damsels.

Reading incentives are awarded throughout the program.
Final prize drawings for both children and parents.
The more you attend, the better your chance in the drawing.

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Library Hours

Monday	10am-7pm
Tuesday	1pm-7pm
Wednesday	10am-7pm
Thursday	1pm-5pm
Friday	1pm-5pm
Saturday	10am-3pm
Sunday	Closed

Towanda District Library Board:

Letitia Hamblen, President
Rochelle Wardell, VP
Mark Schwamberger, Treasurer
Dana Maughan, Secretary
Jane Foster, Rachel Andrews
Tim Mogill

Karen Stott Bersche, Library Director

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

JUNE 15 to JULY 26 **SUMMER READING** JUNE 15 to JULY 26

Thank You to Donors

Helen Mogill for continuous support of the library website.

Mary Ann Boyd's Book Group for "The Heart Reader" by J. Rupe-Boyd

Mr. and Mrs. Priess for the new American flag

Wertz family for donation in memory of Virginia Allen

Susie Shoemaker, Beverly Meginnes, Tish Hamblen for State Farm Good Neighbor Grants

Elizabeth Rexstad and Bettie Schultz for magazine subscriptions for the library's collection

Michele Gilfillan and Chrissie Isaacs for volunteering in house as the need arises

Summer Reading Program Donors: watch for a complete list in the August newsletter