



FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! 15TH ANNUAL FRIENDS' BOOK SALE APRIL 23 THROUGH 26, 2009 Wilson and Towson Rooms

THE WAIT IS NEARLY OVER

The storage room is full. The sorting is over. The setup is scheduled.

All we need now are buyers to reduce our inventory. Invite your friends and neighbors to the book sale! Bring yourself and your family. Come on several days (as the dealers do) to get the best prices.

Remember, all proceeds benefit the Towson Branch of BCPL.

In stock we have gently used and nearly new adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, audiocassettes and videocassettes.

Dorothy Fraquelli

Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale

Gently used adult & children's books and music, videos, DVD's and more on sale to benefit the Towson Library.



First Choice Sale
\$10.00 Admission
April 23, 5:30- 8PM

Free Admission
April 24 & 25 9 AM -5 PM
April 26 1-4 PM



April 23—26, 2009



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15th Annual Friend's Book Sale
Present this coupon for one free *Fiction book of your choice.
**Fiction includes Mystery, Romance and Science Fiction*
One Per Customer. Not valid on Special Price Books.



JOSEPH BALKOSKI TO SPEAK AT MAY 5th ANNUAL MEETING

Noted military historian will discuss his latest book on the Normandy campaign



Please join us at the Towson Friends Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, to hear about Mr. Balkoski's latest book, *From Beachhead to Brittany: The 29th Infantry Division at Brest*. The meeting begins at 7 pm in the first floor meeting room of the Towson Library.

A Towson resident, Joseph Balkoski is a U.S. Army historian currently attached to the Maryland National Guard. He specializes in World War II history, specifically the D-Day invasion and subsequent Normandy campaign. *USA Today* has called him the "Top living D-Day Historian."

He is the author of the widely acclaimed books *Omaha Beach: June 6, 1944; Utah Beach: The Amphibious and Airborne Assault on D-Day; Beyond the Beachhead: The 29th Infantry in Normandy;* and *The Maryland National Guard: A History of Maryland's Military Forces*.

In the summer of 2001, Mr. Balkoski lived in Normandy to study the D-Day invasion beaches and Normandy battlefields. During the June 2004 60th anniversary remembrance of the D-Day invasion in Normandy, he was a guide for D-Day veterans, current U.S. Army soldiers and Governor Robert Ehrlich.

Our program will begin with a brief business session to elect our officers and directors for the coming year and you will have a chance to greet Mr. Balkoski after his talk. Copies of his latest book will be available for signing.

Admission is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Arthur Lynch

FRIENDS OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY SLATE OF OFFICERS 2009-2010

President - Arthur Lynch

1st Vice President - Dorothy Fraquelli

2nd VP - to be determined

Treasurer - Susan Gillette

Secretary - James Ransom

Continuing Directors:

Tasia Cavas

Fay Citerone

Robert Stefan



NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE MAY 5 ANNUAL MEETING.

Robert Stefan



MARIANNE WESTCOTT AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Once again it is time to honor this year's winner of the Marianne Westcott award. This award was established in 1997, to recognize the many years of volunteer service given to the Towson Library by Marianne Westcott. Each year volunteers are nominated by the library staff for jobs well done and then voted on by the Friends of the Towson Library Board to determine the winner. To date there have been twelve volunteers so honored.

Candidates are nominated by Towson Library staff based on the criteria of sustained effort, devotion to the library, and selfless devotion to the ideals of growing through libraries.

This year's winner, **JAMES RANSOM**, follows the long tradition of service above and beyond the call to the Towson Library. Congratulations and thank you for a job well done.

Jim will be presented with a certificate of appreciation, signed by the Director of BCPL and the President of the Friends', and a cheque for \$100. In addition, his name will be added to the Marianne Westcott Award plaque.

Charles Cottrell

FRIENDS OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY CELEBRATE THEIR 70TH

Back in early 1939, under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Towson, an organization was formed to provide permanent support for the fledgling and rapidly growing Towson Library. The Library had outgrown its original space in the back room of Odd Fellows Hall, where it had begun four years earlier with 100 donated books "shelved" in orange crates. And so the Friends of the Towson Library were born, a dedicated body of volunteers who remained influential throughout the next 70 years. After providing service from a bakery, apartment houses and a store, in 1974, the library moved to its present location. To this day members of the Friends have generously supported the library, having recently funded enhancements to the Café, additions to the children's area, and sponsorship of programs for children and adults.

Join the 70th anniversary celebration of the Friends of the Towson Library Saturday, April 18 for a day of nostalgia, historic photos, entertainment, face painting and puppetry, culminating on Sunday, April 19 at 2 PM with a reception of refreshments and music.



70th Anniversary of the Friends of the Towson Library Calendar of Events

Balloon Making with Tom Lilly & Face Painting with Danita Cobbs

Family - children under 6 with adult

Mingle with Sneaks and our Karma Dog partners,
too.

Saturday, April 18 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Magic Pots & Recycled Bottles Puppet Show

Family - children under 6 with adult

Kathleen Jacobs' wacky clean-up lady recycles
discards into a crazy crew of puppets that
perform hilarious tales from around the world

Saturday, April 18 2:00 PM

70th Anniversary Reception

All ages - children under 6 with adult

Join us as we honor the Woman's Club of
Towson

Sunday, April 19 2:00 PM

15th Annual Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale

See details on front page of this newsletter

God in a Cup: The Obsessive Quest for the Perfect Coffee

Adult

Meet author Michael Weissman who writes about
food, families, business and American culture and
Jay Caragay, owner of Towson Library's 'Spro
Café.

Saturday, April 25, 2:00 PM

From Beachhead to Brittany: The 29th Infantry Division at Brest

Local Author Joseph Balkoski discusses his latest
book. Refreshments and book signing included in
the annual meeting of the Friends of the Towson
Library.

Adult

Tuesday, May 5 7:00 PM

ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY

To encourage new membership in FoTL (Friends of the Towson Library) we are offering a lovely canvas tote bag as a sign-on gift for new members who join at or above the \$20 level. You will find that the bag is ideal for carrying your library books and groceries.

This sturdy long handled gusseted bag is 13"x13"x6", off white with a green dragon logo. The artwork is the same dragon motif that will be painted on the faux fish pond outside the library this spring. The wording 'Friends of the Towson Library Since 1939' commemorates the 70th anniversary of our organization.

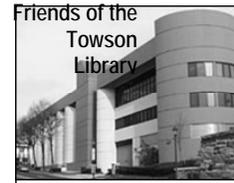
If you are receiving this newsletter you are probably a current or recent member of the FoTL. Current members can purchase this lovely bag for \$10.00. If you would like to purchase a bag please contact Fay Citerone at Fay.Citerone@gmail.com or 410-339-5375.

Fay Citerone



Friends of the Towson Library
Membership Form 2009

Date _____



Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

I/We wish to renew a membership with the Friends of the Towson Library by making a donation of:

- \$10 – Senior or Student
- \$20 – Individual \$30 – Family
- \$50 – Contributor \$100 - Benefactor \$250 - Patron other _____
- For contributions of \$50 or more, please check here if you do not wish to be acknowledged on the library's donor recognition board, prominently displayed at the Library entrance.*
- I/We would like to help with Friends activities (book sale, etc.) Telephone _____*

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Mission:

To increase and improve
the services, facilities
and resources of the
Towson Library.