



FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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15TH ANNUAL FRIENDS' BOOK SALE APRIL 23 THROUGH 26, 2009

The Friends of the Towson Library will sponsor a sale of gently used and nearly new adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, audiocassettes and videocassettes in the Towson Library first floor Wilson and Towson meeting rooms. Proceeds support the Towson Library.



Sale times:

Sale times: First Choice Sale is Thursday, April 23rd from 5:30 to 8 PM. Admission for this evening only is \$10. Members of the Friends of the Towson Library enter at no charge. Friday and Saturday, April 24th and 25th, hours are 9 AM to 5 PM. Sunday, April 26th, hours are 1 PM to 4PM. Except for special priced items, Sunday is bulk pricing day.

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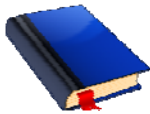
Sunday, April 26th - 1 PM to 4 PM.

*First Choice Sale Night admission \$10,
Members of FTL free.

Dorothy Fraquelli

For more information visit the library or call 410-887-6166.

Donations will be accepted at the Towson Library's Borrower Services Desk through Tuesday, March 31, 2009. A receipt for tax purposes is available. Please, no magazines, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, textbooks or computer books older than 2 years.



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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.

GREETINGS FROM THE TOWSON LIBRARY MANAGER

Save this date! Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 PM, come help us celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Friends of the Towson Library. Current members of the Woman's Club of Towson will be our honored guests. Their influential organization spearheaded the establishment of a library support group in 1939, after years of sponsoring library services in a Towson Odd Fellows Hall, later over a bakery, and then in a storefront location. Their early efforts paved the way for the county funding of today's library, built in 1974. And the giving hasn't ended.

Events commemorating the anniversary will begin mid-April with an ongoing Nostalgia Contest and showcase of Towson '39 photographs, family entertainment all day Saturday April 18, the Friends' 15th Annual Booksale April 23-26 and more. Help us honor the Woman's Club of Towson and You- today's generous Friends of the Towson Library.

Watch for details in the forthcoming March, April, May Calendar of Events and on our website, www.bcpl.info.
Best regards, *Jennifer Haire*



Continuing our profiles of the officers and Board of the Friends of the Towson Library, having profiled the officers last month, we turn this month to two of the committee chairs who are currently the busiest.

Fay Citerone, Family Membership Committee Chair

Raised in Lancaster, PA on a working farm, Fay received her BA from Millersville University in Pennsylvania. She then moved to Baltimore, married Albert Citerone and today has a daughter and a son in college. Fay spent four years as a catalogue librarian for Johns Hopkins University Eisenhower Library and then has worked for the last 28 years as an Information Technology professional. Currently an IT specialist at Black & Decker, she joined the FoTL in 2006 to support the nearby Towson Library. Her work recruiting volunteers and caring for the FoTL outdoor plantings along York Road and in the Reading Garden is described on the front page of the Towson Times issue of 1 October 2008. In addition to her FoTL activities, Fay is President of her Community Association and Treasurer for the Greater Towson Council of Community Associations. When she can find any spare time, she enjoys reading fiction, and is a member of a local Towson book club.



If you would like to help support the effort of building and maintaining our membership, whose dues accounts for about half of the FoTL's total support to the Towson Library, email Fay at: fay.citerone@gmail.com. Fay would also appreciate hearing from any of our current members regarding their friends and neighbors who could be potential members.

Dr. Dorothy Fraquelli, FoTL Booksale Committee Chair

Born in Royal Oak, Michigan, Dr. Fraquelli came to Baltimore in 1984, following her having obtained a B.S. degree from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science and a Ph.D. in Astronomy from the University of Toronto. Married and with a son, she has been a Post-Doctoral Fellow at both Dartmouth College and the U. of Georgia, and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Georgia. Dr. Fraquelli is currently employed by the Computer Sciences Corporation at the Space Telescope Science Institute at Johns Hopkins University as an Archive Scientist.

Having heard that there are certain library users who borrow or remove and then fail to return books to the library in order to take out of circulation books with which they do not agree, Dorothy was drawn to the FoTL to do what she could to maintain the integrity of the library system. Dorothy believes that books are resources that people need to have available in order to form their own opinions and beliefs.



Dr. Fraquelli has been on the board for over ten years and has been the FoTL President, the 1st Vice President, the Newsletter Editor, the M. Wescott Award Chair and the Booksale Chair several times during that period. She is also an active member of the Baltimore Branch of the American Association of University Women, and enjoys hiking, reading, museums and theater.

As current Booksale Chair, she would be greatly cheered to hear from any of our members (or would-be-members) who could help in the tasks of sorting books, spreading the word, and helping run the booksale which will be from Thursday, April 23rd through Sunday, April 26th 2009. You may reach Dorothy by email at fraquelli@verizon.net.

Bob Stephan

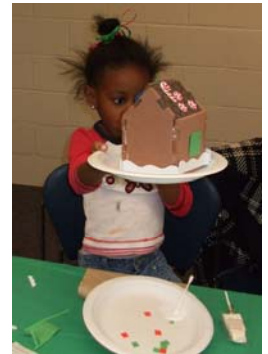
YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE PUT TO VERY GOOD USE!!!

The Friends of the Towson Library has made a significant difference in library upgrades, programs and public perception in the past several years. Listed below are several specific projects which could not have been accomplished without your support.

1. Café area improvements including a flat screen TV, flooring and window shades
2. Professional indoor landscaping and maintenance for over 30 plants inside the library
3. New computer, archival software and documents for the Towson History Room
4. Three new computer workstations for Teen Central on the mezzanine level, and also a new rug and furniture
5. Additions to the Kid's Kingdom, including new booths and shelving; and the addition of interactive "early literacy activity centers", which FoTL helped to support
6. Ongoing learning programs for children and adults
7. Currently supporting the Library as it develops a playable art feature in the Reading Garden to replace the faux fish pond. Stop by to enjoy the garden, newly spruced up by volunteers.
8. Recognition of library volunteers
9. Publish a newsletter three times a year
10. Annual meeting in May with outstanding speakers
11. Sponsor a book sale each spring. More about this year's book sale on page 1 of this newsletter.



CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD HOUSE PROJECT ENCOURAGES FUTURE ARCHITECTS



Friends of the Towson Library
320 York Road
Towson MD 21204

My granddaughters and I want to thank the Friends of the Towson Library for the delightful gingerbread house activity in which we participated on Saturday.

It was the most creative and entertaining child-oriented event of the season.

I know a great deal of planning and imagination was necessary to insure its success and I wanted you to know how greatly we appreciate all your efforts.

Thank you again and best wishes for a happy holiday.

Sincerely,

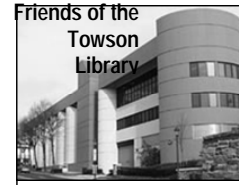
Zelma Holzgang

Letter received by the Towson Library Manager

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Towson MD 21204
December 14, 2008

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