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Ted Venetoulis to Speak at Towson Library in May

Former Baltimore County Executive to discuss his novel

Ted Venetoulis will be the featured speaker at the Towson Friends annual meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Come and hear about his new novel, *Hail to the Cheat*, the story of a First Lady who kicks her philandering husband, the President, out of the White House. The book has been described as an amusing, but not farfetched, tale of American politics, full of twists and turns.

Mr. Venetoulis is Chairman and CEO of *Corridor Media*, a regional business and political news magazine serving the Baltimore-Washington corridor. He is a

recognized expert on the newspaper industry and the leader of efforts to return the *Baltimore Sun* to local ownership. He previously authored *The House Shall Choose*, an account of two elections determined by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The meeting will be held in the Towson Meeting Room on the ground floor of the Towson Library and begins at 7 p.m. with a brief business session to elect our officers and directors for the coming year. Admission is free and open to everyone. Refreshments will be served.

- Arthur Lynch, *Friends of the Towson Library President*

Annual Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale



Bring this coupon to the sale for one FREE fiction book on April 17 or 18.

One per customer. Not valid on specially priced books. Fiction includes mystery, romance, and science fiction.

For sale hours, please see the related article on page 3.

NEWS FROM THE MANAGER OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY

Would you like to get to know the real Lincoln better just following the 200th anniversary of his birth? If so, the Towson Library has a wealth of resources for you. From January 21 through March 5, the library is hosting an exhibition, “**Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation**,” from the American Library Association, along with a number of related programs about Lincoln designed for various ages and interest levels.

“Forever Free,” the centerpiece of our Lincoln programs, is a traveling exhibition that re-examines President Lincoln’s efforts to abolish slavery during the Civil War. Organized by the Huntington Library in San Marino, CA, the exhibit consists of reproductions of rare historical documents from the Huntington’s collections and those of the Gilder Lehrman Institute, and draws on the latest scholarship in the field. The exhibit is made up of six sections of panels running 75 feet in length. Each panel contains reproductions of rare historical documents, period photographs, and illustrative material, such as engravings, lithographs, cartoons, and political ephemera.

Among the topics covered in the exhibit: War for the Union, young Lincoln’s America, the Emancipation Proclamation, the role of black soldiers in the Civil War, the final months of the Civil War, and Lincoln’s life. The exhibit is made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

In addition to the Friends of the Towson Library for helping to sponsor these education programs (see the list to the right), I’d like to thank our partners Goucher College, Towson University, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Stevenson University students, and the Baltimore County Historical Society.

As always, thanking you for your continued generosity.

- *Jennifer C. Haire*

Lincoln Programs at the Library

Thanks to generous support from the Friends of the Towson Library and others, Lincoln experts are bringing this exhibit to life with a variety of programs at the Towson Library, including:

- **Lincoln’s Emancipation: Myth and Realities** – A lecture by Dr. Jean Baker, professor of history at Goucher College, on January 25 at 7 p.m.
- **Presidential Celebration** – Learn about the presidents, enjoy stories and make crafts on February 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- **The Life of a Civil War Soldier** – The Gettysburg National Military Park sponsors a traveling trunk of military clothing, photographs, music, literature, and more from February 9 to February 19.
- **Black Slave Culture** – A lecture by Dr. Lester Brooks, professor of history at Anne Arundel Community College, on February 13 at 2 p.m.
- **The Emancipation Proclamation and the Tactics of Black Liberation in the Americas** – A lecture by Dr. Omar H. Ali from Towson University on February 20 at 3:30 p.m.
- **Let Freedom Ring** – An introduction to the music of the Civil War period, on February 27 at 11 a.m.
- **A Lincoln essay contest for middle and high school students** with \$50 awards for each winner.
- **Sets of Lincoln Logs!**

Books, Books, Books, Books, Books!

Get Ready for the 16th Annual Friends' Book Sale April 15 to April 18, 2010

The storage room is full, the sorting is over, and the set-up is scheduled. We now need buyers to reduce our inventory from approximately 10,000 books to zero. Invite your friends and neighbors to the Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale. Consider coming on several days (as the dealers do) to get the best prices. Remember, all proceeds benefit the Towson Library.

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

As always, the sale will be held in the Wilson and Towson Rooms on the ground floor.

Sale times are as follows:

Thursday, April 15

(first choice sale night admission \$10,
members of FoTL are free)

5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, April 18

(except for specially priced items,
items are sold in bulk this day)

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Our FoTL Meetings; Try This Library Resource

FoTL Board Meetings

Our board meets on the first Tuesday of the month, October to April at 7 p.m. in the Wilson Room on the ground floor of the Towson Library. Our May annual meeting is held at 7 p.m. in the Towson Meeting Room. You are welcome to attend any of these meetings and hear about our plans and activities.

An Online Library Resource

The Baltimore County Public Library website is a great informational resource. Find it @: <http://www.bcpl.info>.

Magazines and newspapers, including the *Baltimore Sun*, may be viewed from home for free with the entry of your BCPL library card number after you click on: "research databases" in the left-hand column of the BCPL website, and then click on "newspapers."



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