



FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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Thanks to Scout Troop 792!

Boy Scout Burkely Hermann, right, and Troop 792 Scoutmaster Jim Pannebecker were among the Scouts who provided the muscle to get our boxes of book sale books onto carts, down the elevator, and into storage. Six scouts from the troop made short work of what would have been a day's work for us. We thank them for their time and help. See more photos on page 3.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe we are about a month away from the 2011 Friends Book Sale. A lot of work goes into preparing for the book sale, including sorting, pricing, and boxing the books. This year brought an added wrinkle: "elevator replacement." For about two months, the library generously allowed us to stack our boxed books in various alcoves on the main floor while we waited on the elevator repairs.

I'm happy to report the elevator is back and the boxes are no longer cluttering the library, thanks to Boy Scout Troop 792 (see caption and photo to the left).

Membership renewal letters were mailed in January. If you have not yet paid your 2011 dues, please do so before the book sale. Fay Citerone, head of our membership committee, reports: We had 161 dues-paying members in 2008, 181 in 2009 and 239 in 2010. Help us break the 300-member mark by recruiting a friend or neighbor. Membership applications are available at the library.

Members who frequent the library on Sundays may have known Barbara Gordon, a long time staffer who passed away on February 5, 2011. She was a part-time Circulation staff member who supervised on very busy Sundays for many years. She also had a rich personal life filled with world travel, friends, orchids, and her Siamese cats. Barbara listed the Friends as one of the organizations she wanted people to donate to in lieu of sending flowers.

The Friends occasionally are praised in public forums. A recent *Towson Times* article on the

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FROM THE MANAGER OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY

Happy New Year Friends!

Last year we learned that a state-funded grant program would provide money for upgrades at the Towson Library. As a result, in late February, we will begin to replace dated shelving units throughout the library with new, more flexible shelving. Energy-efficient pendant lighting will be installed, and two 100-square foot glass-enclosed study rooms will be constructed adjacent to the Quiet Study area. Our local small business community indicated a need for small private meeting spaces in Towson. They will be free of charge.

During this 6-week-long project, most library materials and services will be available as usual. Access to all new materials will continue. Collections that will be temporarily boxed and unavailable will be older fiction, mysteries, talking book CDs, large type books, and microfilm. We expect to reshelve these materials by the end of March.

In April, shelving will be replaced in the Children's and Young Adult areas. These collections will not be boxed, but will be available on carts and reshelved as new shelving is installed. We look forward to serving you before, during, and after this retooling project.

Jennifer Haire
Towson Library Manager



**Valid for 1 free
fiction* book on
Friday, April 15
or Saturday,
April 16, 2011.**

17th Annual Friend's Book Sale

Not valid on special price books.

One per customer.

***Fiction includes Mystery, Romance and Science Fiction**

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Loch Raven mini-library contained the following quotes from Towson Branch Manager Jennifer Haire:

"Their annual donations of thousands of dollars have allowed the library to make major improvements in its appearance. They are without a doubt a great resource for us. Through the Friends, we've been able to supplement our programs, equipment and furniture. And they are great ambassadors for the library."

On that note I'll close. Help us have a successful 2011 book sale by telling your friends and neighbors about the sale, which is April 14 through April 17 on the ground floor meeting rooms at the library.

Dorothy Fraquelli
Friends of the Towson Library President

Putting your membership dollars to work

Here are some of the ways the Friends of the Towson Library put your hard-earned money to work:

- Three computer workstations for Teen Central on the mezzanine level, a new rug, and furniture nearby
- Archival software and documents for the Towson History Room
- Additions to the Kid's Kingdom, including booths and shelving, and interactive early literacy activities
- The dragon ground mural in the Reading Garden. This is a colorful addition to a lovely garden with additional seating in this area paid for by the Friends.
- Café area improvements including a flat-screen TV, flooring, and window shades
- Professional indoor landscaping and maintenance for more than 30 plants inside the library
- An annual meeting in May with outstanding speakers



Scout Troop 792 lends a hand

At top, Boy Scout James Kreitman and Troop 792 Scoutmaster Jim Pannebecker move carts of boxes filled with books for the Friends annual book sale. Above, on February 9, Scoutmaster Pannebecker, Tyler Graves, and Ross Pannebecker create a train of carts crossing the library's bridge as they haul books to the ground floor. Scout Elias Page also helped.

See you at the Friends' Annual book sale April 14 - 17

Take advantage of your membership of the Friends of the Towson Library to attend the "First Choice Sale" on Thursday, April 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. This gives you the opportunity to shop for the first-choice selections, while non-members must pay \$10 admission. But don't worry, if you miss opening night, there will still be thousands of books, children's books, CDs (books & music), DVDs and video cassettes available through the weekend. All proceeds benefit the Towson Library.

Sale hours:

Thursday, April 14	5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday, April 15 & Saturday, April 16	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, April 17	1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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