



# FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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## President's Letter

Each January we ask our faithful supporters to renew their membership. This year we sent the renewal notices first via email. This saves us money on postage and printing. We will follow-up with a hard copy renewal letter. Please remember that your generous support allows the Towson Library to remain one of the best in the system and provides continued funding for special programming and materials that the Towson branch would not otherwise be able to provide.

Next time you return books to the outside 'book drop' you may notice the new bike rack located under cover, out of the rain. This was installed in late Fall 2012. Patrons needed a bike rack that was out of the rain. Now they have it, paid for with funds from the Friends. This will complement the new bike route planned for the Towson area.

In the spring of 2012 the Towson Times ran an article about the 2012 Summer Sneaks Reading Program. It featured a colorful photo of the 'Sneaks Quilt'. This quilt was constructed by JoAnn Stelmack using 20 Sneaks T-shirts. The quilt was commissioned by the Friends of the Towson Library and hangs near the children's area.

We are delighted to have engaged a very interesting speaker for Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Peter Beilenson co-authored the book, Tapping into the Wire. This book explores public health issues and how they relate to Baltimore's urban poor, as depicted in the popular HBO series 'The Wire'.

Hope to see you at the Book Sale in April and for Peter Beilenson's talk in May.

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Fay Citerone, president, Friends of the Towson Library

*'Sneaku' is the name of the cat who serves as the rallying character in the library's Summer Reading Program for children... ed..*



## Manager's Letter

*Digital Magazines: Zinio, the latest thing in downloadable reading!*

Greetings, Friends of the Towson Library and a happy new year to all!

We have two new exciting developments in the services that Baltimore County Public Library offers in the way of magazine access. The first is a collection of downloadable magazines from the vendor, Zinio. You can view and download issues of any one of 108 digital magazine titles currently in the BCPL catalog to your mobile device, tablet or computer. It's very simple to sign up for a Zinio account, and then you can move easily between BCPL's site and Zinio's to find current issues of your favorite magazine. There's no wait—as many people as want to download the issue may do so, and your issue never has to be returned! The service is entirely free. Once you sign in and download the app on your device, you will

always have access to BCPL's digital magazines on any format you choose.

There is also a new way to locate print copies of magazines in branches. In the BCPL catalog, you can now see exactly what magazines are available. The catalog now shows specific titles and which locations have those titles on the shelf. Also, when you check the magazine out, you will see the specific issue listed, so you'll know exactly what's in your account.

For more information about these two new services, please give us a call or stop by the branch and we'd be happy to tell you more.

Yours in happy reading,

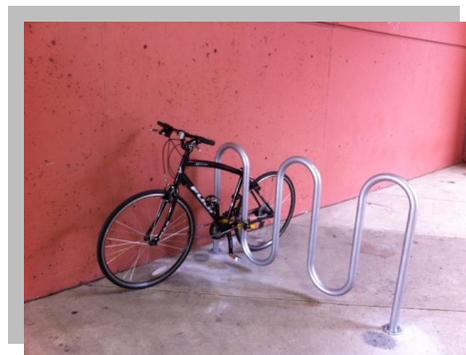
*Lisa*

Lisa Hughes, Library Manager,  
Towson Branch, BCPL

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### New Bike Rack ... Under Cover!

A portion of the money raised by the Friends of the Towson Library was recently used to purchase and install a new bike rack. It is out of the weather, under the archway on the ground floor level, near the outside Book drop-off.



### New Library Signs in the Parking Garage



In the summer of 2012 the Baltimore County Revenue Authority installed two large blue signs clearly marking the entrance to the library from the 3rd level of the parking garage. The library and the Friends of the Towson Library have asked for improved signage in this area and the wish has finally come true. Thank You Revenue Authority.

### A message from Hannah Pickworth:

I know you are loving your new 2013 desk, wall or virtual calendar – you know, the one with the dogs, Caribbean getaways or muscle cars, and your New Year’s resolution is to stay organized and on top of all the exciting events at the library! So get your virtual or real red pen ready and go to Tuesday evening, May 7th, and remind yourself of our Friends of the Towson Library annual membership meeting. Our guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Peter Beilenson, author of the book, *Tapping Into the Wire: the real urban crisis*.

The Amazon.com review says " ..... delivers a compelling, highly readable examination of urban policy and public health issues affecting cities across the nation."

Dr. Beilenson was Baltimore City Health Commissioner for 13 years and most recently Howard County Health Officer for the past 5 1/2 years. He is presently the CEO of The Evergreen Health Co-operative.

Dr. Beilenson’s presentation will be followed by a short question and answer period. His book will be available for purchase and signing.

Hope to see you at the next Board meeting! *Hannah*

### The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Sale is almost here!

Mark your calendar for First Choice night, Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 5:30-8:00 pm. If you are a current member of the Friends of the Towson Library, there is no charge for you; everyone else will pay \$10.00. The other days of the sale (Friday, April 12, 2013 and Saturday, April 13, 2013 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Sunday, April 14, 2013 1:00-4:00 pm) are free for everyone.

We have an extensive selection of gently used fiction and non-fiction books, children’s books, DVDs and CDs (books and music). Prices are reduced each day and most items are \$2.00 a foot by Sunday. All proceeds benefit the Towson Library.

We have been working since last June, 2012, collecting, sorting, boxing and storing books. If you would like to volunteer for set up night (Wednesday, April 10, 2013) or anytime during the sale, please email Nora Kotula ([norak205@verizon.net](mailto:norak205@verizon.net)) and give your name and phone number, and someone will contact you.

Please bring the coupon that appears here for a free fiction book. See you at the Book Sale! *Cut out and use as a bookmark to remind yourself of the sale* ⇨

Donations of nearly new or gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and videos are needed through March 2013. Please bring to the Accounts desk on the main floor of the library...and ask the librarian for a tax receipt ( if you plan to take a charitable tax deduction).

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**BOOK SALE**  
APRIL 11-14, 2013  
GENTLY USED BOOKS  
ALL SUBJECTS  
LOTS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS  
**FIRST CHOICE SALE**  
Thursday, April 11  
5:30-8pm  
Admission \$10  
Free to Members  
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Saturday, April 13  
9am-5pm  
Sunday, April 14  
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**19<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends' Book Sale**

Not Valid on Special Price Books.  
One per Customer.

\*Fiction includes Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction and Children's



**Special Donations to the Friends of the Towson Library**

A donation was made in the memory of Robert Blair by Pamela Zgorski.

Numerous donations were made to honor the retirement of Jennifer Haire, past manager of the Towson Library.

