



FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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Pat Fraher is Honored

Pat Fraher, *Friends* board member and former president, was recently inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for her extraordinary volunteer service. She was presented one of five GERI awards, the highest level of recognition.

Pat is the second longest-serving volunteer with the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program where she started in 2006. She is a trainer for the STARR program which trains individuals in advocacy in problem solving. Pat also volunteers with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Baltimore County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, the Baltimore County Department of Aging, the Cylburn Arboretum Demonstration Vegetable Garden – and still finds time to serve on the board of the *Friends of the Towson Library*, where she has co-chaired the annual book sale. She sorts books, boxes them and moves them to the storage area on an almost weekly basis. In addition, Pat designed the t-shirts we wear at the sale and other library events, and manages the volunteer worker schedule for the book sale.



Congratulations, Pat, and THANK YOU. *Nora Kotula*

President's Letter

I know I'm always looking for good reading recommendations. In this newsletter you will find two sources of 'good reads'. One is the list of books that board members of the Friends are reading and the other is the "BOOK LOVERS Page-A-Day CALENDAR for 2014" at a reduced price of \$5.00. To order a calendar, please follow instructions in this newsletter.

2014 will mark the 40th year for Towson Library at its present location and the *Friends of the Towson Library* will have been in existence for 75 years. It is also the 20th year for our primary fund raiser, the Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale, April 10th to 13th, 2014.

The War of 1812 is on the minds of many here in Maryland as we near the 200th anniversary of the end of that conflict. We are delighted to have chosen our speaker for the *Friends of the Towson Library* Annual Meeting to be held Tuesday May 6th 2014. Burt Kummerow, the President of the Maryland Historical Society, will talk about his highly acclaimed book, **In Full Glory Reflected: Discovering the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake**.

Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and come prepared for a fascinating talk.

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Manager's Letter

Turning Pages for Family Literacy

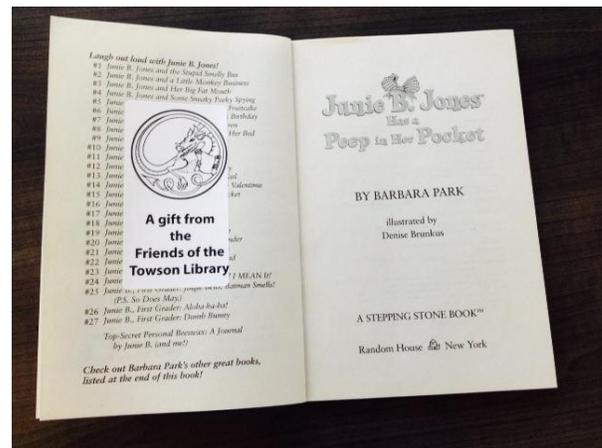
Hello, dear *Friends of the Towson Library*.

In our efforts to increase awareness in the community of the services available from the Towson Library, we have partnered with the non-profit organization, Turning Pages. The organization serves incarcerated parents, their spouses and children, and the children's caregivers. Their mission is to promote family reunification and improved literacy skills for the whole family by providing parents and their children the opportunity to bond through reading. The incarcerated parents are inmates at the Baltimore County Detention Center.

With the assistance of teachers and librarians, information is shared with male participants during a series of Fathers' Workshops about the importance of reading to children and tips for reading aloud. Together, the children and fathers select a book to read during four Family Reading Club evenings on alternating weeks. A follow-up literacy-craft allows the children and dads to enjoy an additional activity and reinforce what they've read together. The children keep each book they've read with their dad. Turning Pages also provides additional books in their "Choose Your Own" library, so that each child has several books to read after their participation in the program is completed.

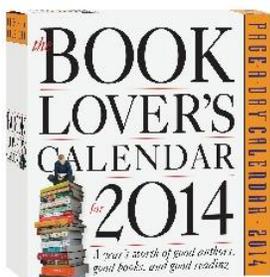
Through the generosity of the *Friends of the Towson Library*, we've been able to

supplement the "Choose Your Own" library, so that a wide variety of titles, reading levels, and interests are available from which the children may select books. The Board of the *Friends of the Towson Library* voted at the November 2013 meeting to allow the Towson staff to divert a small supply of the books donated for the FOTL annual booksale to this very worthy effort. Each book receives a bookplate with the *Friends of the Towson Library* logo, marking it as "A gift from the Friends of the Towson Library".



It is our hope that these children will visit a branch of the Baltimore County Public Library with the parents or caregivers, and remember that they selected their very own book to keep and enjoy, given by the *Friends of the Towson Library*. Wishing you all a happy, healthy 2014 and many hours of reading enjoyment,

Lisa Hughes, Manager, Towson Library



Purchase this lovely Book Lover's Page-A-Day Calendar for 2014 for only \$5.00 each.

It includes the latest literary fiction discoveries, offbeat nonfiction finds such as *Soldier Dogs: The Untold Story of America's Canine Heroes*, classics to reread, fascinating biographies, and meaty historical reads, including *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*.

These sell in the stores for \$12.99 plus. We will make arrangements for you to pick up your calendars at the library.

Send your check made out to 'Friends of the Towson Library'. Put Calendar in the memo and mail to:

Friends of the Towson Library, 320 York Rd, Towson, MD 21204-5121

Friends Board Reading List

At the first Board Meeting of 2013-2014, the members shared the most recent books we have read. We hope that some of these may appeal to you as well.

Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption is a 2010 non-fiction book by Laura Hillenbrand. *Unbroken* is a biography of World War II hero Louis Zamperini, a former Olympic track star who survived a plane crash in the Pacific theater, spent 47 days drifting on a raft and then more than two and a half years as a prisoner of war in brutal Japanese internment camps.

The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl is an American history book written by *New York Times* journalist Timothy Egan. It describes the problems of people who lived through The Great Depression's Dust Bowl.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, by Rachel Joyce. Janet Maslin of *The New York Times* says “*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* is not just a book about lost love. It is about all the wonderful everyday things Harold discovers through the mere process of putting one foot in front of the other.”

The Bean Trees, A novel first published in 1988, is the first book written by Barbara Kingsolver

Still Alice a novel about a 50-year-old woman's sudden descent into early onset Alzheimer's disease, is written by first-time author Lisa Genova, who holds a Ph. D in neuroscience from Harvard University.

The Son by Philipp Meyer is an epic of the American West and a multigenerational saga of power, blood, land, and oil that follows the rise of one unforgettable Texas family - from the Comanche raids of the 1800s to the to the oil booms of the 20th century.

Mother, Mother, a novel by Koren Zailckas, is the terrifying and page-turning story of a mother's love gone too far, and the introduction of a commanding new voice in fiction.

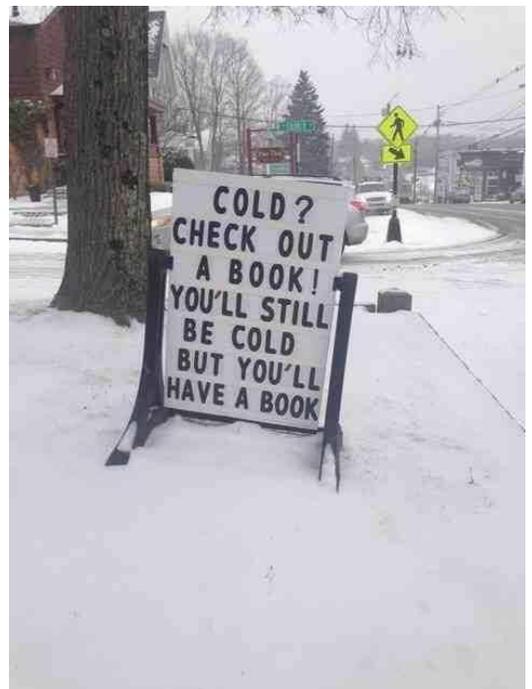
Me Before You, by Jojo Moyes, a love story for this generation, brings to life two people who couldn't have less in common It is a heartbreakingly romantic novel that asks, *What do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?*

Beautiful Ruins, a novel by Jess Walter, is the story of an almost-love affair that begins on the Italian coast in 1962...and is rekindled in Hollywood fifty years later.

Photo courtesy of Judy Gregory →

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read...Groucho Marx

Donations of nearly new or gently used books, DVDs, and CDs are needed through March 2014 for the book sale. 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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FoTL Mission: To increase and improve the services, facilities, and resources of the Towson Library.

The 20th Annual Book Sale is almost here!

Mark your calendar for First Choice night, Thursday, April 10, 2014 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 11, 2014 and Saturday, April 12, 2014, 9:00 am-5:00 pm and Sunday, April 14, 2014, 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, 2013, collecting, sorting, boxing and storing books. If you would like to volunteer for set up night (Wednesday, April 9, 2014) or anytime during the sale, please email Nora Kotula (norak205@verizon.net) and give your name and phone number, and someone will contact you.

FRIENDS OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY
20th BOOK SALE
APRIL 10-13, 2014

GENTLY USED BOOKS
ALL SUBJECTS
LOTS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

FIRST CHOICE SALE
Thursday, April 10
5:30-8pm
Admission \$10
Free to Members
Friday, April 11
Saturday, April 12
9am-5pm
Sunday, April 13
1-4pm
Bulk pricing
STILL \$2/foot
ONLY CASH & CHECKS ACCEPTED

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Coupon

Valid for 1 free fiction* book on Friday, Apr 11th or Saturday, Apr 12th, 2014.

20th Annual Friends' Book Sale
Not Valid on Special Price Books.
One per Customer.
*Fiction includes Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction and Children's

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