



FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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President's Letter

Greetings Friends!

Summer is fast approaching and the Friends of The Towson Library Board members take a well-deserved break. We encourage you to visit our kiosk display in the library near the check-out area. It is routinely updated with photos and information about the Friends of The Towson Library, including the many activities we sponsor throughout the year. The 40th Birthday Celebration, currently featured, was a recent Friends of the Towson Library sponsored activity.

We had a most successful 2014 Book Sale. We were all delighted with the funds raised for the library and it was nice to see the large number of families who shopped this year, our 20th Book Sale! Please continue to bring book donations throughout the year from June 1 to March 31 for next year's sale.

At our May 6th annual meeting, we elected officers for the new year and welcomed a new Board Member, Margaret Cook.

All who attended our annual meeting were treated to a delightful and intriguing talk by Burton Kummerow, the President and CEO of the Maryland Historical Society. Burt shared photos and information from his book *In Full Glory Reflected, Discovering the War of*

1812 in the Chesapeake. Mr. Kummerow also gave us an overview of current displays at the Maryland Historical Society pertaining to the War of 1812 as well as the numerous activities which will be held as a part of the Star Spangled Sailabration to commemorate September 12, 1814, and the War of 1812, considered by many to be the second war of independence.

The Friends of the Towson Library have enjoyed working with Jim Fish, Director of the Baltimore County Public Library, of which Towson is a branch, who will be retiring in the next few months. Jim has always been supportive of the many Friends of the Library groups in Baltimore County and at our annual meeting we elected him an honorary Lifetime Member of the Friends of the Towson Library! The newly chosen Director, Paula Miller, will be assuming her post sometime in mid-summer and we look forward to working with her.

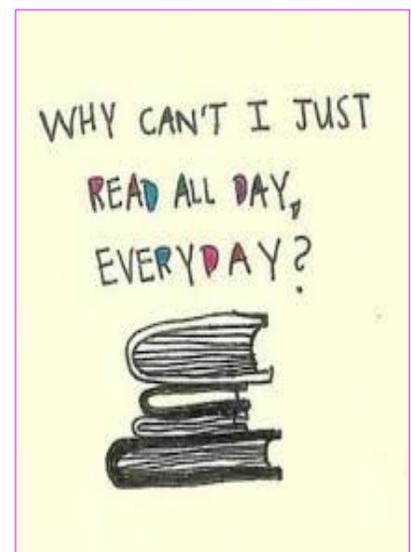
Change is also occurring on the Board as this edition of our Newsletter is the last that will be edited by our current Newsletter editor, Lee Starkey. Lee, who is resigning from the Board, has done an out-

standing job as editor for the past three years and he will be greatly missed.

The first meeting in our 2014-2015 year will be on October 7 at 7:00 pm in the Wilson Room of the Towson Library! Please note that this is a correction of the date printed in the Spring edition of the newsletter. Mark your calendar now so the date won't slip by you when Fall comes.

We wish you a safe and relaxing summer, and the time to read many books of your choosing!

Mary-Lou Stenchly, president,
Friends of the Towson Library



Nora Kotula's Report on the 2014 Book Sale

Recipe for Successful 20th Annual Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale

Sort, box, price and store books into 38 categories for 164 hours. We needed 9 diligent volunteers for 11 months and had 571 boxes of books ready to sell.

Advertise, using library Datelines, bookmarks, posters, emails, websites, neighborhood associations and our Friends newsletters, newspapers and "word of mouth." We needed approximately 20 hours for this job.

Hold 4 meetings of the Book Sale committee that included 12 Friends to plan, organize and problem solve. This required approximately 10 hours.

Gather 47 volunteers for "set-up night" to work for 2-4 hours setting up tables, moving chairs, putting up signs, and unpacking boxes. Remember to provide pizza and drinks for these wonderful helpers! They deserve it! This will require 140 total hours.

Welcome the Friends and Patrons to the four day sale (total 21.5 hours).

When this was completed, we raised a total of almost \$15,000. After taxes and expenses, we will be able to contribute approximately \$14,000 to the Towson Library!

Special Gratitude for helping make the Book Sale Successful

Thank you to Strapazza, 12 Allegheny Avenue, for providing the delicious pizzas at reduced prices for Set-Up Night. The Friends of the Towson Library appreciates your support.

Thank you to Art Fraquelli for your hard work all year helping empty carts, storing boxes and keeping the closet neat.

A very special thank you to Ken, the volunteer who let us know when carts needed to go down and provided conversation while we sorted. We will miss you and wish you the best!

Thank you to Amelia Citerone for always thinking "outside the box" and helping us be more efficient (and to your father for picking up and delivering the Pizzas).

Thank you to all the hard-working, book-loving volunteers on set-up night who make the two rooms ready for the sale.

Thank you to Anita for scheduling your trip to America so you could help (again!).

A very sincere THANK YOU to our Friends and patrons at the sale for your support year after year!

... And a very special thank you to you, Nora, for your leadership in making the book sale a huge success, again! ...The Board



Reasons Why I Like the Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale.

We had a raffle for a book written and autographed by Cal Ripken. We asked our patrons why they like our sale. Kathy Ryan gave the first answer and was the happy winner. Congratulations to Kathy!

Here are the top 20 responses for the 20th Annual Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale:

1. Great Selection, Great sliding scale of prices. Friendly workers. I love this sale.
2. My children enjoy the variety and I enjoy the prices. My sons also like the nice people who volunteer.
3. I always find unusual and hard-to-locate non-fiction items at your book sale. I love it!
4. I was looking for specific authors and everyone was so helpful, trying to find what I was looking for. Books were separated by topic and finding what I needed was very easy. Thank you.
5. Great selection, good prices and service.
6. Great prices, great selection and phenomenal people.
7. Your book sale is a wonderful fundraiser. The volunteers are friendly and helpful. The prices, organization and selection is much better than other book sales.
8. Of course the prices, but also I can find books that may be out of circulation and are hard to find. Also, the diversity of topics.
9. Makes me happy and introduces new authors to enjoy. Thanks,
10. Nice ladies! Always smiling! Wide variety of items! Always great buys! Sunday at 1pm!
11. Wonderful selection of children's books...I needed more books!
12. I was able to get a lot of great children's books for my baby who will be born in 3 weeks! Thank you!!!
13. Addicted to books and love helping the library!
14. Good books for my hobbies and the money goes to a good cause.
15. Great selection of books in excellent condition.
16. Lots of books in good condition for my book store!!
17. I can stock up for the vacation season for a reasonable price, and the best part is that it benefits our wonderful library!
18. I like to go back to older series that I enjoyed and buy the whole series to read over and over.
19. Always find great books and movies I've been looking for for years.
20. Wonderful for community to enjoy books at a fraction of the cost...

Wow... what more can we say? Nora Kotula

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Fan Mail

Dear Friends of Towson Library,

Thank you for all the work you put into the recent book sale. As an English teacher, I am always looking for unique anthologies and workbook exercises, and I found both! I sincerely appreciate your efforts to re-use the printed page. I promise to pass along my purchases to other teachers so that I too pay it forward.

Looking forward to next year,

Keri-Sue Baker

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