

FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY



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IT'S BOOK SALE TIME!

Sale times: *Thursday, April 10th 5:30 PM to 8 PM
Friday and Saturday, April 11th and 12th, 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday, April 13th, 1 PM to 4 PM.

Bring your friends, your family, any elementary schools teachers you know and yourself to the book sale and help the Friends of the Towson Library raise money to support the Towson Library. We will present you with an outstanding selection of gently used and nearly new children's and adult books, CDs, DVDs, audiocassettes and videocassettes. We also have records and the ever popular "old books" section. The sale is held on the ground floor of the Towson Library building, in the Wilson and Towson Rooms.

Sale times: First Choice Sale is Thursday, April 10th from 5:30 to 8 PM. Admission for this evening only is \$10. Members of the Friends of the Towson Library enter at no charge, so now is the best time to join!

Friday and Saturday, April 11th and 12th, the hours are 10 AM to 5 PM.

Sunday, April 13th, hours are 1 PM to 4PM. Except for special priced items, Sunday is bulk pricing day. Special process items are 75% off on Sunday.

**First Choice Sale Night admission \$10, members of FTL free. Remember that FTL membership runs from Book sale to Book sale, and not according to dates. It's time to renew your membership in the Friends!*

Dorothy Fraquelli

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

◆◆◆ HIDDEN TREASURES APPRAISED !! ◆◆◆

Ever wonder what that special treasure might be worth?

Chris Bready, owner of the Baltimore Book Company, will speak on appraising books, autographs, letters, prints and photographs at the May Annual Meeting of the Towson Friends. His quarterly auctions and catalogs have drawn International attention for well over 10 years. He will also provide a limited number of appraisals for those attending the meeting which begins at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in the Towson Meeting Room, located on the first floor of the Towson Library.

The program will be preceded by a brief business meeting of the Friends and is open to everyone. Join us, bring a friend, hear about what we did this year and our plans for 2009 - the Friends 70th anniversary!

Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Arthur Lynch



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TOWSON LIBRARY MANAGER'S LETTER: Did You Know?

Dear Friends of the Towson Library,

This month I want to tell you about two of the newest services we've added recently. Baltimore County public libraries now offer access to two online business/investing resources: *Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage* and *ValueLine*.

The subscriptions we purchased for your use offer full text access to TIMELY information, including S & P's *The Outlook* (accessible from home!) Start at our website www.bcpl.info and select "Research Databases," especially those under "Business and Investing." Buy low, sell high ;)



Best regards,
Jennifer Haire

FRIENDS OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends of the Towson Library,

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends and the Towson Library. Your gifts have funded reading programs and furnishings for the library that otherwise would not have been available.

The Friends have been supporting the Towson Library since 1939. While financial support of the library has always been a big part of what we do, many of our members have also given of their time by serving on the Friends board.

Some (not all) of our board's activities:

- **April Book Sale** – sort and box donated books, CDs, DVDs. Volunteers are always needed during the sale to assist customers and maintain book displays. This is our major fund raising event.
- **Family and business membership** – identify potential donors, prepare fund raising letters, maintain membership lists.
- **Newsletter** - write articles on Friends activities and upcoming events.
- **Hospitality** - prepare and serve refreshments and snacks at the book sale, special events, May annual meeting.
- **70th Anniversary Celebration** – join library staff in planning the recognition of the Friends founding in 1939.

If you are interested in learning more about these activities and board membership, please come to our annual meeting at 7 pm, Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at the Towson Library or emailing us at towsonfriends@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Arthur Lynch
President
Friends of the Towson Library

FRIENDS OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY SLATE OF OFFICERS 2008-2009

President - Arthur Lynch
2nd VP - Eleanor Wilbur
Treasurer - Susan Gillette
Secretary - James Ransom

Continuing Directors:
Dorothy Fraquelli
Daniel Puzio
Rosemary Mukhodpadhyay
Clarence Reisler



NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE MAY 6 ANNUAL MEETING.

Arthur Lynch



THE MARIANNE WESTCOTT AWARD

In 1996, the Board of the Friends' of the Towson Library established the Marianne Westcott Award to recognize the volunteers who, through the gift of their time, help enable services and programs at the library.

Named for long time library volunteer and Friends' Board Member Marianne Westcott, who passed away in 1996, the award is given annually at the Volunteer Luncheon.

Marianne Westcott was born and grew up in Baltimore. She graduated from what is now Towson University with a degree in education. She taught elementary school and was recognized for her love of books and children. Marianne began her volunteer career at the Towson library in 1986. Her organizational skills were highly appreciated as were her attention to detail and cheerful personality.

Candidates are nominated by Towson Library staff based on the following criteria.

- sustained effort
- devotion to the library
- selfless devotion to the ideals of growing through libraries.

After review by a committee of the Friends' Board, the successful nominee's name and nomination materials are presented to and approved by the Board as a whole. At the Volunteer Luncheon, the name of the successful nominee is announced. He or she is presented with a certificate of appreciation, signed by the Director of BCPL and the President of the Friends', and a cheque for \$100. In addition, his/her name is added to the Marianne Westcott Award plaque. This year, the 12th Marianne Westcott Award will be presented on April 30th.

The next time you are in the library after April 30th, look for the Marianne Westcott Award plaque.

Dorothy Fraquelli

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Mission:

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

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Many thanks to everyone who has requested e-delivery of the newsletter. In case you're still on the fence, here are some of the many advantages of email delivery:

- ◆ You will see a **full-color** edition.
- ◆ You'll **be the first to receive your newsletter**, no longer missing important time-sensitive information.
- ◆ You'll **save trees** and eliminate the need for recycling.
- ◆ If everyone received the newsletter by email, the Friends would be able to donate the ~ **\$270 in annual postage fees** to serve our mission - helping the Towson Library.

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