



FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR 2009 BOOKSALE

Preparations for the 15th annual Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale are underway. We are accepting donations of new and gently used books, videos, CDs and DVDs.

Donations may be brought to the Towson Library's Borrower Services Desk.

A receipt for tax purposes is available.

Please, no magazines, encyclopedias, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, textbooks, records or computer books older than 2 years.

Start cleaning out those closets today! Watch here for more news about next year's Book Sale!!!

Dorothy Fraquelli

◆◆◆ TOWSON LIBRARY MANAGER'S LETTER ◆◆◆

Update from the Towson Library:

Election 2008: Returns After Dark- Over 200 people came together to watch these historic returns and hear commentary from Matthew Crenson, professor emeritus at Hopkins. The library floor was a cozy and noisy living room as we enjoyed the suspense along with refreshments contributed by Auntie Anne's Pretzels, BCPL staff, Board members of the Friends of the Towson Library, The Great Cookie, Sam's Club and Souris' Saloon. Over 30 attendees stayed until our 12:30 AM closing-- a first!

Stay tuned- This spring, thanks to funding from the Friends, local artist Sydney Hopkins' dragon artwork, including interactive activities, will replace our weathered faux fishpond in the Reading Garden- just in time to celebrate the Friends' 70th anniversary.

Best regards,

Jennifer Haire, Towson Library Manager



Faux fishpond design created by local artist, Sydney Hopkins

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SEVERAL FRIENDS OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Photos taken by *Ruth Schaefer* of a few of a few of the Friends at the November meeting:

Back row (left to right): Bob Stefan, Dan Puzio, Pat Fraher, Dot Seim, Fay Citerone, Kathy Wetzel

Front row (left to right): Edie Blum, Eve McGovern, Cathy Thornton, Jim Ransom, Susan Gillette, Art Lynch, Jennifer Haire (Towson Library Manager).



President Art Lynch and Secretary Jim Ransom discuss the agenda order at the November meeting

Friends of the Towson Library Board Members July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Officers

President – Arthur Lynch
 2nd Vice President – Eleanor Wilbur
 Secretary – James Ransom
 Treasurer – Susan Gillette

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 Cathy Thornton
 Kathy Wetzel

REMINDERS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Towson Library meets at 7:00PM on the first Tuesday of the month, October through May in the Towson Library.

The Annual Meeting will be held on May 5, 2009 and it is open to the public. Please mark your calendars. We'd love to see YOU there!!!



Art Lynch

We are, with this newsletter, initiating the presentation of brief biographies of our officers and board members, so that you, our contributors, may be confident that your money is being managed and used by wise folks for worthy objectives. With this newsletter we present biographies of the officers.

Art Lynch, President



Art Lynch is currently President of the Friends of the Towson Library and has generously continued in that position for a 2nd term. Art was also President of the FoTL for a two-year period during 2002-2004, and has been active in numerous committees including the Business Membership and Booksale Committee. Born in Baltimore, Art graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, and then received a M.S. in finance from the George Washington University.

At the Equitable Trust Bank, Art rose to be the Bond Portfolio Manager, and then left to join the Maryland State Treasury office, retiring in 2005 after 30 years service, as the Director of Investments for the State Pension Fund. Married in 1961 to his wife Barbara, they have one son and three grandchildren. Art's personal interests are in traveling and reading, particularly in the areas of history and biography with some fiction sprinkled in. Art has also volunteered with church, community organizations and is a member of the Johns Hopkins Club. Art may be emailed at alynchjr@gmail.com.

Susan Gillette, Treasurer



Susan Gillette is currently Treasurer of the FoTL. Born in North Carolina, Susan came to Baltimore in 1977. She received a B.A. from Wake Forest and a JD from Harvard Law School, and has been a legal counsel at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, for over 25 years.

With two grown daughters, Susan's other outside interests are with dogs and dog adoptions. Her reading interests are in the areas of U.S. History and British mystery which she even listens to as audio books when on long car trips. She says she, her husband and daughters liked and used the Towson Library so much that she volunteered for the FoTL and has been an active member of the Booksale Committee. Susan can be emailed at: susanillette@verizon.net.

Jim Ransom, Secretary



Jim Ransom is currently Secretary of the FoTL. Born in New Jersey, Jim came to Baltimore after college and joined the Engineering department of the Bendix Radio Division of the Bendix Corporation located on E. Joppa Road as an electronics hardware and system design engineer. Formerly married, he has one son. With the FoTL for ten years, Jim works with the Booksale Committee and has been active at the Towson Library with the Legacy Web Project and various other library activities. Jim's many other interests include cryptography. Jim can be emailed at: jransom2@comcast.net

Eleanor Wilbur, Vice-President

Eleanor Wilbur, currently a Vice-President of the FoTL, was born in Baltimore and received a B.S. in education from Towson State University, followed by a M.S. in Computer Science and in Computer Engineering. Originally working with computers at McCormick Co. in Baltimore, Eleanor has been with the Lucent Company (formerly the AT&T Bell Laboratories) for the past eleven years.

Eleanor's other interests include bicycling, swimming and when she is tired from those athletic endeavors, bird-watching. Her reading interests include biographies, especially of scientific and mathematical achievers. Eleanor joined the FoTL in 1985, making this her 23rd year with the Friends. Eleanor can be emailed at: wilbure@att.net

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Mission:

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

LOCAL BUSINESSES MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

The Friends are extremely grateful to our local
business members. Listed below are the
contributions from Towson businesses as of
November 4, 2008:



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