
WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Friends,

Wow! Libraries are busier than ever. Baltimore County Public Library Director Paula Miller continues to expand and improve library services and make them relevant to the communities they serve. The Towson Branch continues to expand its services as part of this initiative.

In support of the Towson Branch, the Friends of the Towson Library have committed to fund significant improvements to the children's area. Library staff will design exciting learning areas featuring new resources and equipment. More children will be served with up-to-date books, technology, and other learning tools. This funding is possible because of you, our members, and your support of our annual Book Sale.



The Towson Branch kicked off the fall season with a wonderful after-hours Jazz Night. The jazz quartet, part of the Carl Grubbs Ensemble, offered an entertaining mix of jazz standards and their own compositions. We made new Friends that evening and are already planning to expand next year's event.

Did you know that the Friends of the Towson Library have served the community continuously for nearly 80 years? Members work tirelessly to raise funds and awareness for library services year round. The annual Book Sale is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Your support through membership, donations of books to the sale, and attendance at the book sale is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming months at the library. As always, thank you for being a friend.

With Appreciation,
Helen Moeller
President

MEMBERS HAVE FIRST CHOICE AT THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE SAVE THE DATES: APRIL 19—APRIL 22

Book lovers take note. Mark your calendars now for the annual Book Sale at the Towson Branch Thursday, April 19 through Sunday, April 22, 2018. Members of the Friends of the

Towson Library will have first access and **free entry** to the entire collection of books for sale on opening night of the Book Sale. Non-members can attend opening night for a \$10 entry fee. The Book Sale is free on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and open to the public.

We Want Your Books

The Book Sale relies on your gifts of clean, gently used books. If holiday cleaning or space constraints are forcing you to pare down your book collection, think of the Friends. Your donations will be appreciated, and your books will find new homes. Simplify your life, and help the Towson Branch at the same time.

\$25 Worth of Free Books Could Be Yours

Here's a deal that you can't refuse. Recruit three new members to the FOTL, and choose \$25 of books, free of charge, at the annual Book Sale. Bring your friends and family on board, and build your book collection this spring. Join now at www.towsonfriends.org

FRIENDS OF THE TOWSON LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

April 19-22, 2018

GENTLY USED BOOKS

ALL SUBJECTS

LOTS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

First Choice Sale

Thursday, April 19th
5:30pm-8:00pm
Admission: \$10
Free to Members

Friday & Saturday
Friday, April 20
Saturday, April 21
9am-5pm

Sunday
Sunday, April 22
1pm-4pm
Bulk Pricing: \$4 / foot

320 York Rd.
Towson, Maryland
First Floor

FRIENDS-SPONSORED EVENTS ATTRACT YOUNG AND OLD

The calendar is quickly filling for spring. BCPL has many plans in the works, and we have some awesome FOTL-sponsored events in the works, including family/all ages board game nights, author visits (stay tuned for more information on these exciting visits) and an all-day Renaissance Fair.

What Are You Doing New Year's?

Visit the library on New Year's Eve and celebrate with the Friend-sponsored Noon Year's Eve Party, starting at 11 a.m. Count down to noon at this rockin' child-friendly version of New Year's Eve featuring dancing, refreshments, crafts and plenty of fun for all.



THE NEW AGE OF LIBRARIES

Thinking public libraries are just books or will not have anything of interest to you? Think again. Experience the Towson Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library, which is expanding dramatically by adding many new services and broadening access to new ways of learning, reading, viewing, and more. The best part: It is all free. These are exciting times to be involved with the library, and library staff are available to assist you.

Test the New Services

- **Kanopy:** Stream movies, documentaries, and more in this vast array of free content.
- **E-book Readers:** Access a variety of titles with pre-loaded e-book readers that you can borrow.
- **Playaway Launchpads:** Borrow pre-loaded tablets with high-quality learning apps for children.
- **Chromebooks:** Use Notebook computers in the library, or check them out and take them home.
- **Passport Services:** Update your passport or complete the paperwork for your first passport on site at the Towson branch.
- **Book Club Kits and Book Clubs:** Share your love of books and reading with fellow library patrons. Choose from the book club of interest to you.



GIVE A GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

Have you ever wondered what the Friends do? We support the library in several ways: Our focus and mission are to raise funds for the Towson Branch and to promote the library's programs and activities. Friends' contributions are used to increase library programming, purchase books and other materials, add equipment and supplies, and provide other support as needed. The Friends enhance the library experience for every visitor.

If you are searching for a unique gift for a special someone who already has everything, consider the gift of friendship. This unique gift offers free entrance to the first night of the Book Sale and gives back to the entire community at the same time. To become a member, visit www.towsonfriends.org.

ALL BCPS STUDENTS NOW HAVE LIBRARY ACCESS

Effective immediately, all Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) students have access to Baltimore County Public Library resources via its website. This initiative, the result of Baltimore County Public Library and BCPS' shared goal of providing all students unfettered access to public library resources, removes any barriers – including late fees – that students and families may have faced in the past.

Through their Student Accounts, all Baltimore County Public Schools students are now able to borrow up to five print or audio books at one time and have access to all Baltimore County Public Library's online resources. Students who visit any of the library's 19 Baltimore County locations may check out materials by scanning a BCPS One card or through their student identification numbers. Visit the Baltimore County Public Library's website www.bcpl.info/kids-teens-parents-teachers/student-accounts for more information.

“Libraries should always serve as equalizers in opportunities for knowledge and success,” said Baltimore County Public Library Director Paula Miller, “so making our libraries as accessible as possible for people of all ages is a high priority.”



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