



FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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President's Report

We have a very successful 2013 Book Sale behind us, our major fundraiser for the year.

When the sale is over there are always books remaining. As in past years, we donated the remainder of the books to 'The Book Thing' (<http://www.bookthing.org/>). This is an organization in Baltimore City that puts books in the hands of people who want them free of charge.

With the bulk of the activity of the Friends of the Towson Library taking place from October to May, our board takes a well-deserved break over the summer, but please keep those book donations to the book sale coming. We accept book donations from May to March. We've already packed boxes of books away for next year's sale.



On Tuesday May 7th 2013 we held our annual meeting in the Towson Room. We had a great turnout for our speaker, Dr. Peter Beilenson, who gave an excellent, thought-provoking talk about the challenges facing healthcare in the urban setting and the effects of public policy on inner-city poverty, drugs and related drug violence. Learn more about his Evergreen Healthcare Cooperative at www.evergreenmd.org.

Mark your calendar now for next year's book sale, **April 10, 11, 12 and 13th, 2014.**

Fay Citerone, president, Friends of the Towson Library

One of the best parts of working at the book sale is seeing what books people buy and asking them how they happened to choose the books they bought. Several schools and school libraries are the lucky recipients of our book sale patrons who came to the sale specifically to buy for a school library. I rang up books going to Govans, Mt. Royal, and Charles Carroll Barrister. These patrons knew how to pick some really great books for the students!! I'm sure other people also bought for school libraries and classrooms. A big round of applause goes to people who bought for a school, day care or library!! Book angels are smiling down on you! *Hannah Pickworth*

Friends of the Towson Library welcomes the following new Board members:

Carole McDade
Helen Moeller

Officers elected for 2013-2014:

President – Fay Citerone
1st Vice Pres – Mary-Lou Stenchly
2nd Vice-President – Nancy Grund
Secretary – James Ransom
Treasurer – Susan Gillette

Hannah Pickworth's Introduction of Dr. Peter Beilenson, our annual meeting speaker:

“Peter Beilenson grew up in Los Angeles, CA, attended Harvard undergraduate, received his MD degree from Emory (Atlanta, GA) and a Masters from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health (Bloomberg School).

“He served as the Health Commissioner of Baltimore under Kurt Schmoke and Martin O'Malley - (he mentions in the books their different approach to health care) and then as Health Officer for Howard County.

“He was named an Utne Reader Visionary for 2011. Visionaries are selected not just for their ideas but their being able to implement their ideas. The idea he is implementing is the Evergreen Project to provide excellent health care at an affordable price and not having to run around to any number of doctors/places to receive health care. He is the CEO of Evergreen Health Co-operative.

“He is the author of the book, *Tapping into the Wire: the Real Urban Crisis* which is a road map for exploring the connection between inner-city poverty and drugs and drug- related violence. The book looks at urban policy and public health issues as they affect cities across the country.

“Please welcome our guest Dr. Peter Beilenson.”

The Book Sale Committee's Report

The 19th Annual Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale is history and we are already working on the 20th. This year's sale by the numbers (rounded):

- 250 hours spent sorting, boxing, storing, pricing, advertising, meetings, set up and working the sale itself.
- 17 Friends and other friends who worked on the committee and/or helped, including a spouse and a friend visiting from Paris.
- 50 Friends and friends who worked set up night and during the sale itself.
- 700 boxes of books, CDs, DVDs unpacked for sale.
- \$15, 900 gross income from the sale.
- Bottom line, \$14, 500 to donate to the library after taxes!

Overall, a job well done for a wonderful library!

My co-chair, Pam Bowman and I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's sale such a tremendous success. It takes a lot of work, but it really is such a “team effort” and it is a great way to serve the community and a lot of fun. We especially thank:

- The Towson Chamber of Commerce for displaying our posters throughout the community.
- Jerry's Pizza, located across the street from the library, for delivering pizzas on set-up night at a very reduced price.
- Jim Fish and the Baltimore County Public Library for letting us use the library's tables this year.
- Fay Citerone, President of the Friends of the Towson Library, who worked throughout the year on the bookmarks, advertising, postcards, donations, in addition to sorting, boxing, etc!
- Dorothy Fraquelli, our sorting expert! And her husband Art who helped pack and repack the storage closet throughout the year.
- All our Friends and patrons who supported us by buying those books...we could not do it without you!

We look forward to seeing you all at next year's sale. If you have books to donate, please bring them to the Towson library for our 20th sale.

Have a wonderful summer!

Nora Kotula, Co-chair Book Sale

*Summer Reading Club: Dig into Reading
or
Summer Reading is NOT just for kids!*

Now that you've loaded your bookshelves with all those great bargains you picked up at the Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale, summer is almost here and it's time to dig into reading! When you've just finished a good book, don't you want to tell somebody about it? Well, here's how you can keep a list of all those great books you've read and share your tips with friends—as well as get some good suggestions for a beach read, too! Join the **BCPL 2013 Summer Reading Club for Adults**—yes, adults. There are no meetings or fees, but there are prizes, and of course the joy of sharing a good book.

To sign up, just go online to BCPL's Goodreads page: www.bcpl.info/goodreads. Click the link on the left that reads: BCPL's Goodreads Group, and on the top of the page that opens up will be a box that says "Join Goodreads". Click on that box, and you can register for an account with your name, your email address, and a password that you create. The password must be more than 4 characters.

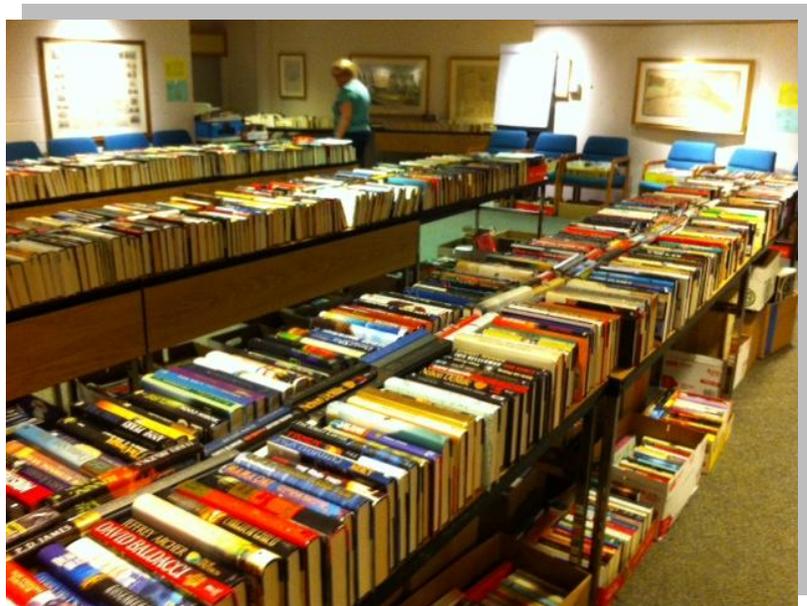
You will then have some choices to make about your account: whether to invite friends to join and taking a "book compatibility" test. You don't have to do either of these steps. When you get to the Welcome page, you can click on "Join a book club" to get to the Groups page. In the box that says "Find groups", type BCPL. Click on the title of the group, and then click the "Join Group" button on the left hand side of the screen. A confirmation page will appear asking how often you'd like to receive group emails. Make your choice and then click "Ask to Join" at the bottom of the page. You will then get a confirmation message and you're all set!

From there, you can list books you've read, give them a 1 to 5 star rating, and write a review if you would like. It's fun to see what others are reading and get tips for books that are similar to ones you've liked. Every time you submit a review, you get entered for a prize, too!

Happy Summer Reading!

Lisa Hughes, Manager, Towson Branch BCPL

Everywhere you look, books,
books, books --- a view of one
room of the book sale!



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**Treasurer's Report
May 7, 2013 Annual Meeting**

FOTL is on track to exceed our budgeted revenue in three categories...family membership, corporate membership, and book sale. At this point in the year, as activity winds down, we are approximately \$2,000 over budget in family memberships and \$800 over budget in corporate memberships. (I had to buy deposit tickets!)

The book sale receipts from four days of sales were \$15,697. Another \$341 of revenue from sale of consigned book brings the annual total from sale of books and materials donated by our Friends to \$16,038.

Our sales tax obligation for this year's sale will be \$888.

This year's book sale revenue is roughly equal to the 2012 book sale revenue. We maintained the level of sales that we reached after an upward trend of several years. We were at \$12,590 three years ago.

We will close the fiscal year on June 30 with approximately \$54,000 in our cash accounts. After meeting commitments of about \$24,500 to the Library for this fiscal year, and paying the sales tax, FOTL will carry forward almost \$30,000 to support library projects.

Susan Gillette, Treasurer