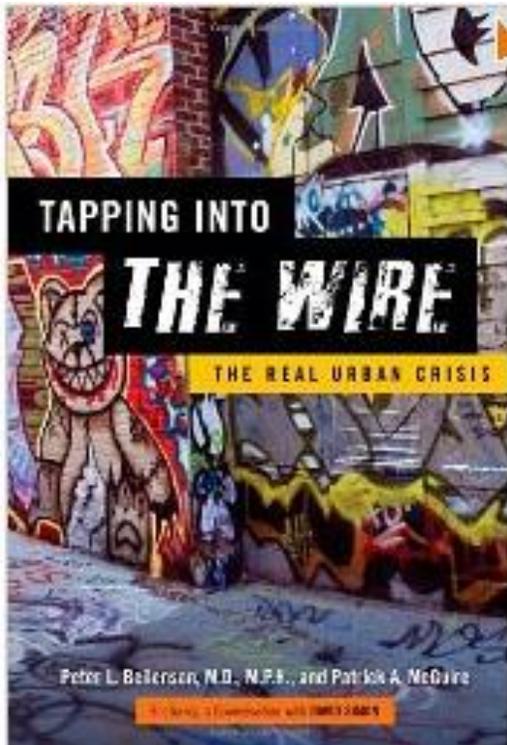




FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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Don't Miss the Friends Annual Meeting On May 7th

Please join us at the Friends of the Towson Library Annual Meeting 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 7th, in the meeting room to hear guest author Dr. Peter Beilenson, former Baltimore City health commissioner and author of *Tapping into 'The Wire': the real urban crisis*. The book examines urban policy and public health issues affecting cities across the nation. The program is free and open to the public. Dr. Beilenson's presentation will be followed by a short Q&A; books will be available for sale and signing. Please plan to attend.

President's Letter

Dear Friends,

Our **19th Annual Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale** is coming soon. We hope to see many of you there **April 11 to April 14th 2013**. Remember First Choice Night, Thursday April 11th, is free to Friends members. All others pay \$10.00 to attend. We will have an updated list of members who have paid their 2013 dues, so you don't need to have your card.

You may have noticed a colorful postcard or bookmark advertising the 2013 Friends Book Sale. We have two people in particular to thank for these postcards. The talented graphic artist **Rachel Ventura** designed the bookmark and matching postcard. **Richard Roebuck** of Roebuck Printing generously donated the printing of the postcards and bookmarks.

Membership renewal request letters were sent in January 2013 and the response has been very encouraging. Our members are very generous. You should be receiving your membership acknowledgment and card in the mail soon. This year we have solicited funds from local businesses and we are very pleased to have their financial support.

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President's letter continued....

On Wednesday March 27th Baltimore County Public Library (BCPL) sponsored a SUPPORTERS meeting where representatives of all the Friends groups from the entire BCPL system gathered to share their experiences. We are the only group that holds a book sale. Many other groups have speakers' series. Jim Fish, the Director of BCPL, told us about the next branch library to open in Owings Mills and shared the challenges of running a library system in tight financial times.

The first Monday of each month a group meets for about an hour to clean-up the Towson Reading Garden. In the fall of 2012, a professional landscaping crew reworked three problem sections of the garden. The goal is to make the garden easier to maintain, prevent erosion and increase the winter interest. It's a lovely spot to read the book you just purchased at the book sale. Check it out.

If you are interested in helping, feel free to join us the first Monday of each month, April-October, 5pm-6pm, to help maintain the Towson library garden. Contact Fay Citerone, fay.citerone@gmail.com or 410 339-5375 for additional information.

As always, thank you for your continued support to the Friends of the Towson Library!

Sincerely, *Fay* Fay Citerone, president, Friends of the Towson Library



The Book Sale Is Almost Here!

Are you ready? It's almost here! We've been working for a year in preparation for the **19th Annual Friends of the Towson Library Book Sale**. First Choice Night is Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Since you are a member there is no charge for you on First Choice Night. All others will pay \$10.00. The sale continues Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13, 2103, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Prices are reduced each day. The last day of the sale is Sunday, April 14, 2013, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Be ready to shop until you drop on Sunday, since almost everything except the Special pricing selection and CDs and DVDs (music and movies) are \$2.00 a foot. We measure your purchases and you will be very pleasantly surprised how many books equal one foot.

It's not too late to volunteer to work for a few hours at the book sale. Email Pam Bowman at pambowman@comcast.net with contact information (phone number) and she will be in touch.

We hope to see you at the Book Sale! *Nora*, Nora Kotula, Chairman Book Sale

Slate of Officers, 2013-2014

The following members of the Board of Friends of the Towson Library will be presented at the Annual Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 7:00 pm, for election for the year, May 2013 through April 2014:

President – Fay Citerone

1st Vice President – Mary-Lou Stenchly

2nd Vice President – Nancy Grund

Secretary – James Ransom

Treasurer – Susan Gillette

Manager's Letter

Greetings, Friends!

A star is born: the long-awaited Owings Mills Branch will make its debut on Thursday, March 21 with an official county ribbon-cutting on March 28. The 19th county library facility is located in the County Campus at Metro Centre in Owings Mills on Grand Central Avenue.

The Owings Mills Branch is the largest library facility at 54,000 square feet, and has an opening day collection of almost 140,000 items. The library shares a six-story building with the Community College of Baltimore County, and occupies the first two stories as public service area, while sharing the third floor for library office space.

There are extensive, brightly-colored, open children's and teen areas, offering computers and program activities. To help meet the needs of the more 1200 students, there are several quiet study areas and almost 60 public computers.

Free parking is available in an adjoining garage, and construction of a second free parking garage on the other side of the building is planned. New retail shopping, restaurants, and multi-family housing are in construction

currently, and will add to the small-town, walkable environment.

Large windows, comfortable seating, and a cafe contribute to the warm, welcoming feel of the branch. Please be sure to visit the newest star in the BCPL universe.

Students from Towson area elementary schools will join us for a celebration of the **2013 Black-Eyed Susan Book Awards**. The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award is a children's choice award for the state of Maryland. Each year since 1992, the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award has been given to authors and/or illustrators of outstanding books chosen for the award by Maryland students. The award seeks to promote literacy and lifelong reading habits by encouraging students to read quality, contemporary literature.

The program will feature guest readers of the nominated books, a craft area where children can decorate a cup and plant their own Black-eyed Susan seed, and refreshments.

We thank the Friends of the Towson Library for their donation of funds to purchase craft supplies and refreshments.

Lisa, Lisa Hughes, Library Manager

We want to thank the following local Towson businesses who have recently donated to the Friends of Towson Library:

Aigburth Manor Association of Towson	Hamilton Bank
American Legion Towson Post 22	Heritage Properties
Azrael, Franz, Schwab & Lipowitz	Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes
Bykota Senior Center	Pollard's Towing Company
Tubman Properties/Dulaney Plaza	

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

Great Reading. . .

. . . Recommended by board members of the Friends of the Towson Library

Fiction

- Cutting for Stone** by Abraham Verghese
- Devil in the White City** by Erik Larson
- The Art of Racing in the Rain** by Garth Stein
- Broken Harbor** by Tana French
- Horse Whisperer** by Nicholas Evans
- Angle of Repose** by Wallace Stegner
- Poisonwood Bible** by Barbara Kingsolver

Non-Fiction

- True Blood:** Eats, Drinks, and Bites from Bon Temps (cook book)
- Young Thurgood:** The Making of a Supreme Court Justice by Larry Gibson
- I Beat the Odds** by Michael Oher (Football Player Michael Oher)
- Destiny of the Republic** by Candice Millard (President James Garfield)
- Team of Rivals** by Doris Kearns Goodwin (Abraham Lincoln)
- Hershey: Milton S. Hershey's Extraordinary Life ...** by Michael D'Antonio
- Unbroken** by Laura Hillenbrand (WWII)



Donations of nearly new or gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and videos are needed for next year's book sale starting May 1st, 2013. Please bring to the Accounts desk on the main floor of the library...and ask the librarian for a tax receipt (if you plan to take a charitable tax deduction).