



# FRIENDS of the TOWSON LIBRARY

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support of the Friends of the Towson Library.

Membership renewal letters were mailed in January. Please continue to support our library by submitting your renewals. Our ability to augment library programs and services is very much dependent on your renewals together with our annual book sale event.

It is very pleasing to report that our membership has grown from 161 members in 2008 to 213 in 2011. Join us in increasing our support to the library by recruiting a friend or neighbor to join. Membership applications are available at the Friends display board which is on the right just beyond the bridge entrance to the library. A membership application can also be obtained or contact information emailed to us by going to [towsonfriends@gmail.com](mailto:towsonfriends@gmail.com).

We are accepting donations for our 18<sup>th</sup> annual book sale scheduled for April 12-15, 2012. Winter is a good time to clear out your bookshelves and “read-cycle” your gently used books. Also, consider volunteering to support the sale for a few hours. Contact Dorothy Fraquelli ([fraquelli@verizon.net](mailto:fraquelli@verizon.net)) or Nora Kotula ([norak205@verizon.net](mailto:norak205@verizon.net)) to be added to our volunteer list.

Stay warm this winter – bundle up with a book!

Sincerely,

*Pat Fraher*, President, Friends of the Towson Library



*The recently updated children's section includes a market play station.*

## Calling All Garden Helpers

The Towson Library garden could use your help! Keeping the garden looking its best is a big job.

Can you spare an hour?

No plant knowledge is necessary. Come and learn about the plants as we work. All tools are supplied.

We work the first Monday of each month from April to October from 5 pm to 6 pm. The second Monday is a rain date.

For information, contact Fay Citerone at 410-339-5375 or [Fay.Citerone@gmail.com](mailto:Fay.Citerone@gmail.com). To see pictures of the garden go to [www.flickr.com/photos/towson\\_library\\_garden/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/towson_library_garden/).



## 18th Annual Friends' Book Sale, April 12 through 15, 2012

The Friends of the Towson Library will sponsor a sale of gently used and nearly new adult and children's books, CDs, DVDs, and audio and videocassettes in the Towson Library first floor meeting rooms. Proceeds support the Towson Library.

Donations of books and other media items are needed: When you bring in your donations, you receive two benefits: The gift of sharing your cherished books with others and a charitable tax deduction. When you drop off your books at the main desk, don't forget to ask the librarian for a receipt if you wish to take a tax deduction.

Volunteers are needed: to help with the Book Sale setup on Wednesday, April 12, 2012, as well during the sale itself. If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Dorothy: [fraquelli@verizon.net](mailto:fraquelli@verizon.net)

Sale times: First Choice Sale is Thursday, April 12th 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. Friday and Saturday, April 13th and 14th, hours are 9 AM to 5 PM. Sunday, April 15th, hours are 1 PM to 4PM. Except for special priced items, CDs and DVDs, Sunday is bulk pricing day.

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

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## BCPL Media Highlights

*The following was recently distributed to the FoTL Board by Jennifer Haire, Towson Library Manager. It is shared here with all members of FoTL.*

These are the feature stories, news articles, substantive news briefs and stand-alone photos about BCPL received during the week of January 17-24, 2012. Excluded (except for one example) are the dozens of calendar items all newspapers run to promote upcoming library programs in their circulation area, as well as pro forma briefs about holiday closings and such. – Bob Hughes

### Community Times

Lincoln Found in Reisterstown

By Eleanor Taylor (January 17)

[http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/community\\_times/perspectives/lincoln-found-in-reisterstown/article\\_26018874-2445-5f84-a960-54cc83a17632.html](http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/community_times/perspectives/lincoln-found-in-reisterstown/article_26018874-2445-5f84-a960-54cc83a17632.html)

### Library Journal

Libraries Provide New Operating Models for a Successful Society

By John N Berry III (January 18)

<http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2012/01/opinion/john-berry/sharing-for-the-future-libraries-provide-new-operating-models-for-a-successful-society/>

### Cockeysville Patch

Cockeysville Librarians Share Favorite Books

By Nayanna Davis (January 18)

<http://cockeysville.patch.com/articles/cockeysville-librarians-share-favorite-books>

### Owings Mills Patch

Historic Look Back: Plane Lands on I-795

By Alexander Pyles (January 18)

<http://owingsmills.patch.com/articles/historic-look-back-plane-lands-on-i-795#photo-8915155>

## **Dundalk Eagle**

North Point Library News

(January 18)

[http://dundalkeagle.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=39452:north-point-library-news&catid=42:briefs&Itemid=45](http://dundalkeagle.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39452:north-point-library-news&catid=42:briefs&Itemid=45)

## **Reisterstown Patch**

Document Traced to Abraham Lincoln Recovered in Reisterstown

By Marc Shapiro (January 24)

<http://reisterstown.patch.com/articles/lincoln-inked-document-recovered-in-reisterstown>

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## **Manager's Letter**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2012, and I thank our new editor, Lee Starkey, for assuming responsibility for compiling, organizing, and creating it. A very special "Thank you" to Marta Mills who has been editing our online newsletter for several years.

In our last edition I mentioned a service that job seekers and small business owners/entrepreneurs might find very valuable- Reference USA. Here are a few more services that may help your 2012 be happy, healthy and prosperous.

Did you know that your library card gives you remote access, from your Internet connection, to an online program for learning a foreign language? Register for a free account at Mango, and your learning progress will be tracked with each visit to the program. *Mango* is accessible at <http://www.bcpl.info/find-info/databases> under the subject 'Literature and Languages.' Have your library card number handy to start learning right away.

Are you an investor? You also have access to *ValueLine*, *Standard and Poor's NetAdvantage* and *Hoovers*.

Need legal forms? Obituaries? Live chat tutoring? Help with your resume? A great book just like the one you just read? The latest information on a medical condition? Referrals to medical trials? Call or visit us, or use the subscription websites at <http://www.bcpl.info/find-info/databases> to get to the best information quickly.

While we all love the convenience and ease of use of Internet search engines like Google and Yahoo, if you are getting hundreds of results to sort through to find answers to your questions, our databases and skilled staff can save you time searching, money, and deliver the best sources on your topic.

Sincere thanks to our Officers and Board members who, in October, approved another generous donation for us to use to benefit users of the Towson Library. We will keep you posted on new acquisitions.

Best wishes to all,

*Jennifer*

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**SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, May 1 at 7 p.m.**

**Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Towson Library**

Children of all ages, we invite you to wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal as we welcome children's author and illustrator Jackie Urbanovic to our annual meeting on May 1 at 7 p.m. Jackie is the author and illustrator of the **Max the Duck** series, two of which are *New York Times* bestsellers, Duck at the Door and Duck Soup. If your children know Max the Duck, they will beg you to bring them. If they don't know Jackie and her books, do everyone a favor and plan to bring the family, tell your friends and neighbors, let your neighborhood school or preschool know about this—they will thank you if you do! This program will be FREE, FUN, and UNFORGETTABLE. Check out all of Jackie's books at the Baltimore County Public Library. Jackie will be signing her books after her presentation. To learn more about her books, go to ([www.jackieurbanovic.com](http://www.jackieurbanovic.com)). For more information on the program, call 410-887-6166.

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