



Dear Townsend Neighbors,

This newsletter is mailed to everyone in the community to share:

- News about upcoming library offerings,
- Details on how the library is benefitting from Endowment funds,
- The current status of Endowment assets,
- A request for your support.

In 2008, a group of town residents organized the Endowment to show our community's appreciation and support for the new facility gifted to the town by Sterillite Corporation. The goal is to raise a one million dollar endowment to provide the Townsend Library Community with a stream of income to fund resources that inspire curiosity, cultivate understanding and excite the imagination.

The Endowment ended 2012 with \$771,822 in assets. At our Annual Meeting in September 2012 we committed \$30,850 in new gifts to the library. These gifts are made possible by the more than 450 individuals, families and businesses who have contributed to the Endowment. We are very grateful for your support.

Perhaps you have enjoyed some of the materials, programs or services paid for with Endowment funds. This newsletter highlights just a few. More information will be available on our website - www.townsendlibraryendowment.org. We are a community investing in itself and as the Endowment grows, the investment in the community will also grow.

As we celebrate the Endowment's accomplishments in 2012, we want to remind you that it's easy to make a first or continued investment in the Endowment by sending a check to TPLE, 12 Dudley Road, Townsend, MA 01469 or by following the links on our website: www.townsendlibraryendowment.org. Our success has come from the compiling and compounding of many smaller donations. Every donation, whether large or small, helps to make the Townsend library community the best that it can be.

Thank you very much for your time and support.

- Carolyn Sellars, President
- Gary Shepherd, Vice President
- William Wilkinson, Treasurer
- Patricia Jeanig, Secretary
- Bruce Beauchesne, Stacy Schuttler and Catherine Thrasher, Directors

Stay Informed

It's impossible to let you know every way the Endowment is supporting the library in a short newsletter. If you are a Facebook user, check out and "like" our Facebook page to see notices of upcoming Endowment-sponsored events as well as pictures of past events and recent purchases. We are in the process of updating our website to include details about past Endowment grants.



2012 Grants to the Library

Collection Development \$7,000

- Adult Craft, Cooking, Garden & Art Books
- Adult Non-fiction Books • Young Adult Fiction
- Children's Picture Books
- Children's Easy Readers
- DVDs • E-books • Language CDs

Databases \$2,650

- Ancestry • Heritage Quest
- **New in 2012:** Proquest Maps

Furniture, Fixtures and Supplies

\$5,000

- Teen Room Shelf
- Craft table for Children's Room
- Storytime and Early Childhood Materials
- Cricut Paper Cutting Supplies • Disc Repair

Museum Passes \$2,000

- **New in 2012:** Old Sturbridge Village, Acton Discovery Museums and the Lowell Spinners
- Boston by Foot, Zoo New England, Davis' Farmland, New England Quilt Museum

Programming \$8,200

- One Book One Town – Books and Programming
- Delvina Theater Performances (Lizzy Borden and Julia Child Performances)
- Indian Hill Big Band Performance
- Food and Farm Programming
- Cupcake Festival • Festival of Trees
- Other Children's, Teen and Adult Programming

Summer Reading \$6,000

- Programs, Materials and Books for Summer Reading Programs

Grand Total: \$30,850

SAVE THE DATES!

March 15-17: Friends Family Portrait Fundraiser

April 30: Town Elections

May 7: Town Meeting

May 10-12: Friends Book Sale

May 11: Friends Plant Sale

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

You can help make the Townsend Public Library the best that it can be by contributing to the Endowment.


Checks, payable to Townsend Public Library Endowment, Inc., can be dropped off at the library or mailed to TPLE, Inc., 12 Dudley Road, Townsend, MA 01469. You can also make a secure gift with a credit card on-line through our website: www.townsendlibraryendowment.org. Gifts of all sizes are important to the success of the Endowment.

The Band is Back in Town!



April 7

Indian Hill Big Band Performance • 1 p.m.

 The Big Band from Indian Hill returns for the fourth consecutive year! We'll push back the shelves and tables so the band can set up in the center aisle of the library and then fill the space with music from the swing era with an infusion of contemporary arrangements. Guests of all ages are welcome to sit back and listen to the music or take advantage of space for dancing. Refreshments will be available in the adjacent Meeting Hall.

April 30

It's Not About the Hike • 7 p.m.

The presentation is not about the hike; it is an inspirational and motivational program about pushing ourselves outside of our comfort zones, overcoming our own fears, finding our passions and living our lives to the fullest. The hour-long program is a multi-media presentation including movies, music and photographs. It is both humorous and touching. For hikers and non-hikers, people who are sedentary or active, outdoor enthusiasts and indoor homebodies, 10 year olds and 90 year olds and everyone in between. To learn more: www.its-not-about-the-hike.com



June 26

Coffeeshouse with Hungrytown • 7 p.m.

The library kicks off the summer reading program with a coffeeshouse featuring Hungrytown. The musical and married duo of Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson, have released two highly acclaimed CDs which continue to receive much airplay on folk and Americana stations worldwide. Hungrytown's music has also appeared on several television shows, including the hit series, Portlandia. "Their music mixes the snow of their home in Vermont, the dew on the grass of a cool summer morning in the Appalachians, the hard-scrabble grittiness and pluck of common folk the world over together with the melancholy of lost loves, broken hearts, and shattered dreams, distilling it into an intoxicating, hauntingly seductive blend." Rebecca and Ken tour full-time throughout the US, Canada, Europe, and New Zealand. Visit www.hungrytown.net to learn more.

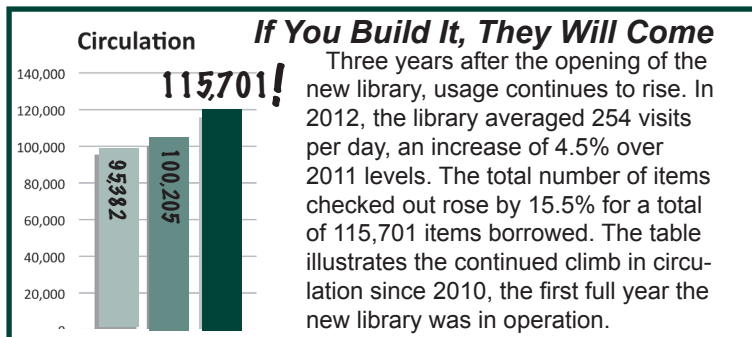


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Save on Your Next Adventure

Patrons reserved 817 passes in 2012. The library now offers Endowment-funded passes to the Discovery Museums in Acton, Old Sturbridge Village and the Lowell Spinners Baseball Team. You can find a listing of all passes offered by the library, find out what the pass provides, and reserve passes on-line by clicking on "Museum Passes" on the menu bar of the library's home page. You can also visit the library and ask a staff person to assist you.

Digging Deeper into the Past

Townsend residents love genealogy so the library purchased the Proquest Maps database to complement the Heritage Quest and Ancestry.com databases already available. Now you can have access to more than 1.5 million historic maps including land ownership maps that allow you to track the "residential genealogy" of families and locations. You can access all three databases through a library computer or your own laptop while at the library. Beginners and experienced genealogists are welcomed to two genealogy groups meeting at the library: one meets the second Thursday evening of each month and another for seniors meets the second Friday morning.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library web site - www.townsendlibrary.org - is available 24 hours a day EVERYDAY. You can go on-line anytime to search the catalog, renew or request an item, reserve a museum pass, look for and register for an event, or, use one of the many databases that allow home access.

BUILDING HOURS

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. • Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. • Thursday: 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. *Note: Sunday winter hours (1-5 p.m.) end March 24.*