



From the Director's Desk

As kids get settled back into school, we at the library get back into the swing of winter library hours and helping with school assignments.

We have lots of things planned for the Library and community this fall and winter. We are working on lots of programs (see the listing of events on the last page for details) in addition to our regular services. Our Library will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2002. Be sure to watch for exciting special events throughout the next year.

Perhaps most exciting for me is the new library website,

www.bradleybeachlibrary.org

Soon you will be able to check to see if we have a book from the

comfort of your own home, office, or any Internet connection. I hope that the additional information on our website will help you find information when the Library is closed. Also coming soon is the ability to request Inter-Library Loans (books that we don't own but you would still like to borrow) online. We all hope that you still come into the library, even with this new convenience!!

We look forward to seeing you this Fall!

Sincerely,
Karen

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The Library doors get a makeover!

With the help of the Friends of the Library and the Bradley Beach 5K Race Committee, the doors have finally been restored to their original beauty. The work was done by *Ruding and Wood*, a local furniture refinishing firm. They

did excellent work and the transformation is amazing. You will be able to see before, during and after pictures of the whole project on our website. This is the first of many building improvements that we hope to do in the near future.

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Winter Hours:

- Monday 12-5
- Tuesday and Thursday 12-8
- Wednesday and Friday 9-5
- Saturday 9-12
- Sunday Closed

More Computer Classes

Since our first newsletter went out in July, we have gotten lots of phone calls with interest in the computer classes offered at the library. We have run 3 successful intro cycles now and the fourth has just ended. We will continue to have the classes as long as there is interest. Remember that there are 3 classes in each cycle and you can attend all of them or pick and choose the ones which interest you the most.

The Introductory Cycle consists of the following 3 classes: Introduction to Computers I, Introduction to Computers II and How to search the Library Catalog, and Introduction to the Internet. This cycle will be scheduled again after the holiday season.

The Intermediate cycle will be offered for the first time next month. This cycle will consist of the following classes: Review of Computer Basics, Word processing using Microsoft Word and Works, and Searching the Internet.

These will be offered for 3 weeks on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. OR Fridays at 11:00 a.m. starting November 13 and November 16. Classes may not be three consecutive weeks due to Thanksgiving.

Please call the Library to reserve a spot. There is limited enrollment due to space constraints.

If there are other computer topics you would like to see covered, please let us know.



Stuffed: A Book Review

by Diana Luzsanyi

In Stuffed: Adventures of a Restaurant Family, Patricia Volk has created a collection of tales based on the rich personalities of her family. Coming to New York in the late 1800's, this eclectic group of people made their marks in the new world.

Drawing from memories and family archives, the author paints a portrait of a family full of life, problems, triumphs and a slew of idiosyncrasies. Particularly moving are the stories of her father, Cecil, and her housekeeper, Mattie.

Everyone who reads this will no doubt identify some of the characters as members of their own families.

Make the Volk family part of your family, you'll be glad you did!

WARNING:
Reading this book
could cause you to
laugh aloud!

Fine Amnesty in November

Are your books overdue? Did you slip your book in the book drop after the due date? Was your movie returned late?

Now, you don't have to worry if you have Library fines!

This November the Library will forgive your fines for bringing in non-perishable items. These items will then be donated to the Food Pantry.

So think about helping yourself and others by donating food at the Library. It may give you something else to be thankful for this holiday season — NO FINES!!!



The Bradley Beach Historical Society will become a structured entity starting January, 2002. We have been working for several months as a team, but now we are about to establish formal leadership positions. At the December meeting of the historical society, nominations for and election to the following positions will be made: President, Vice President, Secretary (perhaps more than one), and Treasurer. Once the officers are in place, committees will be formed and an extensive membership drive will begin. One of the committees will be for fund-raising, another for publicity. All this is important because we want to be a very important part of our community. We will establish a connection with the school as well as with the senior center. Our goal has been and will always be the organization and preservation of the history of Bradley Beach, and to make it available and accessible to everyone. Membership in the Bradley Beach Historical Society should appeal to every citizen of our town. The future establishment of a museum and information center should be close to the heart of all persons who love Bradley Beach. Our society grows in

stature daily, and information is constantly being received or given as we become known to everyone in town and elsewhere. Right now, membership is open to every adult in town, or to anyone who has a connection to Bradley Beach. In the future, we may establish a junior branch of the society for all the students who live in or summer in Bradley Beach. Today's children are the future of the Bradley Beach Historical Society and will carry on the goals we establish, long after we are gone. Please come to a meeting and see for yourself how important the establishment of an historical society is to our community. The next meetings are set for Thursday, October 18th and Thursday November 15th at 7:00 PM at the Public Library on Fourth Avenue. We look forward to seeing you.

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Morning Story Time

A poem by Kathie Christensen

Early in the morning we race
Around to get things done
Every Wednesday Oh what fun
I can't wait to see everyone

We sit in our yellow chairs
And argue who sits where
I wonder who will be here
Kevin, Carolyn, Bret
Or if Seamus and Liam will appear

We love to color, cut and glue
Maybe today we'll make an igloo
Or maybe a cat or dog
Or a truck or two

We get a snack at the door
Cookies or pretzels, oh boy
Good-bye to Miss Grace and Miss Carole
We say
See you again another day.

The Smoke Jumper : A book review

by Grace Vetrano

The Smoke Jumper , by Nicholas Evans, is the story of three friends: Julia Bishop, who works with the troubled teens, Ed Tully, a musician, and Connor Ford, a rancher. Ed and Connor are also smoke jumpers every summer in Montana. Smoke jumpers are firefighters who parachute into forest fires to extinguish the fires and rescue people.

When Julia takes a group of teens on a nature hike

and gets caught in a forest fire, their lives are forever changed. The story tells of the choices each one makes and the consequences of those choices.

It is a beautifully written tale of love, friendship and commitment.



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Soon you will be able to check out our new website!!

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From there you will be able to search the Library's catalog, email us, see when we're open and look at pictures of events and happenings at the Library.

If there are other things you would like to see on the web page, let us know.

We love to get your feedback and suggestions!

Upcoming Events

- The Library is still sponsoring the Senior movie on Thursdays. However, now the movies are being shown at the Senior Center. The movie starts at 10 am on Thursday mornings.
- Story Time is on Wednesdays during the school year. Toddlers are at 11 am and School-age kids are at 3:30 pm. Story time usually lasts about an hour.
- **December 6** is date for the adult craft program, a Holiday Boxwood Tree with Lori Torres of Bradley's Garden Florist. Lori was recently voted one of Monmouth County's Best Florists in the Asbury Park Press Reader's Poll.
- The Swing Time Quartet, featuring Betty Slocum, will be performing at the library on the afternoon of **December 9**.

We are also working on bringing a quilting program and a cake decorating program to the Library later this fall or early next year. Keep an eye on the sign in front of the Library for dates and times. Or call the library for more information and to sign up for special programs.

If you have any ideas for other programs, please feel free to put a suggestion or comment in our suggestion box or talk to a member of the Library staff.

