



Newsletter

FRIENDS of the Bradley Beach Public Library

Our Mission

The Friends of the Bradley Beach Library are dedicated to supporting and expanding the services and programs of the Library. As a 501(c) (3) fundraising arm of the Library, our goal is to organize fundraising activities within the community to support library initiatives. We are volunteers and advocates for the Library, helping to maintain the Library's role as an educational, cultural and community center.

History of the Friends

The Friends was established in 1974. We have 94 members, with a core group who are actively involved.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual Single: \$10

Lifetime:

- Business: \$50
- Individual: \$35
- Family: \$50
- Senior: \$20
- Senior Family: \$25

President's Message

by Lenore Decovsky

Who knew that we are over a year into the pandemic, and still are not back to normalcy? As we get vaccinated, we look forward to the world opening again. With heavy heart we said goodbye to our wonderful Vice President, Kathie Deak. Kathie has moved south to be close to her children. We wish her well in her new adventure and welcome our new Vice President, Stasia Augusto.

Vice President's Message

by Anastasia (Stasia) Augusto

I am honored to fill the position that Kathie Deak so graciously occupied before me. She will be very missed! I will do my best to support "The Friends" in any capacity and assist our President, Lenore Decovsky, who consistently keeps us on track in achieving our current goals. I look forward to the future and working together with all of you.

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2021 OFFICERS

President: Lenore Decovsky

Vice President: Stasia Augusto

Secretary: Ines Altemose

Treasurer: Barb Johnston

Upcoming Events:

As we feel safer, and things open back up, we will decide when we can resume public events. As of now:

1. Saturday, May 8: Friends accepting book donations at the front shed, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
2. Yoga on the Beach Sunday mornings this summer.

Note: We always welcome new members. Join us!

Thanks to our wonderful library staff for their creativity during this trying time! Crafts-in-a-bag, curbside pickup, virtual programs, etc.

Ongoing Events:

1. Brick Tribute Wall
2. Books available in Free Little Libraries (Take a book, leave a book).
3. Goey's Fund Large Print Book Collection
4. Fundraising to benefit the library is always appreciated. Send or drop off donations at the Library.

*Zoom meetings, or outdoor meetings, will be held until it is once again safe to meet in the Library. **Next meeting is Monday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m., location to be announced (Zoom or outdoor).***

DID YOU KNOW?

1. You can be a "Friend" of the library without attending our monthly meetings. There are many ways you can help out, at your convenience. Come talk to us and see how you can get involved!
2. **New to town?** Come in to get a **Welcome Gift Pail** with information on local businesses, coupons, etc.
3. Are you a **local vendor, service provider, or business owner?** You can advertise your business for free by donating promotional items for our newcomer pails. Some ideas are coupons, menus, business cards, business gifts like pens, mugs, keychains, etc.
4. Your **Amazon** purchase can result in a donation to the Friends! **Amazon Smile**, operated by Amazon, provides the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as Amazon.com. When you shop at AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to your charitable organizations of choice **AT NO COST TO YOU!** The Friends of the Library participate in this program, so you can support us every time you shop. Please bookmark this link so all of your eligible shopping will benefit the Friends.
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0157971>
5. **Book donations** are on hold right now at the Library, but the Friends will be holding some **"Donation Saturdays"**. If you have a book or two to donate you can always leave them in the Free Little Libraries located around town (see item below).
6. The 4 **Free Little Libraries**, which were relocated for the winter to several locations around town, (the Elementary School, Riley Park near the train parking lot, and in front of the recreation center on Main Street) will be moved back to the beachfront for the summer season. Feel free to visit any of these locations to "take a book, leave a book".
6. Save tabs from your soda/beer cans for donation to Ronald McDonald house. Drop off at the library.

