



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 97 members, with a core group who are actively involved.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. Annual Single: \$10
2. Lifetime:
 - Business: \$50 -Individual: \$35 -Family: \$50
 - Senior: \$20 -Senior Family: \$25

Meetings held the first Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. Zoom invitations will be sent or, when we can safely meet in person again, we will meet at the Library.

President's Message

by Lenore Decovsky

Just when we thought it was safe to go back to normal life the Omicron variant came with a vengeance! Staying safe is our priority... Friends meetings have gone back to being virtual. I hope this is almost over. In the meantime, I am taking advantage of the winter weather as a good excuse to stay inside, enjoy a good book or movie and look forward to a safe and healthy spring.

Vice President's Message

by Anastasia (Stasia) Augusto

Keeping a positive outlook during these 90 days of Winter is a challenge. Try giving yourself the luxury of staying home for some well deserved quiet comfort. Listen to music, cook or bake new recipes, do a jigsaw, enjoy a fire, be still for a while and just chill. We "Friends" are much like snowflakes; not one of us is alike but when we stick together we are totally amazing. Be well.

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2022 OFFICERS

President: Lenore Decovsky
Vice President: Stasia Augusto
Secretary: Ines Altemose
Treasurer: Kristie Andresen

Note: We always welcome new members. Join us! Pick up a membership application at the library front desk or on the library website.

Upcoming Events:

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

We are in the final planning stages of restoring our historic bronze doors after almost 2 years of research, fundraising, and negotiation. I hope to see bright shiny doors by Spring!

Ongoing Events:

- Brick Tribute Wall
- Books available in Free Little Libraries
- Goey's Fund Large Print Book Collection
- Books for sale on book carts.
- Fundraising to benefit the library is always appreciated. Mail in or drop off donations at the Library, Made payable to "Friends of the Library"

Recent Events:

-Our pre-holiday **jewelry sale** was a big success, raising a nice amount of money to support library initiatives. Due to covid and space concerns the sale was held at the Carmen Biase Center and worked out wonderfully. A big thanks to the Boro for allowing us to use the space.

-The **Terracycle** Program has taken off nicely. Due to some recent publicity in the Coaster and on Next-door, we have seen an increase in the donation of plastic recyclables. This will help our environment, as well as our library.

-Kristie Andresen has taken over as our new Treasurer. Welcome, and thanks, Kristie. Barb Johnston is now on the Board of the Library and has thus resigned as Treasurer of the Friends.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Book donations** are allowed again. (Please no textbooks or encyclopedias).
- **SAVE THE EARTH** while supporting the Library: **Terracycle**, a free national recycling solution for hard to recycle waste, will donate cash to the Friends for plastic recyclables. They accept all types of plastic food storage containers. Thoroughly wash and dry these items and put them in the bin located in the Hammond Avenue library entrance on the ground floor.
- **New to town?** Come in to get a **Welcome Gift Pail** with information on local businesses, coupons, etc.
- **Jewelry donations are being accepted for our next Jewelry sale.**
- Are you a **local vendor, service provider, or business owner?** Advertise your business for free by donating promotional items for our newcomer pails: coupons, menus, business cards, gifts like pens, mugs, keychains, etc.
- Your **Amazon** purchase can result in a donation to the Friends! **Amazon Smile** provides the same selection of products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Library **AT NO COST TO YOU!** 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>
- Our **Free Little Libraries**, which are on the boardwalk during the summer, are relocated for the winter to several locations around town (the Elementary School, Riley Park near the train parking lot, by the recreation center on Main Street). Visit them to "take a book, leave a book".
- Save tabs from your soda/beer cans for donation to Ronald McDonald house. Drop off at the library.
- 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!

