



Newsletter

FRIENDS of the Bradley Beach Public Library

Our Mission

The Friends of the Bradley Beach Library, dedicated to supporting and expanding the services and programs of the Library, is a 501(c) (3) charity. As a 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.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

\$20 for September to June of each year.

New members are always welcome. Get an application at the front desk or on the library website.

Recent Events:

Book donation days
Friends "Meet and Greet"
Presentation of scholarships to 8th grade essay winners

Ongoing Events:

1. Terracycle Program continues. (See below).
2. Brick Tribute Wall
3. Free Little Libraries
4. Goey's Fund Large Print Book Collection
5. Books for sale on book cart in library.
6. Free museum passes.

President's Message

by Lenore Decovsky

Summer is here and we can again turn our thoughts to the beach, outdoor gatherings, and relaxing after a hectic year. We are excited about our upcoming fall membership relaunch campaign.

Vice President's Message

by Anastasia (Stasia) Augusto

May these long blue nights that prepare the way for the awaited days of summer uplift us. Be mindful of every moment while we tend to our gardens, dine outdoors, read on the porch or at the beach. It's time to cut into a watermelon, pick berries, local peaches & figs; don't forget to take in fireworks, fireflies, enjoy a campfire and savor some ice-cream along the way! All the best to everyone, stay safe and enjoy this bounteous season!

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2023 OFFICERS

1. President: Lenore Decovsky
2. Vice President: Stasia Augusto
3. Secretary: Ines Altemose
4. Treasurer: Kristie Andresen

Upcoming Events:

- Planning for the library's front door restoration is ongoing. Due to the age and deterioration of the doors they are currently closed as we interview vendors and assess next steps. Auto-assist hardware has been installed to make the heavy doors easier to open when the restoration is complete.
- A summer jewelry sale is being planned. Bring jewelry donations of any kind to the library desk.
- A summer book sale is scheduled for July 15.
- Bingo night in the Fall.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Friends provided the Library with the following in 2022-2023:

1. A new bike rack on the Hammond Avenue side of the building
 2. Museum Passes for the Guggenheim and Thomas Edison Museums
 3. Scholastic books and tee shirts for 3 years of classes of the Kindergarten reading program
 4. A computer cart for the library's laptops.
 5. Auto-assist door opener for the Library's front doors as part of the ongoing renovation of the doors.
 6. Head-phones for use with the teen computers.
 7. Food for the "One Beach, One Read" event.
 8. Two \$250 scholarships to Elementary School 8th graders based on an essay contest.
- Workplace matching gifts: Check to see if your employer has a matching gift program. As a 501c3 organization the Friends is eligible for corporations to match your donation, doubling your gift to the library. Name the Friends of the Library as the matching gift recipient.
 - Book donations are being accepted in preparation for our summer book sale. Please, no encyclopedias, text books, dictionaries or books that are in poor condition.
 - **SAVE THE EARTH: Terracycle** is a free national recycling solution for hard to recycle waste plastic recyclables. They accept plastic food containers that are **not eligible for curbside recycling**. Thoroughly wash and dry 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 always being accepted at the library in preparation 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.
 - The **Amazon Smile** program has been discontinued.
 - We have **3 Free Little Libraries** located on the boardwalk for the summer. There is also one in front of 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!
 - There are various Friends' **donation boxes** located in businesses around town. Feel free to drop in some spare change when you frequent these businesses (Kearney Bank, Stewart's Hardware, Pharmacy, Atlantic Lock and Safe).

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Please join us!

**Fundraising to benefit the library is always appreciated. Mail or drop off donations at the Library,
Made payable to "Friends of the Library".**