



# Bradley Beach Library Fall Newsletter

## From the Director's Desk . . .

Hello Library Patrons!

It seems such a long time since we did a newsletter . . . Time sure does fly when you are busy! And here we are, back in the Fall. Summer people have gone home and school has started.

The Library's 75th Anniversary Gala was successful. We would have liked to see ALL of you there but if you missed it, you can read all about it in an article in this issue.

You may also notice that we are having some work done!

We had the "yard" graded and reseeded. Grass is already growing in just about a week! We also will be beginning a number of other renovations before the end of the year.

We also have some great things lined up for you for the rest of this year. We are planning a number of programs and fundraisers to take us through to the Holidays. Remember to check with us often to find out what is going on. You have a variety of ways to do that: call, go to the website, and **COME IN AND SEE US!**



*Have a Happy Fall!*  
*Karen J. Klapperstuck*

## The Friends of the Library

The Bradley Beach Library Chapter of Friends of the Library is trying to get organized! There will be a re-organizational meeting on Thursday, **October 10, 2002 at 7 p.m. in the Library.**

The Friends traditionally raise money and organize events at the Library. They also provide a corps of volunteers when we need them for special projects. Do you think you can be a Friend of the Bradley Beach Library? Please join "Friends" and start working toward making a difference in **YOUR** Library!

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ Check out the new book reviews
- ☺ Computer class info
- ☺ Gala update
- ☺ Coming Events
- ☺ Final Installment of Staff Profiles: How we got here — Carol Bloodgood

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## Killjoy by Julie Garwood

This was a fast moving story about some very intelligent and interesting characters.

Avery Delaney grew up with her grandmother and her Aunt Carolyn. Her conniving mother, Jilly, abandoned her when she was three days old. Jilly tormented her sister Carolyn her whole life.

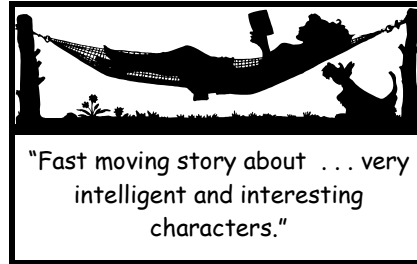
When Avery was eleven years old she saw her grandmother's violent death before Avery

herself was shot and left for dead. The man was caught and convicted and is in prison in Florida.

Avery becomes a crime analyst for the FBI.

Avery's Aunt Carolyn Salvetti gets an anonymous invitation to the Utopia Spa in Colorado. Carolyn persuades Avery to join her, but

Carolyn never makes it to the spa. She and two other women disappear from the airport and Avery must find them before a



professional killer and his vengeful, manipulating associate succeed with their plots.

This book was hard to put down. I hope you enjoy it.

## Bradley Beach Historical Society Receives A Gift

During the middle of September, 2002, the Bradley Beach Historical Society received a gift from John B. Gregg. Mr. Gregg donated nine oil paintings of World War II Bradley Beach servicemen who were killed in action. The pictures were painted and donated to the Bradley Beach American Legion in 1948 by artist David S. Tanner. Somehow, the pictures wound up in the basement of the VFW building in Asbury Park. John Gregg saw an ad

stating that the pictures would be given away to anyone who wanted them, and John wanted them. Now, thanks to John Gregg, the paintings belong to the historical society, where plans are being made to present them in public. The historian has started the research on each man, looking for information about war records, medals and awards, and the circumstances of each man's death. Due to the fragile condition of the paintings,

## by Shirley Ayres

professional restoration advice will be sought to see how best to return the paintings to their original beauty. The pictures will be displayed for the first time publicly at the library on Tuesday, November 12th.

The historical society is very proud of the paintings of our local heroes and we hope everyone in Bradley Beach will come see these beautiful pictures.

## Once Upon a Town

In December of 1941 (Christmas Day, in fact), the citizens of the quiet town of North Platte,



Nebraska opened their hearts to what would be thousands of servicemen making the train trip across the country during World War II. These loving and generous citizens met every train from December 1941 to

## A book review by Grace Vetrano

the spring of 1946. They provided home-cooked meals, music, magazines, and lots of

conversation. All the citizens donated whatever they could, and that probably wasn't easy since we were in the middle of the Depression. I can only imagine how the weary young soldiers, some away from home

for the first time, felt when they got off the train and met these wonderful people.

Bob Greene tells the story of a remarkable town and its warm and generous people. I loved this book. It made me wish that I could have been one of the citizens of North Platte, Nebraska.

## Computer Classes Still Being Offered

The library offers two cycles of computer classes: beginner and intermediate beginner.

Beginner classes are very basic, introductory level material.

Intermediate classes go a little further in depth.

Not sure which is right for you? Let us know your experience level and we can try to place you in the appropriate class.

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. These will be offered for 3 weeks on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. OR Fridays at 11:00 a.m., starting some time in November.

The Intermediate 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 at the end of October.



Call for the schedule of classes.

Contact the library to sign up or to be placed on a waiting list for the next class. Class sizes are limited due to space constraints.

## How I Came to be at the Bradley Beach Public Library

A Staff Profile: Carol Bloodgood

When I was a little girl I loved playing school, reading and doing crafts. After high school, I was a draftsman, got married and became a stay at home mom. My daughters started school and I got involved with the PTA. The principal asked me to try a job in the school.

Twenty-seven years later, I'm still working as a teacher's aide

in Special Education.

In May of 2000, my friend Carole Applegate knew I wanted a summer job. She told me about the position at the Bradley Beach Library. Carole and I had worked together before.

I was hired and the summer went fast. At the end of the summer, I was asked to stay.

The answer wasn't hard because I liked the work, patrons and staff. I'm now in my third year doing what I love at a place where everyone cares: the board, the staff and the patrons.

I feel I've come full circle since I was a little girl and enjoy being on the staff at the Bradley Beach Public Library.

## Library's Gala

If you missed the Library Gala on September 20, you really missed a great party! There was lots of dancing and socializing. Everyone had a great time.

About 100 people attended the fundraiser in support of the Library's Building Fund. The Gala is the kick-off to a long

term fundraising project to restore and renovate the 75 year old building. Janet Siri, the President of the Library Board made a speech and our Mayor Schueler read a celebratory resolution that Senator Palaia made to the



State Assembly. Then we danced until late.

The Gala raised over \$5,000. Coverage in the local press (The Coaster and the Asbury Park Press) raised the awareness of the community at large to the needs of the library.

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Missing the Oprah Book Club? Check out these book clubs and see what you've been missing:

### Kelly Ripa's "Reading with Ripa"

1. If Looks Could Kill by Kate White (May 2002)
2. Confessions of a Sociopathic Social Climber by Adele Lang (June 2002)
3. The Bachelor by Carly Phillips (July 2002)
4. For Better, For Worse by Carole Matthews (August 2002)
5. The Good Sister by Diana Diamond (September 2002)

### The Today Show

1. Emperor of Ocean Park by Stephen L. Carter (June 25, 2002)
2. You are Not a Stranger Here by Adam Haslett (August 5, 2002)
3. A Girl Named Zippy by Haven Kimmel (September 3, 2002)

### Good Morning America "Read This!"

1. The Dive From Clausen's Pier by Ann Packer (June 2002)
2. Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles (July 2002)
3. The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold (August 2002)
4. Three Junes by Julia Glass (September 2002)

## What's Happening?

Keep track of what's going on at your library by checking us out on the web!

Here is a list of coming events and dates to remember:

- October 10 — Friends Of the Library Meeting 7pm
- November 7 — Book Discussion Group — Caravans by James Michener
- December 5 — Book Discussion Group — Lost Legends of NJ by Frederick Reiken

Also coming soon:

- A Shop 'til You Drop Vendor fair — want to do all your Holiday shopping in one convenient location? Our fair will include lots of direct and home sales representatives all in one place so you can buy gifts for even the most difficult person on your list and maybe some goodies for yourself.
- There will be a winter craft program with details to follow soon.

Remember to check with the Library staff or on the website to find out what is happening!!

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