



# Fall Newsletter

## Bradley Beach Public Library

### From the Director's Desk . . . .

It's hard to believe that we are well into autumn but here it is almost Halloween! And we have some great things planned for your fall, check out all the articles in this newsletter to make sure you're in the know!

Did you know that this summer was the busiest in the Library's history? We had more people coming in, more books and movies checked out, a ton of computer users and the most successful summer reading program yet! Thanks to all of you for the awesome summer!

Some of you may have noticed that the Library was closed on October 4. Did you wonder where we went? Our

Board allowed us to close the library and the entire staff and one board member went to Washington, DC for the National Book Festival. To see pictures of our adventure, go to our website and click on the photo album, then select National Book Festival.



Hope your fall and holiday season are the best ever . . .

Sincerely,

*Karen J Klapperstuck*

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#### Special points of interest:

- See what the Friends of the Library are up to
- Fine Amnesty in November
- Super Librarian Campaign

### November is Fine Amnesty Month

This year, once again, the Library is giving you something to be thankful for . . . NO FINES!! Just return your overdue books, videos or magazines with a non-perishable food item and we'll forgive your fines.

Sounds like a great deal, right? And it

helps out your community too . . . The food will be donated to the Bradley Beach Food Pantry.

Don't have anything overdue? That's okay . . . Bring in food items and we'll still include your donations to the Pantry.

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## Bradley Beach Friends of the Library

Come join the Bradley Beach Friends of the Library. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Library.

Get a jump on your Holiday shopping with our Shop 'til You Drop on November 29, 2003 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be Avon, Pampered Chef, Homemade chocolates and many

more vendors. The children's corner will be set up with movies and coloring. The Bradley Beach PTO will be doing pictures with Santa. We will be selling out bags, note cards, baked goods and hot dogs.

Look for our children's card sale coming soon.



Your child draws a picture and it is made into note cards. They would be great for Christmas cards or gifts.

Don't forget to watch for our homemade soup sale sometime in December!

Sincerely,

Tracey Christensen  
President

## Split Second by David Baldacci

A book review by Grace Vetrano

The year was 1996 and Secret Service agent Sean King is protecting Presidential candidate Clyde Ritter. Agent King's attention is diverted for a "split second" and the candidate is assassinated. Needless to say, his career in the service is over. Eventually he makes a new life for himself. He becomes a small town lawyer in the Blue Mountains of Virginia. His quiet life is abruptly ended when the dead body of one of his associates is found in his office.

Eight years later, Secret Service Michelle Maxwell is protecting candidate John Bruno, and against her better judgment, she lets the candidate out of her sight and he disappears. With her career in shreds, she starts looking into the Ritter assassination. While listening to the tape of the event, she hears something strange and decides to seek out Sean King. When the two start investigating Bruno's disappearance, they don't realize how much danger they are

*See pictures of David Baldacci from the National Book Festival on our website:*

*[www.bradleybeachlibrary.org](http://www.bradleybeachlibrary.org)*

in. Someone is trying to kill them. Between dead bodies and kidnappings, Sean and Michelle have their hands full.

Sean and Michelle have good chemistry and I have it straight from David Baldacci himself that the two of them will be teamed up in another book.

## Computer Classes

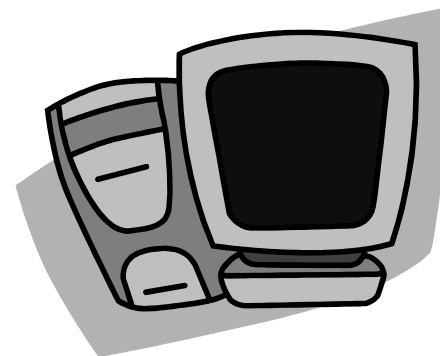
Computer classes are in full swing again after the summer off!

Another cycle of beginner classes will be offered before the end of the year and intermediate classes will begin in January.

Not sure which classes are right for you? Call or come into the

Library and talk to Karen or another staff member about what you already know or what you want to know and we'll try and place you.

Thanks for helping to keep the classes running with the overwhelming interest!





## Super Librarian?

So what’s all this about the Super Librarian? You’ve seen the posters and the bookmarks at the library. You may have even seen the 30 second commercial on TV in September. But do you know what it is all about?

Super Librarian is the first-ever state-wide marketing campaign for NJ Libraries. The goal of the campaign is to educate the public about the wealth of resources

offered by the state’s 451 libraries, as well as to help dispel misconceptions about both libraries and librarians.

Norma Blake, State Librarian said “This is not the public library of years ago. Librarians don’t “shush” people anymore. Conversation is encouraged. So,



*No boundaries, No limits, Know your library*

while we’ve clearly had some fun developing this campaign, our intent is to make people sit up and take notice, change perceptions people have of libraries and librarians, and influence residents throughout the state to take advantage of the extraordinary resources they have at their disposal.”

## Movies from Books

This fall is full of movie adaptations of popular books. You may have seen Under the Tuscan Sun right here at the Beach Cinema but do you know what else is coming out before the end of the year? Here a brief list:

- The Human Stain by Philip Roth and starring Nicole Kidman
- Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier and starring Nicole Kidman
- Girl with the Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier and starring Colin Firth

- The Cat in the Hat by Dr Seuss and starring Mike Myers
- The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King by JRR Tolkien

Want to know more? Check out the September/October issue of Book Magazine to hear about these and other new films.

## From the Board of Trustees

The Library applied for three grants this summer. The first two are from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; funded by the Statewide Livable Communities Fund. One grant was specifically for ADA Compliance. Our application was for a new entrance at the rear of the building that would provide new stairs and a lift for barrier-free access to the upper and lower levels of the Library. The second grant was for physical improvements and/or equipment upgrades for Municipal Libraries. We applied for rehabilitation and

construction of a handicapped accessible restroom and restoration of the original plaster ceiling with historically correct light fixtures. The third grant is from the Monmouth County Historical Society. With this grant we’re hoping to have the marble in the main entrance restored. It will probably be January before we know if we have been awarded these grants. Thank you to Mayor Schueler for making us aware of the Department of Community Affairs Grants. And thank you to Phil Kavanaugh of T&M Associates for

## Janet Siri, President

helping us with the applications. Thank you too to Gerry McAtee, Trustee, for working all summer on the Historical Society Grant. Since we are saying thank you, I want you know that for the third year in a row the Library has been the beneficiary of the Bradley Beach 5K Run. The first year they helped us restore the front doors, last year they added \$4,000.00 to the renovation and restoration fund. And this year they have given us another \$1000.00 for our fund. Thank You, Rich Held and Run Committee.

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*Don't forget about all the great things the library has for you!*

- *Computers with word processing & access to the Internet*
- *New books (and old favorites!)*
- *Magazines*
- *Videos and DVDs*
- *CDs*
- *Audio books*
- *Children's programming*

*If you don't see something you want or need, ask one of the members of the Library staff . . . We'll try to help you find it!*

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## Upcoming Events

**And keep an eye out for additional events and programs!**

### November

- 29– 2nd Annual Shop ‘til you Drop at the Carmen A. Biase Community Center, brought to you by the Friends of the Library
- 29– Last day to sign up for the Cookie Swap!

### December

- 4– Book discussion club– The Christmas Train by David Baldacci
- 9– Cookie swap
- 14– Swing Time Quartet - 2-4 pm. Join us for a holiday musical treat!

