



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 92 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

Upcoming Events:

President's Message

by Lenore Decovsky

We are back! After months of being sidelined by Covid we had our first fundraising event. As part of the town wide garage sale we had an outdoor book sale, complete with masks, gloves, sanitizer and social distancing. A feeling of community prevailed and we experienced a semblance of normalcy. Our customers purchased books by the bagful, replenishing their personal libraries. Thanks to everyone who supported us. We hope we will soon be able to take book donations.

Vice President's Message

by Kathie Deak

When Lenore and I made the executive decision to hold the book sale we purposely limited the number of volunteers for safety reasons. We knew we could handle most aspects of the sale ourselves, but realized that putting up large tables and hauling tons of books would be an issue. So, we called in the cavalry! Dana, Anthony, and J.R. of the DPW came through in spades, as did Councilmen Gubitosi and Bonnell, T.J. Coan, Jane Denoble, Fred Decovsky, and the library's next door neighbor Fred. They worked behind the scenes, and we could not have done it without them. As the saying goes, "it takes a village", and our village came through!

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2019-2020 OFFICERS

President: Lenore Decovsky

Vice President: Kathie Deak

Secretary: Ines Altemose

Treasurer: Barb Johnston

1. **Saturday, November 28: Sale of handcrafted holiday trees and holiday items at outdoor fair in Riley Park**

Note: We always welcome new members. Join us!

Note: Kudos to our wonderful library staff for their creativity during this trying time! Crafts-in-a-bag, curbside pickup, virtual programs, etc. Thank you Ashley, Cynthia, Eileen, Nicole, Carli, 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.**

Meetings are suspended until it is once again safe to meet in the Library.

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. 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. 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>**
4. **Book donations** are on hold right now. If you have a book or two you can always leave them in the Free Little Libraries located around town (see item below).
5. The **Free Little Libraries** have been relocated for the winter to several locations around town: to the Elementary School (mostly children's books) to Riley Park, near the train parking lot, and in front of the recreation center on Main Street (across from the bagel store). Feel free to visit any of these locations to "take a book, leave a book".
6. Save the tabs from your soda/beer cans for donation to Ronald McDonald house.