



# 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 there 75 members, with a core group of members who are actively involved in day to day projects.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

### President's Message

By Lenore Decovsky

I hope everyone had a good holiday season, celebrating with family and friends. After the very busy holiday season we are now in the winter "downtime", a time to recoup, regroup, and attack those projects that we never seem to get to when the sun is shining, and the beach is beckoning. Or just sit by the fire reading a good book without feeling guilty about lazy indoor afternoons.

But winter is almost over, spring is coming soon, and the Friends are busy gearing up for a lot of fun events scheduled in the next few months. Check out what we have in store for you! (See Upcoming Events section).

### Vice President's Message

By Kathie Deak

While watching a recent episode of the show "Open House" I heard a homeowner say that her hobby was reading. My ears perked up and my eyes took in a lovely room with wall to wall bookshelves. The woman went on to boast that she reads one book a month... I was not impressed. Our library staff told me that the average patron takes out 4 to 6 books a month. Now that, my friends, is a hobby!

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### 2018 OFFICERS

- President: Lenore Decovsky
- Vice President: Kathie Deak
- Secretary: Kathy Morales
- Treasurer: Jerrilyn Galinski

### Upcoming Events:

1. **Psychic Fair:** Thursday, April 4, 6-10 pm at Bradley Beach Firehouse. Sign up now for your psychic reading. Call Kathie at 732-775-4003. Walk-ins welcome, but pre-registration encouraged.
2. **Outdoor Living Tour**-June 22. Save the date: We will be showcasing six unique Bradley Beach properties at our very first "Porches and Patios Outdoor Living Tour".
3. **50/50 Raffle**

### Ongoing Events:

- Brick Tribute Wall
- In-Library Book Sale (Cart sale)
- Donation Jars at local businesses
- Goey's Fund Large Print Book Collection

***Our Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the library.***

### DID YOU KNOW?

- There are always **books for sale** on a cart in the library. Reasonable Prices!
- Your purchase of goods on **Amazon** could result in a donation to the Friends! **Amazon Smile** is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by the customers. The Friends of the Bradley Beach Library participate in the AmazonSmile program, so you can support us every time you shop. Please bookmark this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/80-0157971> so all of your eligible shopping will benefit the Friends.
- **Jewelry donations:** We are still accepting donations of jewelry for our next Jewelry Sale. Please bring items to the Library front desk any time during normal library business hours.
- We have **suggestion boxes** located on the first floor by the front door and in the ground floor entryway. Tell us your thoughts...we would love to hear from you!
- Remember, **book donations** are always welcome, **especially childrens books!** Just leave them in the book shed, located on the side to the left of the front doors.
- The **Free Little Libraries** in Bradley Beach were relocated for the winter, but they are still out there! There is one on Main Street by Riley Park and one by the Elementary School. They will be returned to the beachfront for the summer season.
- **Christmas Tree Silent Auction:** For our first Christmas Tree Silent Auction the Friends had fun creating one of a kind trees for purchase by the highest bidder. All 20 trees went home with happy bidders. Special thanks to all who participated in the event. Next year.....perhaps our library patrons and staff will join the fun and create trees for the auction!
- The Friends provided funding for purchase of STEM Educational Construction Engineering Building blocks for the childrens room, to afford more interactive play opportunities.