



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 94 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

Next meeting is Monday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m., at the library, lower level.

President's Message

by Lenore Decovsky

It is so nice to be getting back to some level of normalcy as we spend more time outdoors. We had an outdoor book sale in July on the front lawn of the library. It was a great event, with hundreds of booklovers turning up to "fill a bag". Thanks to the many volunteers and "shoppers" who made this event successful.

Vice President's Message

by Anastasia (Stasia) Augusto

"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color."

Natalie Babbitt, Tuck Everlasting

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2021 OFFICERS

President: Lenore Decovsky

Vice President: Stasia Augusto

Secretary: Ines Altemose

Treasurer: Barb Johnston

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

Upcoming Events:

As we feel safer, and things open back up, we will decide when we can resume public events.

As of now:

1. *We are in the planning stages of restoring our historic bronze doors.*
2. *We hope we can hold our jewelry sale this fall. Donate your unwanted jewelry!*

Note: *We always welcome new members. Join us! Pick up a membership application at the library front desk or on the library website.*

4. Fundraising to benefit the library is always appreciated. Mail in or drop off donations at the Library, Made payable to "Friends of the Library"
5. Books for sale on book carts.

Recent Events:

-Our book donation day in May had an unbelievable turnout, filling two sheds with books. The library is taking donations now.

-The "fill a bag" book sale in July was a great success! Besides raising a nice amount of money, people were happy to meet and greet friends and neighbors.

-We had our Sunday morning "Yoga on the Beach", always a fun summer activity.

-**Terracycle** Program: See explanation below.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. **Book donations** are allowed again at the Library. (Please no textbooks or encyclopedias).
2. **SAVE THE EARTH WHILE SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY: Terracycle** is a free national recycling solution for hard to cycle waste. Terracycle will donate cash to the Friends of the Library for plastic recyclables. We are accepting all brands of clear plastic food storage containers, including food take-out containers. Thoroughly wash and dry these items and put them in the blue bin located in the library entrance on the ground floor.
3. **New to town?** Come in to get a **Welcome Gift Pail** with information on local businesses, coupons, etc.
4. 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.
5. 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 **AT NO COST TO YOU!** 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>
6. We have several **Free Little Libraries** which are on the boardwalk during season but are relocated for the winter to several locations around town (the Elementary School, Riley Park near the train parking lot, by the recreation center on Main Street). Visit them to "take a book, leave a book".
7. Save tabs from your soda/beer cans for donation to Ronald McDonald house. Drop off at the library.
8. 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!

