



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.

President's Message

By Lenore Decovsky

The past three months have been hectic and rewarding. I have thoroughly enjoyed diving into my new role and have seen proof that communities thrive when individual citizens volunteer their time and experience. I am privileged to work with a fantastic group of individuals who care deeply about the Bradley Beach community. They understand the importance of literacy, love to read, and are committed to the Library's mission. Each brings his or her unique life skills to the table and together form a strong team dedicated to making our "Great Little Library" even greater.

As we begin the new year, I look forward to growing our membership and helping to increase library services in collaboration with our Director, Staff, and Board.

*Thank you for your support, encouragement, and commitment as we move forward in our endeavors.
Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2019!*

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HIGHLIGHTS OF AUTUMN 2018

1. Jewelry Sale was a great success and has become our biggest fundraiser.
2. Longwood Gardens bus trip was sold out and was a fun day for all. The lights were gorgeous!
3. Christmas Tree Silent Auction: Friends had great fun creating one of a kind trees.
4. We participated in the Townwide Garage Sale, selling books on the library lawn.
5. Friends and Staff of the Library participated in the townwide scarecrow contest in October, gaining "Honorable Mention" for our Michael Jackson scarecrow.
6. Suggestion boxes installed by front door and ground floor entrance. Give us your ideas!
7. Magnatiles purchased for the children's room will afford more interactive play opportunities.
8. Kindergarten library cards, shirts, and books distributed.

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUTUMN 2018 (CONTINUED)

9. Our book shed has been “remodeled”. Thanks to our marvelous library staffers (Janet P.) and to our Director and her husband. Book donations are always welcome, **especially childrens books!**

Vice President's Message

By Kathie Deak

***Free Little Libraries:** After losing his beloved mother, Todd Bol grappled with ways to keep her memory alive. Mom's vocation as a longtime teacher, her love of reading, and a passion for literacy, became the inspiration for his idea of “Free Little Libraries”. Working alone in his garage, Todd fashioned small buildings from scraps of wood, filled them with books, and installed them throughout his community. His accompanying message encouraged people to “Take a book, leave a book”. This movement has impacted over 88 countries and continued to grow! One man, one simple idea, with a tremendous result. Sadly, Todd Bol passed away in October 2018 in Minnesota from pancreatic cancer. He was only 62 years old. Thank you, Mr. Bol, for a life well lived.*

Note: The Free Little Libraries in Bradley Beach have been relocated for the winter. 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.

Upcoming Events:

1. Christmas Tree Silent Auction Dec 4-15
2. Philadelphia Flower Show bus trip: Mar 5
3. Psychic Fair: April 4, 6-10 pm at Bradley Beach Firehouse. (Save the date!)
4. Outdoor Living Tour-June 22
5. Our next big goal: To restore the magnificent brass doors, original to the library's building in 1913.

Notes: Our **next meeting** will be held on Monday, January 7 at 7:00 P.M. at the Library. New members welcome! (Meetings are held the first Monday of the month).

History of the Friends

The Friends of the Bradley Beach Public Library was established in 1974. Presently there are over 75 members, with a core group of members who are actively involved in day to day projects.

2018 OFFICERS

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual Single: \$10

Lifetime:

- Business: \$50
- Individual: \$35
- Family: \$50
- Senior: \$20
- Senior Family: \$25

DID YOU KNOW?

There are always books for sale on a cart in the library. Reasonable Prices!

Ongoing Events:

1. Brick Tribute Wall
2. In-Library Book Sale
3. Donation Jars at local businesses
4. Goeys Fund Large Print Book Collection

