



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 80 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

President's Message

by Lenore Decovsky

They say that imitation is the truest form of flattery. If so, we are very humbled by having other "Friends" groups contacting us for advice on how to build a strong, effective, and cohesive Friends organization with successful fundraising events. Point Pleasant Beach recently held a successful jewelry sale modeled after ours. Sea Girt library sought our advice on building a Friends group, and several library directors have contacted me seeking ideas for their Friends groups. People came up to me at our jewelry sale, introduced themselves as Library Directors or librarians, took photos, and spoke with me about our fundraising events. We are happy to share our ideas with others and we know we will learn from them in return.

Vice President's Message

by Kathie Deak

Jeopardy fans were glued to their TVs this summer as contestant James Holzhauer went on a phenomenal winning streak, breaking many of the show's all-time records. When we all thought he was unbeatable, a young Princeton grad took him down. This amazing woman was none other than a librarian! Congratulations Emma! Way to go!

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2019 OFFICERS

President: Lenore Decovsky

Vice President: Kathie Deak

Secretary: Barb Johnston

Treasurer: Ines Altamose

Upcoming Events:

1. Author Night: Nov 6
2. Winterthur Bus Trip-Exhibit of costumes from "The Crown": Nov 25
3. Tabletop Xmas Tree Auction

NOTE: Our new Director, Ashley Foglia was formerly the Adult Services Supervisor of the Toms River branch of the Ocean County Library. She plans to focus on expanding outreach in the community and move the library into the new edge of the interactive information culture. Come in and meet her!

Ongoing Events:

1. Brick Tribute Wall
2. In-Library Book Sale (Cart sale)
3. Donation Jars at local businesses
4. Goey's Fund Large Print Book Collection
5. Food Pantry and toiletries collection
6. Soda can tabs for charity

Our Next meeting will be held on Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the library.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The Library has a new Director, Ashley Foglia. Come on in and meet her!
2. Sign up now for the bus trip to Winterthur, Nov 25. Space is limited!
3. The orange bin in the library is for donations of toiletries and hygiene products which are distributed by the Food Pantry. Food donations are also accepted.
4. **New to town?** Come in to get a **Welcome Gift Pail** with information on local businesses, coupons, etc.
5. There are always **books for sale** on a cart in the library. Good prices, special monthly promotions.
6. 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>
7. **Book donations** are always welcome, **especially childrens books!** Just leave them in the book shed, located on the side of the building to the left of the front doors.
8. The **Free Little Libraries** will soon be removed from the beachfront for winter. They will be relocated to the Elementary School and to Riley Park, near the train parking lot.
9. Save the tabs from your soda/beer cans and bring to the library for donation to Ronald McDonald house. There are glass collection jars at the circulation desk and in the children's room.
10. The Friends have purchased a Pass for **Grounds for Sculpture**, Hamilton N.J. This year round sculpture park, arboretum, and museum has educational performances, programs, performing arts, and family events. Library patrons can borrow the pass for 2 days, free entry for up to 4 people per day. Pass also good for 10% off in the museum shop.

