



Spring Newsletter

Bradley Beach Public Library

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From the Director's Desk

Spring is finally here at the library and our front walk is in bloom! As you may have noticed, our front walk always looks great. It doesn't happen without any work. If you are interested in helping out with watering and weeding duties, please talk to a member of the



library staff. I am sure that the contribution of your time to the library will be much appreciated.

Gardening not your thing? There are plenty of things to do at the library. We have started a book discussion club. The first meeting is soon, but you can get details at the library or on the website about what books the group is reading and when the

discussions will take place.

With the quick approach of summer, be sure to check the calendar on the back of the newsletter for summer hours and when they take effect and upcoming events.

We hope to see you out & about and at the library this spring!

Sincerely,
Karen Klapperstuck

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Special points of interest:

- *The second installment in Staff Profiles. This issue: How Grace got here!*
- *Looking forward to the summer? See what we have in store for you in the coming months!*

Summer Reading Program

It is hard to believe that summer is almost here!!!

With the weather warming up, we have been working on this year's summer reading

program, **Reading Road Trip U.S.A.**

The program will begin on Monday, **July 8**, and will run through Wednesday **August 21**. The wrap up party will

be held on Saturday, **August 24** at the Library.

Encourage your kids to take a reading road trip this summer at our library!

Bradley Beach Historical Society News

by Shirley Ayres

The Bradley Beach Historical Society holds monthly meetings every third Tuesday of each month at the library at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have something to share, postcards, photographs, memories, etc., we'd love to share them with you, so be sure to bring them with you to the meetings.

On Memorial Day weekend, the Historical Society will have a table on the boardwalk, signing up new members and making visitors aware of our existence. We will have promotional brochures, some pictures of Bradley Beach, and a few items

for sale. This will be our first fund raising experience, hopefully it will be a good experience. Stop by the table and say "hello".

Sometime this summer, the Arcadia Publisher's book on Bradley Beach will be offered for sale. It will be at lots of locations around town, as well as at the last independent book store in Monmouth County and (maybe) the state, Fair Haven Book Store in Fair Haven, my personal favorite.

The Monmouth County Clerk's Office in Freehold has published a book called "Town by Town; Impressions of Monmouth

County", in which every town in Monmouth County is represented with an essay of its history. There is a copy in the library and it's worth looking at to see how our neighboring towns began.

If you have any questions, comments or contributions for the historian, I can be reached by email or by leaving your information at the library. I will get back to you as quickly as possible. Thank you.

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Celebrity Books: *Lucky Man* by Michael J. Fox and *Find Me* by Rosie O'Donnell

By Diana Luzzanyi and Kim Sullivan

Celebrity books abound, these two are worth a look.

Lucky Man by Michael J. Fox is an uplifting, heartwarming story that comes full circle to bring him to consider himself a lucky man. In his writing, he reveals himself to be a kind, generous, down to earth man. If you didn't already like him, you certainly will after this book. It starts with an account of his childhood and the chain of events that bring him to the pre-

sent day. Mostly, it is how he changed from believing that Parkinson's disease is a curse to the blessing he now believes it to be.

As for *Find Me* by Rosie O'Donnell, this is almost exclusively about a period in her life in which she unknowingly became involved with a woman suffering from Multiple Personality Disorder. She shares intimate phone calls and personal email with the reader in a most candid

fashion. She is a brave woman, who admittedly suffers from "savior complex," wanting to save the world one person at a time.

Like Michael J. Fox, Rosie comes full circle in this episode in her life. She starts out trying to find out who this woman is and what she's about and ultimately in this process, learns about herself. As she states throughout the book, "Nothing happens by chance."

Computer Classes

Still having trouble with that computer? Not sure how to get started? We can help!

Don't forget that computer classes are scheduled on a regular basis. The library offers two cycles of classes: beginner

and intermediate beginner.

Beginner classes are very basic, introductory level. Intermediate classes go a little further in depth. Not sure which is right for you? Let us know your experience level and we can try



to place you in the appropriate grouping.

Call the library to sign up or to be placed on a waiting list for the next class. Class sizes are limited due to space constraints.

How I found my way to Bradley Beach Public Library

Profiles of your Library staff: Grace Vetranò

I never realized that I wanted to work in a library until the principal of my son's grammar school asked me if I would like to volunteer in the school library. My youngest son was in the third grade and I thought why not? After all, I already knew the librarian and we got along fine. From the very first day I showed up at the library, I was hooked.

I learned everything I know about libraries from Mrs. Krook,

the librarian at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel grammar school. When she taught the kids the Dewey Decimal system, I also learned. I learned everything the kids learned and more. She dragged me kicking and screaming into the world of computers. By the time I left there I felt like I had gone to library school. The only thing I



didn't have was a degree, but I got the education for free.

I had seen ads for library clerks in the Asbury Park Press, but I never bothered to apply. Then one

day I did apply for job here at the Bradley Beach Library and I got it. Now here I am six years later, loving my job and so very glad I answered the newspaper ad!

Daddy's Little Girl by Mary Higgins Clark

A Book Review by Grace Vetranò

Ellie Cavanaugh, an investigative journalist, was only 7 years old when her 15-year old sister Andrea was murdered by her rich, spoiled boyfriend, Rob. Every time Rob comes up for parole, Ellie is there to protest. Finally when it looks like Rob will be paroled, Ellie starts to dig into the murder hoping to find something that will keep Rob in

prison. But the deeper she digs the more danger she is in.

This is a story of murder, the destruction of a family, and how far one family member will go to see that justice served.

As a fan of Mary Higgins Clark's books, I was not disappointed. The many twists and turns of the story kept me engrossed from beginning to end.



Sea Glass by Anita Shreve

A Book Review by Diana Luzsanyi

The Pilot's Wife featured in Oprah's Book Club launched Anita Shreve into the stratosphere. *The Last Time They Met* kept her there, while *Sea Glass* brings this author back down to earth.

I found the story to be interesting enough, however,

the characters lack passion and depth, making them less interesting.

The story takes place during the Depression, with historical accounts of union organizing in the northeast. The evolution of the story begins when Honora marries a man she doesn't really



know.

In her process of finding out about her husband, she learns not only who he is, but more importantly, who she is.

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So what exactly is on our website?
Lots of great information!
Check it out:

- Search our catalog to see if we own a particular book or video.
- Check library hours, fees and overdue/fine policies.
- See what events are planned for the coming month.
- Find links to other web resources.
- Contact information
- All available 24/7!

Dates To Remember

Summer Hours Begin **June 24th**

- M, W, F — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tues, Thurs — 12 noon to 8 p.m.
- Sat — 9 a.m. to 12 noon
- Sun — Closed

Reading Road Trip U.S.A , our Summer Reading Program Begins **July 8th**

Library Fundraising Gala **September 20** (more details in the next newsletter)

For details on these and other events, please call the Library.

If you have suggestions for programming, please contact a member of the Library Staff.

