

Spring Newsletter

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From the Director's Desk

It's hard to believe that it is spring already but what a winter we have had! It is time to forget about all the snow & rain and start looking forward to the summer and the best that Bradley Beach has to offer us!

The Library is also looking forward to new things! We are expecting some new furniture to go with the new computers . . . We're making plans to improve our building . . . We are starting to prepare for the new statewide summer reading program and some great adult summer programs. The Friends of the Library are active and planning activities for library users and community members of all ages (see the article below).



Don't forget about our on-going programs like story time, book discussion club, craft programs. We try to plan things YOU want to do . . . We'd love to hear your suggestions!

A lot is happening @ your library . . . Be a part of it!

Sincerely,

Karen Klapperstuck

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Friends of the Library

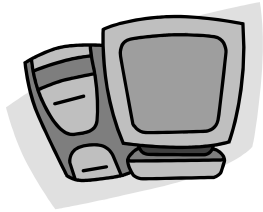
by Tracey Christensen, President

Come join the Bradley Beach Friends of the Library. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Library. Thank you to everyone who made our homemade soup sale a huge success. Keep an eye out for another homemade soup sale this fall.

Look for us at the Memorial Day Celebration on the beachfront on May 24. We will have a table selling our note cards, tote bags and children's cards. Also look for us in the parade, where books come alive.

Memory Day is July 13, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. It will be a great day remembering our town's history. We will be serving our famous library punch and baked goods. We need volunteers for Memorial Day and Memory Day. Please sign up at the Library.

Thank you!



Computer Classes

The library offers two cycles of computer classes: beginner and intermediate beginner. Beginner classes are basic, introductory level material. Intermediate classes go a little further in depth.

The Introductory Cycle consists of the following 3 classes: Introduction to Computers I and II, How to search the Library Catalog, and Introduction to the Internet.

The Intermediate cycle will consist of the following classes: Review of Computer Basics, Word Processing using Microsoft Word, and Searching the Internet.

The classes are offered for 3 weeks on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. OR Fridays at 11:00 a.m. Call for the schedule of classes.

Contact the library to sign up or to be placed on a waiting list for the next class. The Library currently has a waiting list but we would be happy to add you to it. Class sizes are limited due to space constraints.

Dirty Work by Stuart Woods

A book review by
Karen Klapperstuck

Stone Barrington, lawyer and ex-cop is once again the main character of the newest Stuart Woods book. Stone is still working for Woodman and Weld, a prominent NYC law firm. After getting involved in some dirty work for the firm, the job goes awry and Stone becomes entangled in an international web of spies and terrorists. The situation is further complicated by the return of Carpenter, one of Stone's love interests from The Short Forever.

Stuart Woods is always

successful at making us care about the characters in his series fiction and this book is no different. Readers will be glad to see that Dino, Stone's former partner on the police force, is still capable of helping Stone when he's in trouble and that Stone's playboy ways aren't changing.

While you can read these books in any order, some may want to read all 9 in order. Whichever you choose, readers will enjoy keeping tabs on Stone and finding out what will happen to him next!

Dead Aim by Iris Johansen

A book review by
Carole Applegate

Alex Graham, a photographer, is snapping pictures at a collapsed dam site in Colorado and helping in a search and rescue area. Later she is surprised to find herself the target of an assassin.

She confides in her friend, Sarah, whose husband John Logan, contacts Judd Morgan. Judd owes Logan a big favor, and reluctantly agrees to protect Alex.

And the chase is on as the story of a government cover-up unfolds.

Iris Johansen writes an action-packed novel that keeps the reader's interest through to the last page.

I am looking forward to her next new novel.



The New Era Shipwreck

by Shirley Ayres, Boro Historian

On October 1, 1854, a three-masted ship named The New Era set out from Bremen, Germany, with about 500 German emigrants, bound for America. During the crossing, sickness cut the number of passengers and crew down to 420 people. During the night of November 13, off the Asbury Park beach, a north eastern storm blew the ship onto a sand bar, stranding it about one mile from the shore. The captain and most of the crewmen abandoned the ship and rowed to shore, leaving the confused passengers to deal with the freezing storm. The next morning, Captain White with a lifesaving contingent from Long Branch succeeded in saving the remaining 120 people. Almost 300 people were drowned or froze to death, some lashed to the standing masts on the ship.

To honor Captain White and the passengers and crew of the New Era, a wooden statue of a sailor lashed to one of the actual masts was erected on the beach between Park Place and Newark Avenue in Bradley Beach. Unfortunately, the statue has disappeared and only postcards remain of this tribute. But there are other

reminders of this terrible shipwreck. Recently, the anchor of The New Era was raised from the ocean and, after restoration, placed in front of St. Andrew's by the Sea Church in Allenhurst. Additionally, at the Old First Methodist Church in West Long Branch, the Fellowship Hall has a small museum dedicated to The New Era, and in their cemetery is a monument to the wreck.

In 1854, Asbury Park, Ocean Grove and Bradley Beach were unpopulated stretches of sand, waiting for development. There was no one to raise the alarm to help the poor, defenseless passengers of The New Era. Rescuers had to come from miles away in Long Branch and not until the next day. There have been many progressive changes in the past 150 years, and due to the collection and preservation of historic relics, the tragedy of The New Era will be remembered for at least another 150 years.

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Audio Books

Hello all you audio-book-aholics out there. You know who you are, JM, PA, BF and the rest of you. I, too, am one of you. I never realized how many times a day I can just turn on my cassette player and read. Granted, I only live 5 to 10 minutes from work, but I listen every day on my way to and from work, on my way to the grocery store, the bank and all the other places I go in my car. If I want to, I can even take the tapes inside and listen there. I put on my headphones and listen while I walk.

The library has a wonderful selection of audio books. If you like mystery, we have Jonathan



Kellerman, Faye Kellerman, James Patterson, Mary Higgins Clark and Sue Grafton, just to name a few. If romance is more your cup of tea, try Sandra Brown or Judith McNaught. If you're into scary or horror stories, we have Stephen King and Dean Koontz. Do you like the classics? We have Poe, HG Wells, Mark Twain, etc. We even have Harry Potter on tape! If it's nonfiction you like, we have books by Tom Brokaw, Bill Bryson, Bill Gates and others.

So why not try a book on tape? I'm sure you can find a good place to listen!

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What's coming up . . .

April 23 — No story time — Spring Break!

April 28 — Library Board Meeting at 7 pm

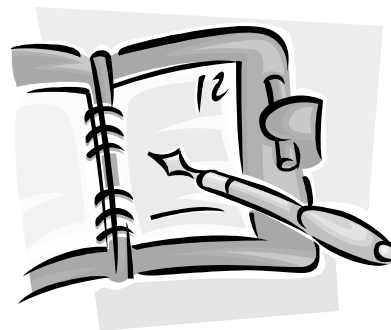
May 20 — Historical Society meeting

May 22 — Book Discussion Club — Welcome to the World, Baby Girl!
By Fannie Flagg

May 24 — Memorial Day Parade — make sure to check out the Friends of the Library booth on the boardwalk!

May 26 — Library Closed for Memorial Day

July 13 — Memory Day, 1:00 to 5:00 pm



Don't forget . . .

The Friends of the Library is selling note cards and tote bags. Note cards are \$1 each or 6 cards for \$5. Tote bags are \$10 each. Purchases go to support the Friends and the Library.