



# Spring Newsletter

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## Bradley Beach Public Library

### From the Director's Desk . . . .

Finally!! Spring is here! After the winter and all the rain, I thought we would go right into summer. You may have noticed that our front walk looks better than ever. We have a great volunteer, John Moretto, doing all that gardening for us. If you see him out there, thank him for making our library look so amazing!



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We just had a mural painted in the hallway leading to the children's library. We owe a big thanks to the Friends of the Library and Mayor Schueler for donating funds to this project. Check out the pictures on our website if you can't make it in to see it. It is absolutely stunning!

And now that summer is just around the corner, we are starting to prepare for some special programs. Discover New Trails @ Your Library (our summer reading program) is only the start. Keep an eye out for other special events as summer approaches!

Enjoy this weather and come see us at the library!!

Sincerely,

*Karen J. Klapperstuck*

#### Of Interest:

- \* Computer classes to start again soon!
- \* Summer reading program news!
- \* House Tour Info
- \* Book Reviews!!
- \* Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Summer Reading Program News!

This year's summer reading program, Discover New Trails @ Your Library will begin on July 6th. As in past years, the participants will be divided into 3 age groups: up to age 6, ages 7—11, and ages 12 and over. Once the kids are signed up (starting on July 6), they can check out books and start reading! The program will run through August 6. An awards ceremony will be held in August as well. Please join us for another summer of fun and reading @ Your Library!

## *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult

A book Review by Kathie Christensen

The illness of a child affects everyone in the family in very different ways. Parents feel helpless, siblings feel neglected and question their place in the world and family.

Kate, the middle child in this family, has leukemia. Anna, the youngest child, was conceived as a bone marrow match for Kate. By age 13, Anna has endured many

invasive procedures. Now they want her to donate a kidney. She saves her money to hire a lawyer and file a lawsuit to become medically emancipated from her parents. Anna is torn between being afraid to have the surgery and her fear that her sister Kate will die without it.



Anna's older brother Jesse is rebellious and resentful. He is getting into all kinds of trouble. Sara, Anna's mother, wants to desperately save Kate. Brian, Anna's father, wants to save them all.

And Campbell Alexander, Anna's lawyer, has a few secrets of his own.

## Behavior Guidelines

We welcome the children of Bradley Beach into our library on a daily basis. Our staff is happy to assist the children with assignments, reports and computer use. However, over the winter and this spring, there have been problems at the library with some of the children.

The children have been loud

and disrespectful of other patrons and the library building. Children running around inside the library and treating the library as a playground poses a safety risk to all who use the library. When asked to behave, be quiet or leave the library building or property, some of the children have been rude and offensive to the staff.

Most importantly, we are concerned about the safety of your children and our other library visitors.

Please take a moment to review the insert in this newsletter regarding our behavior policy. Thanks for helping us keep the library a safe place for all of you to visit!

## Computer Classes Continue . . .

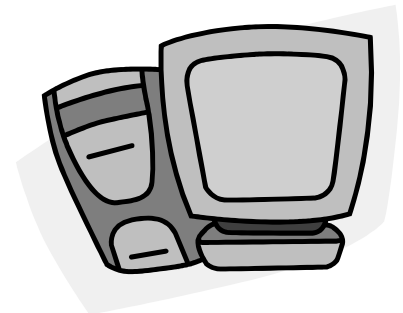
Computer classes are in full swing again!

Beginner classes will begin in May and intermediate classes will be scheduled for June.

Not sure which classes are right for you? Call or come into the Library and talk to

Karen or another staff member about what you already know or what you want to know and we'll try and place you.

Thanks for helping to keep the classes running with your overwhelming interest!



## First Ever Bradley Beach House Tour

Last fall, a group of women from three nonprofit organizations got together to go over joint fund raising possibilities. The favorite was a house tour in Bradley Beach. Kim Charette from the Parent Teacher's Organization, Tracey Christensen and Jean Beaudette from the Friends of the Library, and Shirley Ayres and Rae Tutela from the Bradley Beach Historical Society were the organizers. Of course, one of our first contacts was the Historical Society of Ocean Grove. They have been running house tours for over thirty years. JoAnne Lopus, who is in charge of the HS of OG's house tour, welcomed us and gave us samples of all printed materials. She talked to us for hours and has kept in touch via email when questions arose. The commit-

tee members chose the homes of neighbors, friends and family members to be on the tour. We also chose the Bradley Beach Inn, a Bed and Breakfast Inn on Ocean Avenue, and the First Methodist Church, which is over one hundred years old and the first church in Bradley Beach, to be on the tour. We talked to the Tourism Commission about having the house tour on the same day as their scheduled International Food Festival on June 26. They loved the idea and even helped sponsor the event. We were able to hire a trolley, with help from the Tourism Commission's grant money, to transport all the house tour ticket holders to and from the selected homes. One of the trolley



stops will be the International Food Festival so that everyone can enjoy the wonderful food and events that make up this spectacular day. The tickets will be on sale June 26 at the International Food Festival and the Carmen Biase Community Center (Senior Center) for \$15.00 each and the tour will run from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Saturday June 26. Each ticket bought will greatly help the three nonprofit Bradley Beach groups. We hope to see you at the first annual Bradley Beach House Tour. We know you will enjoy the house tour as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Thank you.

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## Paranoia by Joseph Finder

I won't say that Joseph Finder's new book *Paranoia* is the best English-language book ever written. However, I do believe it's the best one published to date in this millennium.

Adam Cassidy, a hipster corporate drone, decides to rob his employer not for the usual reason, but to fund a

lavish Friday night retirement party for "a loading dock guy." Why? Because he could! Needless to say, he's greeted on Monday morning by a voicemail from company security.

That takes you through page nine. To say any more would spoil your enjoyment. Trust me when I tell you that the

A book Review by Michael A. Lloyd

following 415 pages will leave you spellbound.

This is not really a suitable "beach book." It's one you'll want to savor. In fact, as I got closer to the ending, I found myself reading each page much more slowly than usual to prolong the experience. Read this book!

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**Winter Hours (Through June 19, 2004)**

- Monday 12-5 pm
- Tuesday and Thursday 12- 8 pm
- Wednesday and Friday 9—5 pm
- Saturday 9- 12 pm

**Summer Hours (Starting June 20, 2004)**

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9- 3 pm
- Tuesday and Thursday 12- 8 pm
- Saturday 9 -12 pm

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## What's Coming Up . . .

**May 11** — Remember to **VOTE!!!**

**May 22** — Bradley Beach Town Garage Sale

**May 25** — Book Discussion Club meeting — *Fatal Tide* by Iris Johansen

**May 29** — Memorial Day Parade — Friends of the Library will once again be marching in the parade with kids who attend library story time (if you are interested, contact the library!!)

**May 31** — Library Closed for Memorial Day

**June 29** — Book Discussion Club meeting — *The Discovery of Chocolate* by James Runcie

**July 5** — Library Closed in Observance of Independence Day

**July 6** — Summer Reading Program Starts!  
**Discover New Trails @ Your Library**

