

Spring Newsletter

Bradley Beach
Public Library

From the Director's Desk . . .

Have you noticed all the boxes in the library? As annoying and unsightly as they may be, its all part of the new plans we have for the library. Right now we are working on converting all the VHS tapes into secure cases, like the DVDs. This will help give us some more room to grow, which you know we need! Once this first step is complete, we will begin rearranging. You may have heard about the new YA (Young Adult) area that we are planning, to give our teens a place of their own in the library. This area will be where Reference currently is and there will be a separate Reference Room downstairs, a quiet place for people to work and do research. A few other things are in the works too . . . But what's life without a few surprises?? Be on the lookout for lots of new things going on here this spring . . .



Sincerely,
Karen Klapperstuck

Jersey Devil!!

The Jersey Devil is one of the NJ's oldest and most enduring folk tales. So join us at the Library on Saturday April 30 for a talk about the Jersey Devil, given by Russell Juelg of the Pinelands Preservation Alliance. The talk is geared towards the kids at about the 1st grade level and up, but aren't all of us interested in this bit of Jerseyana? The talk will begin at 10:30 am. There will be a sign up sheet at the Library so call or come in to sign up and for more information.

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Special points of interest:

- *Come Sing Along with Irv on June 18th!!*
- *Book reviews of Mary Higgins Clark and Alice Hoffman's newest books!*
- *Computer Classes*
- *Never too soon to start thinking about the summer reading program*

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No Place Like Home, Mary Higgins Clark

Review by Grace Vetran

On Old Mill Lane in Mendham, NJ, 10 year old Liza Barton, in an attempt to protect her mother from her abusive step-father, accidentally kills her mother. In the confusion that follows, Ted, her step-father is also wounded. Liza or "little Lizzie Borden" as the press has named her, is sent to trial, but she is acquitted.

Twenty plus years later, Liza, now known as Celia Barton is married to Alex and happily living in New York with their son Jack, but all that is about to change. Alex's birthday surprise to Celia is the house on Old Mill Lane. Alex doesn't know that Celia is really Liza and he has no idea about house's history. No sooner have they

pulled up to the house, than it is vandalized, but that's just the beginning. Someone knows Celia's secret identity. When townspeople start turning up dead, the police investigate and Celia falls under suspicion. Celia thinks her step-father is the killer and tries to prove it. As she sets out to gather evidence she is unaware that her life is in danger.



I enjoyed the book and liked the way Mary Higgins Clark uses NJ references. As the old adage goes, there's No Place Like Home.

Special Saturday Sing-Along Story Time

Have kids that love to sing? Then this is for you! A special story time is scheduled for **Saturday June 18 at 10:30 am**. This program will be "Sing Along with Irv."

Irv Plastock is an accomplished artist who has been singing and performing for over forty years! He performs acapella children's songs. During his program, which is geared towards children ages three to six, he sings

lots of favorites, like *The Wheels on the Bus*, *Old MacDonald* and *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

This program will be the final story time for the toddler group (the am story time) so join us for this lively and energetic program with your kids and for kids of all ages! Call the Library to sign up or for more information.

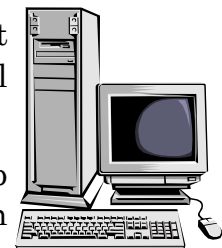
Computer Classes

Computer classes are being scheduled 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.



Summer Reading Program 2005

This year's summer reading program, Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds will begin on July 5th.

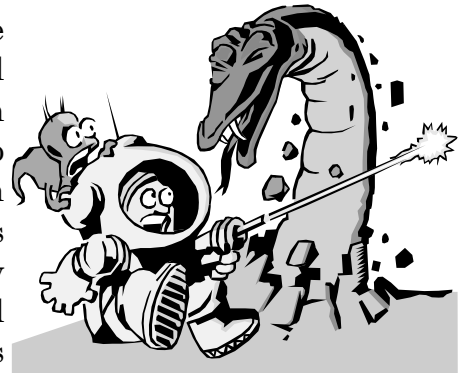
As in past years, the participants will be divided into 3 age groups:

- up to age 6
- ages 7—11
- ages 12 and over (new YA books soon!!!)

Once the kids are signed up (starting on July 5), they can check out books and start

reading! The program will run through July and into August. An awards ceremony will be held in August as well. Please

join us for another summer of fun and reading @ Your Library!



Bradley Beach Friends of the Library

The Bradley Beach Library Chapter of Friends of the Library is looking for new volunteers! We would love to see more of you helping out with this great auxiliary to the Library.

What do the Friends do? The Friends traditionally raise money and organize events at the Library. They also provide a corps of volunteers when we need them for special projects.

The Friends are responsible for the Annual

Soup Sale and Shop 'til You Drop events, as well as help on the House Tour. Recently, the Friends have helped pay for the mural in the downstairs hallway and are purchasing new furniture for the children's library.

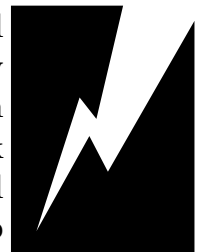
Do you want to be a Friend of the Bradley Beach Library? Please join "Friends" and start working toward making a difference in YOUR Library !

The Ice Queen by Alice Hoffman

Review by Karen Klapperstuck

It has been quite some time since I read a book that spoke to me as deeply as The Ice Queen, Alice Hoffman's latest novel. The story opens with the reminder "to be careful what you wish for . . ." And who hasn't felt that way? In this case the narrator of the story makes a wish when she is 8 years old that she feels changes her life forever. Her life is changed but was her wish to blame?

It is also a story of hindsight and family. A bit strange in the details, with lightning strike victims and fairy tales, but the story reminded me of the power in perception and love. A quick and moving read that I'd recommend to readers who don't mind a touch of the bizarre.



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Dates to Remember

- **April 25** — Board of Trustees Meeting
- **April 30 at 10:30 am** — Jersey Devil Program
- **May 2** — Friends of the Library Meeting
- **May 17** — Book Discussion Club — Greg Iles, 24 Hours
- **May 23** — Board of Trustees Meeting
- **May 27** — Bradley Beach Historical Society Event
- **May 28 & 30** — Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
- **June 6** — Friends of the Library Meeting
- **June 8** — Last PM Story Time
- **June 15** — Last AM Story Time
- **June 18 at 10:30 am** — Sing Along with Irv (special Story Time)
- **June 20** — Summer Hours Start!!
- **June 27** — Board of Trustees Meeting
- **July 5** — Summer Reading Program Starts

