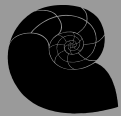




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Summer Newsletter

From the Director's Desk . . .

Welcome Summer! After all that rain, it's about time that we had some great beach weather. And with that beach time comes beach reading! What's a trip to the beach without something to read? Maybe you'd rather *listen* to a book. So don't forget that we have books on CD and cassette for all ages now!

For some of you, this newsletter will be a reminder of stuff you already know but for a lot of you, I suspect this may be your first introduction to our great little library and the services we provide. The most important thing is to remember that if you don't see something you need or want, just ask! We can get movies, CDs, and books from other libraries even if they aren't in our collection! AND you can even request those books from the comfort of your own home using our website.



Our website will see some changes in the coming months also. I'll be adding a TEEN area and a KIDS area, as well as the new releases of what is coming out in books and movies.

Mark your calendars, crafters! We have 2 events that you will want to know about. First, August 12 from 2-4 we are holding the first Bradley Beach Craft Bee, in collaboration with the First Methodist Church. Then on October 14, the Friends of the Library is having a crop day (more details on that later in the summer!).

As always, your comments and ideas mean a lot too us . . . So speak up and let us know what we can be doing for you!

Sincerely,

Karen J. Klapperstuck

Join the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Bradley Beach Library are having a membership drive! Inside there is a membership form. If you are interested, please fill out the form and return it with your dues to the Library. If you have questions, please feel free to contact a member of library staff for more information.

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Special points of interest:

- ♦ Use your laptop to access the wireless network!
- ♦ Find out what books we accept for donations!
- ♦ What's new and good in the Teen area?
- ♦ Join the Friends! Application form inside!

Wireless @ YOUR Library!

The Bradley Beach Public Library is pleased to offer wireless Internet access. Wireless Internet access allows patrons to bring their own laptop computers to the library and obtain high speed Internet access. Access is available on both floors of the Library and from just outside the Library, extending to the benches on the Library's property.

Wireless access uses the WiFi standard and the Bradley



Beach Public Library offers wireless compatibility to 802.11a, 802.11b, and 802.11g. Most users can simply bring their wireless enabled laptop computer into the Library and turn it on. Most computers will automatically recognize the wireless network. The Library cannot guarantee that your equipment will work with the Library's network.

Wireless access points in the building communicate with

your wireless device. You should be able to connect anywhere within the Library or on the Library's property. The signal in some areas is stronger than others. When your wireless device receives a signal, a message may appear indicating that the wireless network is available. Then you can open your web browser and begin using wireless Internet.

For more information, please ask for a brochure at the circulation desk.

Can't Wait to get to Heaven

a book review by Grace Vetrano

Fannie Flagg returns with Cant' Wait to get to Heaven. Elnor Shimfissle, an 80+ widow, lives in the quaint little town of Elmwood Springs, Missouri. One day while standing on a ladder trying to pick some figs, she accidentally hits a wasp nest and ends up on the ground, out cold, with a dozen or so wasp stings.

What is life all about, anyway?

She is rushed to the hospital where she is pronounced dead, but she wakes up and to her amazement, she's not in Elmwood Springs anymore.

She's on a heavenly adventure. She eventually comes back to earth and wakes up in the hospital nearly shocking her niece Norma and her husband Macky to death. What follows is a delightful story, which poses the question: What is life all about, anyway? This book is filled with southern charm and hospitality and I loved it.

Book Donations

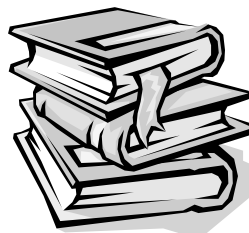
Book donations for our library collection and for the ongoing book sale to benefit the library are accepted. Thank you for thinking of the library. If we do not choose to add the item to our collection, it will go into our book sale.

However, please remember to follow these guidelines for donations:

- We accept hard cover books

and newer paperbacks in good condition.

- We DO NOT accept text books, old encyclopedias or other out of date materials!
- Please DO NOT leave books on our porch or put them in the book drop when we are closed. The books must be

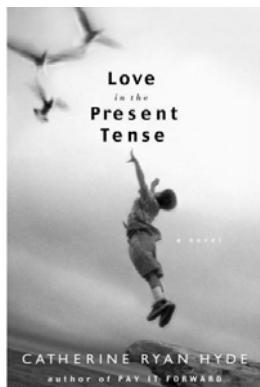


brought into the library while we are open. Leaving them on the porch is a safety hazard and the books are subject to the weather and putting them in the book drop leaves little room for other patrons to return their library books safely.

Love in the Present Tense

a book review by Diana Luzsanyi

What a surprise this book was!! A story of “forever love,” a story of relationships, a story of the families we make as we make our way through the world. Eighteen year old Pearl leaves her five



year old son, Leonard, with their neighbor Mitch one day and never returns. The 25 year old computer guy and the 5 year old with a host of ailments make an unlikely

pair. But the bonds they form are unbreakable. Each chapter gives voice to the three main characters at various ages letting the reader get to know them over a period of thirty years. Beautifully written, a love story without being sappy.

Love in the Present Tense by
Catherine Ryan Hyde

New and interesting Young Adult / Teen books!!

So what is new and exciting in the teen and young adult area? In addition to the great furniture we got last fall, now the area is fully decorated with posters, pillows and cool stripes painted on the walls. But we also have BOOKS too. Imagine that! Here are a couple of my recent reads:

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer is definitely my new favorite book. Meet Bella and Edward, whose relationship is anything but simple. Not only is it the best vampire book I've read, its one of the best books I've read. Its not a traditional vampire

story, it's a love story and the character development is great. The sequel, New Moon, is due out soon too. I was lucky enough to get a sneak preview of this and it's also a really great read.

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan was great too. Starting out with a guy asking a stranger to pretend to be his girlfriend for a few minutes in front of his ex. Their night continues, narrated by Nick and Norah in alternating chapters.

Just Listen by Sarah Dessen is

the story of Annabel Greene, a teen who has more going on than one might first guess. Her family is going through a rough

When you read something, tell us about it! Maybe you can write a review for the next newsletter!

time. Her life is further complicated by the fight she is having with her best friend, who thinks that she hooked up with her boyfriend. But as the story unfolds, we learn as much about Annabel as she learns about herself.

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.

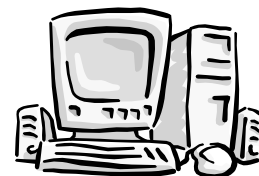
The Intro Cycle consists of the following 3 classes: Intro to Computers I and II, and Intro to the Internet.

The Intermediate cycle consists 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 Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. OR Fridays at 11:00 a.m. Call for the schedule of classes. The next classes will

begin after Labor Day.

Contact 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. Classes may be cancelled if there is not enough interest.



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Summer Reading Program!!

This year's summer reading program, Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales began on July 3rd.

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

- up to age 6
- ages 7—11
- ages 12 and over (the teen theme this year is Creature Feature)

Once the kids are signed up, they can check out books and start reading! It is important to remember that we set the sign up for when all the kids will be out of school so that all participants have the same amount of time to read.

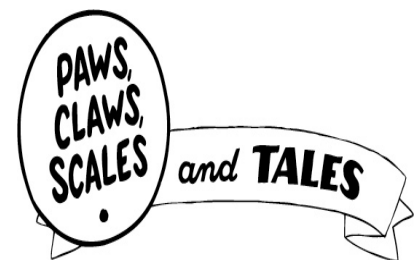
To get credit for reading the books, the children come in and tell a library staff member about

the book. It is okay if you have read the book to the child, as long as he or she can tell us about the book. We aren't looking for a book report just a quick synopsis will do!

We're going to plan fun events and programs this year for all the age groups! We would love to have more kids and teens participate this year and make it the most successful summer reading program that Bradley Beach Library has ever seen!

The program will run through July and into August. An awards ceremony will be held in August as well. The top 3 readers in each age group get special prizes and every one who participates gets a goody bag of treats and books, even if you only read one book!

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



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