

Special points of interest:

- Hear about a DC experience
- Learn news from the BB Historical Society
- Anita Shreve's newest book
- Fine Amnesty Details

From the Director's Desk . . .

Can you believe that we are almost into the Holiday season again? Seems impossible but here we are in November already. We have been working on improvements here at the library all summer and the beginning of the fall too. Have you seen the stairs and hallway leading to the children's library? New flooring has been laid and new treads on the stairs, making them much safer for all our patrons. And more changes will be apparent in the coming months. Keep checking to see what else we have renovated and improved.

Many of you will notice that I will not be here for a few weeks in November. Where am I going? CHINA! I am accompanying a fellow librarian on her adoption trip. It is a very exciting time for both of us and who would turn down a trip to China?

While I am away, your library staff will continue to provide you with all the great service that you are accustomed to . . . Just hope that nothing goes wrong with the printer! I will be back after Thanksgiving and be ready to see us all through to the new year!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and I hope to see you soon!

Best Wishes,

Karen

**Shop 'Til You Drop**

Once again the Friends of the Library will be holding their annual Shop 'Til You Drop event at the Carmen A. Biase Community Center on November 26th from 10 am to 3 pm. Come and do some holiday shopping with the vendors that you know and love . . . Pampered Chef, Partylite, Discovery Toys and many, many others.

As a special treat this year, the Friends are also having their SOUP SALE at the SAME TIME with the great soups from our Annual Soup Sale in February!

So come, shop and enjoy some homemade soup. Sounds perfect for a Saturday in November.

See you there!!!

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Library staff is quick to tell anyone that we have the best patrons and serve the greatest community. This is evident in the way that the community and library users support the library. Recently we have been given a number of monetary donations that we would like to recognize. We are continually thankful for the revitalized

Friends of the Library and all the work they are doing to help raise funds. Remember the Friends are partly responsible for the refinishing of our front doors and the mural downstairs. Both huge improvements to the Library.

The Bradley Beach Run Committee has once again designated the Library as a

beneficiary of the BB 5K Run. We appreciate the Committee remembering the Library year after year.

Individual donors are more rare but we have some of those too. Thanks to John Naples for his generous donation to our building fund.

Please consider the Library when planning your yearly charitable donations.

Our Trip to Washington, DC

Carole Applegate, Kathie Christensen (a library board member), and I went to the National Book Festival in Washington, DC on October 9, 2004. Gigantic tents were set up on the National Mall and each tent hosted a different genre. In the Mystery and Fiction tent we heard Sandra Brown, whose books include *The Switch*, *Hello Darkness*, and her newest, *White Hot*. In the Fiction and Imagination tent Barbara Taylor Bradford spoke. The

History and Biography tent was the most crowded. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar talked about his new book, *Brothers in Arms*, the story of the 761st Tank Battalion, an all black battalion that saw action in World War II. I think he drew the biggest crowd of the day. We would have stayed and listened to Cokie Roberts talk about her book: *Founding Mothers*, and Ron Chernow talk about his book: *Alexander Hamilton*, but it was standing room only and we just couldn't

by Grace Vetrano

stand that long. We even saw Arthur and his friend Buster from Marc Brown's children's series.

For all of you who watch the Antiques Roadshow on PBS, we heard Lee and Leslie Keno speak in the Home and Family tent. I even got to talk to them and take their picture. Also in that tent were Tom Silva and Kevin O'Connor of This Old House.

Needless to say, we had a wonderful time and can't wait to go back next year.

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Light on Snow by Anita Shreve

Imagine that you are a 12 year old girl living with your father in snowy New England. You're on a walk with your dad, when you both hear a cry in the woods. Searching, you find a newborn wrapped in a sleeping bag left in the

snow.

This is the start of Anita Shreve's newest book. It is a story of a young girl who learns a lot about herself and her father from an event neither of them could have predicted.

by Karen Klapperstuck

From the beginning, I was hooked to find out what happens to Nicky and her dad and the consequences of finding that baby in the snowy woods.



The Historical House Museum Fund

by Shirley Ayres, Historian

Recently, the Bradley Beach Chamber of Commerce was established in our town and most of the businesses and a couple of the non profit organizations have joined.

One of the accomplishments of this Chamber of Commerce is the establishment of two special funds in our town's banks. The Bank of New York donated \$500.00 toward the Vincent and Angela Del Ponte Scholarship Fund, and will manage the account. The scholarship fund was named for the Del Pontes because they donated a lot of money to bring in a professional organizer. Next, the Bank of North America (Fleet) will manage the Historical House Museum fund. The law firm of Keith Winters

& Wenning donated \$200.00 to begin the account. Ron Carlucci, president of the Bradley Beach Historical Society, Robin DeFlice, president of DeFlice Financial Group and I are on the board of directors for this account. When the museum fund was being set up, it was decided that the account be named the Shirley Ayres Historical Museum Fund. I cannot tell you how proud I was to receive such a wonderful acknowledgment of my position as the Borough of Bradley Beach's historian.

Every time the Chamber of Commerce holds an event in town, a certain percentage of the money will go into the Scholarship fund and the same

percentage will go into the Historical Museum fund. Every year, the Chamber of Commerce will award a scholarship to a high school senior from Bradley Beach. The criteria will be available at the Chamber office.

When the time comes, the board will work with realtors and lawyers to find an historic house in Bradley Beach to purchase for use as a museum. Then the board will work on grant proposals to turn our house into a museum.

The Bradley Beach Chamber of Commerce's first event will be WINTER WONDERLAND, held on Saturday December 18 on Main Street. See you there!

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Art Show Planned

by Joan Cicchi, Secretary of the Library Board

The Library is planning to hold an Art Show some time in May to give our talented residents a chance to show off their creations. We are looking for artists of all ages, who create in any and all mediums, to participate. The show will be held at the Library where the public will have an opportunity to view the works over a period of time. We are just in the beginning stages of plan-

ning and need to know who would like to be part of our first Art Show. The more artwork, the more interesting a show we can present. So please consider contributing your paintings, sculptures, etchings, drawings, etc. Many of our summer residents may also wish to participate, so please reach out to your neighbors and friends to tell them about the show. You may contact

the library to leave your name and a number where you can be reached and someone from the Library will be in touch with more specific information very soon. We are looking forward to displaying the talents of our interesting community and hope that you will join us at the Show.



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November is Fine Amnesty Month!!

This year, once again, the Library is giving you something to be thankful for . . . NO FINES!! Just return your overdue books, videos or magazines with a non-perishable food item and we'll forgive your fines.

Overdue notices will be going out to remind folks who may have forgotten that they have library materials out. It doesn't matter how big your fine is! If you return the material and bring in a food donation, the fines will disappear.

Sounds like a great deal, right? And it helps out your community too . . . The food will be donated to the Bradley Beach Food Pantry.

Don't have anything overdue? That's okay . . . Bring in food items and we'll still include your donations to the Pantry.

***Please do not put any food donations in the book drop, as it will not leave room for books to be returned and we will be unable to determine who has made a donation with their return. Thanks!!

