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From the Director's Desk

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Of special interest:

- * Info about the annual Shop 'til You Drop
- * Grace's Report on our trip to DC
- * WiFi coming to Bradley Beach
- * New Young Adult section & Teen Read Week

Those of you who know me well may have noticed my excitement lately over some of the projects that are happening here at the Bradley Beach Library. What is it that has me so excited?

You may have noticed the changes outside, including the new flag pole lights, bike path and sign. Inside the library, some furniture and collections are moving around (with lots of thanks to BB Public Works!). We moved the new books to create more room for other collections that are expanding quickly, like DVDs and audio books on both CD and cassette.

Our reference collection has moved downstairs. Don't worry we still have the things you need to access quickly upstairs, like dictionaries and maps. But now anyone wanting a more quiet place to study and do research will have that space separate from the noise that sometimes accompanies our booming computer usage!

You might be asking: "Then what is in that area where the reference books used to be?" The answer is our brand new and still developing Young Adult (YA) area. We are purchasing lots of new books, books on CD and even starting a small graphic novel collection, in addition to getting new furniture. (See the article on page 3 for details!)

I love when libraries are the first ones to bring technology to the community. So of course I am ecstatic over our new wireless access (see the article on page 3)! We're the first in Bradley Beach to offer it and we are hoping that it takes our already busy computers to the next level of service.

I don't want to be the only one excited. So how can you get in on all the excitement? We're going to be running some giveaways this fall and winter at certain checkouts, like we did during the summer. Our circulation has increased significantly so far this year and we'd love to see it continue. So to help inspire you to read more, we're going to sweeten the deal with little giveaways.

We're moving stuff around but we are still the same great Library with personalized service. So come see all our changes and check out some movies, books or magazines . . . Maybe you'll win a prize!!

Sincerely,

Karen J. Klapperstuck



National Book Festival in DC

by Grace Vetrano

Karen, Library Board Member Kathie Christensen, Friends of the Library Secretary Jeanne Beaudette and I went to the National Book Festival in Washington, DC on September 24, 2005. Gigantic tents were set up on the National Mall and each tent hosted a different genre. In the Mystery & Thrillers tent, we heard Sandra Brown, whose newest book is Chill Factor. Also speaking were John Sandford, Karin Slaughter, Martha Grimes and Jeffery Deaver, to name a few. John Irving, Tom Wolfe, Richard Paul Evans, Sue Monk Kidd, and E.L. Doctorow were in the Fiction & Fantasy tent. The History & Biography tent was the most crowded. David McCullough, the author of John Adams, talked about his new book 1776. I wanted to hear him, but I couldn't even get near the tent! I waited in line for 2 hours for him to sign

my book and it was worth it. After he signed my book, he looked up, smiled at me and shook my hand. All of the authors were available to sign books.

For those of you who watch the Food Network, we heard Giada De Laurentiis speak in the Home & Family tent. Children's authors R.L. Stine, Laura Numeroff, Sharon Creech and Meg Cabot, the author of the Princess books, were also there.

Needless to say, we had a wonderful time and are looking forward to returning in 2006.



Point Blank by Catherine Coulter

Book Review by Kathryn Christensen

Catherine Coulter does it again. Point Blank is a reunion of our favorite FBI team Dillon Savich, his wife Lacey Sherlock and Ruth Warnecki.

This story has many questions to answer.

What has caused Ruth to lose her memory? What really happened in Winkel's Cave? Who is killing people in the little town of Maestro, Virginia? Who are Moses Grace and Claudia and why do they hate Savich and Sherlock?

I hope you enjoy finding the answers to these questions as I did. If you are a fan of Catherine Coulter, you will love Point Blank. If you're not a fan already, you will become one with this book.

Enjoy this read!

What has caused Ruth to lose her memory?

Friends' 4th Annual 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.

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!!!

NEW! Young Adult Area in the Library!!

Join us during **TEEN READ WEEK (OCTOBER 16– 22, 2005)** to see the changes we are making to create a new and fun teen space in the Library.

The young adults and teens in our community did not have a space of their own in the Library. Until very recently, their fiction books were downstairs in the children's library and their non-fiction books were upstairs in the adult collection. Its no wonder that our teens haven't been using the library as often as we would like!

The staff at the library decided to create a brand new space, designed with the teens in mind. The space is still in process but these are some of the things that are happening and are in process:

- All their books, fiction and non-fiction are together, making it easier to browse for something to read.
- New books on CD are being added to the collection, for teens who would like to listen to their books.
- Brand new furniture that can be rearranged by the teens if they are working on a project or playing a game. (COMING SOON!)
- Board games and jigsaw puzzles have been added to the collection for use in the library. Games include Scrabble, Monopoly, Sorry,

Clue, Chess and Checkers, among others.

- A new graphic novel collection will be started soon to add a new kind of media to our collection.

We are planning a special ribbon cutting ceremony for during Teen Read Week, to which Mayor Schueler and Council, as well as the local newspapers will be invited.

So if you know any teens who are looking for a great place to spend time, do their homework and play some games, send them to the Library!!

We are also in the process of starting a teen advisory board. If any teens or community members are interested in helping develop the young adult collection and programming at the Library, please contact Karen at the Library or through email at kjklapperstuck@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you all @ the Library!!



Wireless @ your Library!

It has been a long time coming but the library soon will have a wireless network. What does this mean for you? It means that you will be able to bring in your laptop that has wireless capabilities and connect to the Internet from anywhere in the Library! No more waiting to use the public access computers!

For more information and specifics, please talk to someone on the staff. Once the network is up and running, there will be an informational sheet detailing the access and providing some general tips for use. The network should be up and running by mid-October, making the Library the first WiFi place in Bradley Beach!



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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!!

