

Summer Newsletter

Bradley Beach Public Library

From the Director's Desk . . .

Hello!

What a year it has been! In the past year, the Library has seen many new things, including new carpeting, computer upgrades and a new director. Almost a year ago you welcomed me into your Library and your lives. I have really enjoyed my first year as the Library Director.

We have many plans for the upcoming year. In 2002, the Library will be celebrating its 75th year. Keep an eye on the sign in front of the library to keep up with current events. But the library also will continue to provide the friendly service that you have all grown accustomed to over the years.

Remember that the library is your place too. If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to call me or to drop an anonymous note in our suggestion box.

Thank you again for being so welcoming and wonderful in my first year.

Sincerely,

Karen Klapperstuck



Camp Read-A-Lot: The Summer Reading Program 2001

Starting July 9, kids will be able to sign up at the Library to participate. Once they sign up, they can check out books and start reading.

The children will be broken into 3 age groups: Toddlers – 6 year olds, 7 – 11 year olds, and 12 –14 year olds. Prizes will be given for each age group. But all readers will receive an award for participating in the program.

The program will run until August 10th. An awards ceremony will be held on August 11. Contact the library for further details or to sign up.

Summer 2001

Volume 1, Issue 1

Inside this issue:

Computer Classes	2
Book Reviews	2-3
Historical Society	3
Library Services	4

Summer Hours Start
June 25th!

- Monday 9-3
- Tuesday 12-8
- Wednesday 9-3
- Thursday 12-8
- Friday 9-3
- Saturday 9-12

To contact the library staff, please call (732) 776-2995.

Need help with the computer? Look no further!!

The Library recently offered computer classes on a variety of topics. There will be another series of intro classes this summer and another this coming Fall.

There are 3 classes in the series. The first is a basic introduction to computers, briefly going over how they work, and an overview of word processing functions. The second class is more basics

and how to search the library's catalog for books. The third class is an introduction to the Internet, World Wide Web, and finding quality information.

The class schedule will be for 3 consecutive weeks as follows:

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.
starting July 24th OR **Fridays at 11 a.m.** starting July 27th.

Please call the Library to reserve

a spot. You need not attend all three classes. There will be limited enrollment, due to space constraints.



Five Finger Discount

Helene Stapinski, born and raised in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, wittingly writes about growing up in her corrupt hometown. She has actually written a genealogy about her family tree with all the blemishes hanging out and the loving touches and heartaches of living

in the midst of a large family during the hard time before and after the Depression. The Mayor Frank Hague (1917-1947) was

“ . . . a wonderful lesson in recording family memoirs.”

A book review by Carole Applegate

well known for his corrupt control of Jersey City. As a child, I remember my Father speaking to neighbors, regarding Mr. Hague; his reputation went a lot further than the boundaries of NJ. *Five Finger Discount: A Crooked Family History* is a wonderful lesson in recording family memoirs.

Bridget Jones's Diary – Does the movie stack up?? By Karen Klapperstuck

Helen Fielding's bestseller *Bridget Jones's Diary* is an amusing look at the life of a 30+ year old “singleton” who is having relationship and career troubles. The release of the film version posed the eternal question: which is better the book or the movie?

The book was funny and it is easy to see little quirks of Bridget in most people. The movie stayed true to the book on most levels. Some things were changed but the spirit of Bridget herself was unchanged. Renee Zellweger does an excellent job of really making you empathize. The

other actors Hugh Grant and Colin Firth do a wonderful job as well.



It is safe to say that if you liked the book, you will probably like the movie.

Tom Brokaw's New Book

A book review by Grace Vetrano

Being a fan of Tom Brokaw's other books, I was eagerly awaiting the release of the new book *An Album of Memories*. Needless to say, I was not disappointed. Though nothing can compare to *The Greatest Generation*, I liked it a lot. Where his first two books concentrated on the men and women who served in World War II, *An Album of Memories* goes into more detail on the homefront. Through letters written by veterans and their spouses, children and even grandchildren, it talks about the Depression and the fighting in Europe and the Pacific. It also tells the story of many families whose loved ones did not return, and how they coped with the loss and continued on with their lives. As a child of a World War II veteran, it gave me a greater appreciation of what my father's generation did for us. I recommend this book to anyone looking for a good read.



Bradley Beach Historical Society

by Shirley Ayres

The Bradley Beach Historical Society was started in 1991 by a small group of residents who wanted nothing more than to record and preserve the history of Bradley Beach for all the citizens to enjoy.

Doing research for the publication of an historical booklet for the upcoming centennial celebration, Harriet Savitz, a professional author, was given several boxes of documents and photographs that had been stored at Borough Hall. As she enlisted the help of Eleanor Garfinkle, Troy Bianchi, Rae Tutula, and Francine Simonsen, for the monumental task, Harriet soon appreciated the depth of the history that was stored in those boxes. The group formed the Bradley Beach Historical Society, incorporated, elected officers, and planned centennial events. They held a get acquainted meeting at the recreation hall and invited the town to attend. There were tables of pictures and albums, and posters on the walls. Refreshments were served and every one had a wonderful time, walking down Memory Lane.

In July 1993, the Historical Society members, wearing costumes from the 1890s, were everywhere in Riley Park for the Centennial celebration. They sold flowers, candy, and T-shirts. It was a beautiful, sunny day and people who were at the celebration seemed to be having a wonderful time.

For some unknown reason, the Historical Society went out of existence after the town's one-hundredth year celebration. It seemed no one had time to attend meetings. The previous goal of the society had been helping organize and plan the centennial, now there were no more goals to achieve.

In July 2000, Mayor Stephen Schueler appointed librarian Shirley Ayres borough historian. The Historical Society was reborn, and goals were once again set for the group and for the town. The first goal is to publish a local history book about Bradley Beach. The second is to celebrate Bradley Beach's second centennial in 2008, because in 1908, the residents of the eastern most portion of Neptune City voted to become part of Bradley Beach. The boundaries of the town were set for all time by that election. The society members will find (hopefully) all the one hundred year old, or older, houses and have plaques made up for each house.

The Bradley Beach Historical Society is always looking for new members and extends an invitation for anyone to attend our meetings held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Bradley Beach Public Library.

Shirley Ayres, Historian, Borough of Bradley Beach
732-502-9109 - Voice Mail/Direct
BBHS2000@Juno.com - Email

**Bradley Beach Public
Library**

511 4th Avenue
Bradley Beach, NJ 07720

Phone: 732-776-2995
Fax: 732-774-4591

**Postal Patron
Bradley Beach, NJ
07720**

[www.
bradleybeachonline.
com](http://www.bradleybeachonline.com)

Look What We Have!!

The Library and its staff provide many services for the community of Bradley Beach. Here is a short list of some of the things we can do for you!

- Computers and Internet Access
- Homebound Services
- Video Collection
- Books on Tape
- Music CDs
- Large Print Books
- Periodicals
- Reading Area



Join us for story hour during the
school year!

- Children's Room
- Story Hour for Toddlers: Wednesdays at 11 a.m. (during the school year)
- Story Hour for School Age Children: Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. (during the school year)
- Senior Movie Thursdays at 10 a.m.
- Book Sale Room