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# Summer Newsletter

## From the Director's Desk . . .

Welcome back summer patrons!! Summer is finally here and the library is ready!! We are gearing up for our children's summer reading program (see the article below) and our adult book discussion group is doing well too.

You may have noticed that our front walk looks great. However, we still need volunteers for watering and weeding. No green thumbs required! Ask how you can help!

As many of you know, we still accept book donations of hardcover and paperbacks in GOOD condition. But only bring the books to the Library when we are open. Do NOT leave donations on our porch. It makes delivery of our newspapers and mail difficult. It also can block access to the book drop for patrons who are returning books! Please be extra considerate when donating books.

Have a great summer and I hope to see all of you soon!!!

Sincerely,

*Karen J. Klapperstuck*

## Summer Reading Program

Join us for this year's summer reading program, **Reading Road Trip U.S.A .** The program runs from Monday, **July 8** through Wednesday **August 21**. The wrap up party will be held on Saturday, **August 24** at the Library.

The kids will be divided into 3 age groups: Up to age 6, age 7-11, and age 12 and up. Each participant will receive awards, with prizes going to the top readers in each age group.

Encourage your kids to take a reading road trip this summer at our library!

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- ☺ Learn how Carole A. came to work here
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## Still having trouble with that computer? We can help!

The library offers two cycles of computer classes: beginner and intermediate beginner.

Beginner classes are very basic, introductory level material. Intermediate classes go a little further in depth. Not sure which is right for you? Let us know your experience level and we can try to place you in the appropriate grouping.

The Introductory Cycle consists of the following 3 classes: Introduction to Computers I,

Introduction to Computers II and How to search the Library Catalog, and Introduction to the Internet.

These will be offered for 3 weeks on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. OR Fridays at 11:00 a.m. starting July 9 or 12, respectively.

The Intermediate cycle will consist of the following classes: Review of Computer Basics, Word processing using Microsoft

Word and Works, and Searching the Internet. These will be offered for 3 weeks on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. OR Fridays at 11:00 a.m. starting some time in August. Call for the schedule of classes.



Call 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.

## Quilt Program

The Library will be having a lecture on quilts and quilting history on August 6th.

Our lecturer, Joann Belson, has been quilting for about 13 years. Her talk will focus particularly on Baltimore quilts, which are album quilts of the mid-19th century. She will include an

overview of the times and how they are reflected in the quilts. Not only are these quilts wonders of beautiful needlework, they also act as historical documents of the time. Many of the designs and colors on Baltimore album quilts have symbolic content that may be

interpreted as references to specific social, religious, or political beliefs and groups.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. The talk and question period will last about an hour.

Refreshments will be served.

## *The Beach House* by James Patterson

*The Beach House* is the home of Barry and Campion Neubauer of Montauk, Long Island, where many of the super rich live. Peter Mullen works for the Neubauers parking cars for their parties. During one of their parties, Peter disappears. The next day,



his body washes up on shore, near the Neubauer's home. The police say that Peter accidentally drowned. Jack, Peter's brother, a law student at Columbia, does not for one moment believe his death was accidental and sets out to prove that Peter was murdered. When he uncovers

## A Book Review by Grace Vetrano

evidence that Peter was beaten to death, he starts plotting his revenge.

I loved the book. The chapters were short which made the book read fast (it only took me 2 days), and I enjoyed every minute of it. So if you're looking for a great place to go this summer, try *The Beach House*.

## How I came to be at the Bradley Beach Public Library

A staff Profile: Carole Applegate

As a young girl I fell in love with my hometown library on Clinton Avenue in Irvington, NJ. I was in awe of the bookcases loaded with anything I wanted to read, the artwork hanging on the walls, and the peaceful atmosphere of the entire building.

In the meantime, while working for a living and raising three sons, I volunteered my time at the Monmouth County Library

branches of Shrewsbury and Wall; Jersey Shore Medical Center's Medical Research Library and took book repair and preservation courses at Rutgers University, and two semesters of Technical Library Science at Brookdale Community College.

So, I guess my love of books remained with me and after a



forced retirement from a local bank, due to many mergers, I decided to get a job I would enjoy. I was unemployed for a short time when I spotted an ad in the Asbury Park Press, called, was interviewed and hired that day.

It's been six years and I still feel that it is a wonderful place to work, the patrons are a pleasure and the staff is the best!!

## The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

A Book Review by Karen Klapperstuck

A great first novel is hard to come by but author Alice Sebold succeeds with this interesting book, *The Lovely Bones*.

When we first meet 14 year old Susie Salmon, our narrator, she is already in heaven. She is the victim of a murder and tells us the story of her short life, her

family and friends, and the grieving and healing process they all go through to accept her death.

The author does an excellent job of using Susie as an omniscient narrator who is privy to more information than she ever would have known had she remained on

earth.

What I thought would be a sad story turned out to be a wonderful testament to the healing power of time and love.

With good reviews in *Publishers Weekly* and other review sources, expect this book to be a big hit this summer.

## Library Celebrates 75th Anniversary with Gala Fundraiser

by Kathryn Christensen, Library Board Member

Come join us for the Library's 75th Anniversary Gala at the Barclay in Belmar on September 20th. The event, which costs \$60 a person, includes a sit down dinner, with a choice of beef or chicken, and a 2 hour open bar. The Gala is black tie optional and is scheduled from 7 to 11

pm. All money raised will benefit the Library's building fund.

Get a baby sitter, dress-up, put on your dancing shoes and step out for a good cause!

Your participation would



be greatly appreciated and you will have a great time.

Hope to see all of our friends there!

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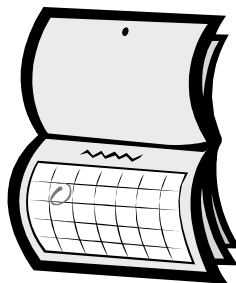
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## Library Services and Coming Events

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, Music CDs
- Books on Tape
- Large Print Books
- Children's Room
- Periodicals
- Book Sale Room



### What's coming up:

**Summer Reading Program** — see the article on front cover

**Quilting Lecture** — August 6 at 7 p.m. — see the article on page 2

**Gala Fundraiser** — September 20 at The Barclay in Belmar — see the article on page 3

### Book Discussion Group Picks:

- July 25, 7 p.m. — *The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* by Rebecca Wells
- August, *Back Roads* by Tawni O'Dell