

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2004

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Summer Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9-3
- Tuesday & Thursday 12-8
- Saturday 9-12
- Sunday Closed

From the Director's Desk . . .

Welcome back summer residents! It is a beautiful summer so far and the library has been hopping! We hope that you have made it in to say hello and catch us up on all that has happened over the long winter! If not, what are you waiting for?

What's new at the library? Computer use is sky-rocketing and we have lots of new DVDs for you to check out. The summer reading program is in full swing and goes into August. Its not too late for kids to get involved.

Make sure to read the profile in this newsletter of our newest staff member and come in to introduce yourself to Theresa. We are very happy to have her as an addition to our team.

Hope to see everyone soon . . .

Sincerely,

Karen J. Klapperstuck

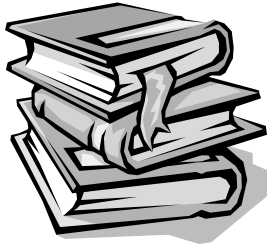


Book Donations

Book donations for our library collection and for the ongoing book sale to benefit the library are accepted. 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- We DO NOT accept text books, old encyclopedias or other out of date materials!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.

How I came to be at the Bradley Beach Public Library A Staff Profile : Theresa McArthur



Bradley Beach! What a wonderful place to work!

First I would like to say I am grateful for the opportunity to work with a caring, intelligent and supportive staff and also the opportunity to get to know a dynamic growing community like this one.

I am a mom, a linguistics major and substitute teacher. I came here by way of an internet search for library jobs, after talking to a librarian about her "Ask me why I love what I do" pin.

Historically I have not read for pleasure

but I am here to say it is never too late to discover places and people and thoughts never explored.

Since the position here was for a children's library assistant, I thought it would be a great way to incorporate my love for language, children and also working with people of all ages and my newfound advocacy for reading.

The Library is a place to gather, a place to build knowledge and explore the world. I don't know why it took me so long to find my way here! I look forward to all that's in store for me.

World War II Memorial

by Grace Vetrano

This Memorial Day while you were all on the beach, watching the many parades, or having a backyard BBQ, I was in Washington, DC at the World War II Memorial Dedication. It was one of the most moving experiences of my life. Men (and women) from 75 years olds and up came from all over the country to attend this long-awaited event. I saw men in wheelchairs being pushed by their wives or children. Many walked with the help of a cane or the arm of a relative. But they all came.

Every branch of the service was represented. Some of the attendees even had their uniforms on. I had my picture taken with a delightful old marine in his dress blues and a sailor in his dress whites. What amazed me was that they still fit into their uniforms. While waiting in line to use the ladies

room I talked to a woman who was there with her 88 year-old father who was a sailor on the deck of the USS Missouri the day the Japanese officially surrendered. I also talked to a man who came by bus from Wisconsin with half of his town. My family was amazed at how many people I talked to, but my love of history made me want to know all about these men and women.

If you get the chance please do yourself a favor and take a ride down to Washington to see the Memorial. I am so very glad I went.

If you would like to enter someone's name on the registry, go to:

www.wwiimemorial.com

Click on WWII Registry, go to Register an Honoree and enter the information.



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Those Oldies but Goodies

Instead of reviewing a new book, I have decided to browse the stacks and revisit some “blasts from the past.”

First on the list is my favorite book by America’s greatest living author, Donald E. Westlake’s *Two Much*. Ralph and Candy are a young married couple. Ralph’s best friend Art is a brilliant but lazy bigoted psychopath with a pleasant veneer. Art and Candy are having an affair.

When Art meets stunning brunette Liz at a party, she tells him she’s an identical twin. Art replies that so is he. Art’s lying, Liz isn’t. Why lie? So Art can fix up his “brother” with Liz’s sister!

Don’t worry, I haven’t given the book away, I’ve only covered the first five pages. Read on to discover what happens next in this delicious farce.

Next book is a true buried treasure, *Party Games* by Hans Hellmut Kirst. The book takes place in small-town rural Germany in late spring 1933, a few months after the beginning of the Nazi “Thousand Year Reich.” How do sane people cope with the oncoming of the unthinkable insanity? Like the devil quoting scripture, they “go by the

by Mike Lloyd

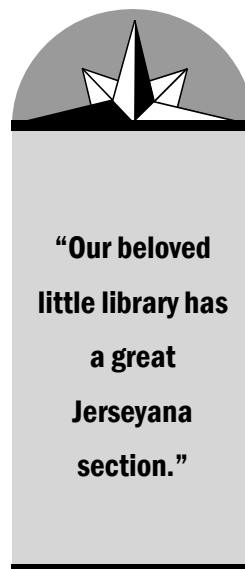
book,” using Hitler autobiography *Mein Kampf* to devious effect in this lovingly bittersweet satire.

Our beloved little library has a great Jerseyana section. If you haven’t checked it out, a good place to start is Peter Genovese’s *Roadside New Jersey*, a book that is chock-full of chuckles. Mostly pictures, the book chronicles the Garden State from the ridiculous to the sublime. Amazingly, all the photos save one were actually taken from the author’s vehicle. After perusing this book, you’ll want to head straight for your car to see for yourself.

ADDED ATTRACTION!

Here’s my famous iced tea recipe. It makes a strong tea that’s not too sweet.

Put the juice from one whole orange and one-half lemon into a gallon pitcher. Add two-thirds cup sugar and one tablespoon honey to the pitcher. Steep fourteen Red Rose teabags (regular or decaf) in a two quart teapot for 30 minutes. Pour the hot tea into the pitcher. Reusing the teabags, steep two more quarts for another 30 minutes. Add tea to pitcher and refrigerate overnight for one gallon of delicious iced tea.



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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 Introductory Cycle consists of the following 3 classes: Introduction to Computers I and II, How to search the Library Catalog, and Introduction to the Internet.

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

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.

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For more information on how to register to vote @ your library, visit us, call or see our website.

AND REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2!!!!