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From the Director's Desk

Happy New Year!

2002 looks like it will be a wonderful and promising year. We will be celebrating the Library's 75th anniversary this year and hope to get the community involved. A fundraising gala is being planned for September 20, 2002 with the Community Improvement Association. We are hoping to raise money to supplement our facilities budget to do a variety of projects.

Mark your calendars – we want to see you there!!

We are always so happy to see all of our regular patrons come through the front doors. Of course, we would love to get some new regulars in the new year! I am often amazed when I meet residents of Bradley Beach who have never been to the library or have not visited in years. But you can help us to spread the word about the Library. Be sure to tell your friends what you like or love about our library – whether it is the personal service, the selection of new AND old books, free access to the Internet, or the videos for just \$1. It doesn't matter why you use the Library, we're just glad you do!

I truly hope that all of your holidays were happy and that the new year will be prosperous and healthy.

Sincerely,

Karen Klapperstuck



Special points of Interest:

- Ever wonder how we came to work in Bradley Beach Public Library? Find out how each of us got here! Each newsletter in 2002 will profile one of the four staff members.
- Don't forget to sign up for the computer classes!!
- Interested in a book discussion group? Call the Library!

Book Discussion Group

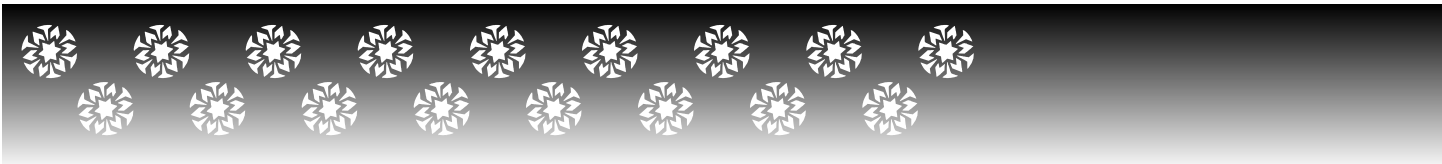
We would like to start an adult book discussion group at the Library. If you are interested in participating in or organizing such a group, please contact a member of the Library staff. We will have a sign up sheet at the circulation desk. Please indicate the best time and day of the week for you.

We will schedule an organizational meeting if there is sufficient interest. Once this meeting is scheduled, people who are on the sign up sheet will be contacted with details of the time and date of the meeting.

Thanks for your interest!

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Computer Classes Scheduled

Computer classes are starting again. There are 3 classes in each cycle and you can attend all of three or pick and choose the ones which interest you the most.

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 Fri-

days at 11:00 a.m. starting February 26 and March 1.

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 Tues-

days at 6:30 p.m. OR Fridays at 11:00 a.m. starting April 9 and April 12.

Classes may not be three consecutive weeks. Please call the Library to check the schedule and to reserve a spot. There is limited enrollment due to space constraints.

If there are other computer topics you would like to see covered, please let us know.

Theodore Rex

Book Review by Grace Vetrano

Theodore Rex covers Teddy Roosevelt's Presidential years from 1901, after the assassination of William McKinley, to his departure in 1908. It is the sequel to Edmund Morris's *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*. Roosevelt was the young-

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est man ever to become president. After the quiet McKinley years, Roosevelt, and his family, brought a freshness and vitality to the White House. He really enjoyed being president.

Mr. Morris shows us the many accomplishments of Roo-

sevelt, including the Panama Canal acquisition. Roosevelt was also the first President to win the Nobel Peace Prize. He was a friend of conservation, setting aside millions of acres for National Parks and forests. He was known to "speak softly and carry a big stick." After reading this book, all I can say is "bully" for Mr. Morris!

Greetings from New Jersey author to speak at Library

Helen-Chantal Pike, author of *Greetings from New Jersey: A Postcard History of the State*, will be speaking in the Library on Sunday April 7, 2002.

Ms. Pike is a Jerseyana journalist and photographer. Her current book is the first to look

at the role that postcards have played in New Jersey's tourism and travel industry. The collection of postcards follows the history of NJ through the 19th and 20th centuries, accompanied by brief text and captions.

Ms. Pike's presentation will include a slide show and will discuss the history of postcards and how to get started collecting them.

Refreshments will be served.



How I found my way to Bradley Beach Public Library

Profiles of your Library staff: Karen Klapperstuck, Director

What makes someone become a librarian?

I realized that it might be the career for me when I was a Senior at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA. I was finishing my BA in Religion and was at a loss for what I could do in that field. I spoke to one of the College librarians, and she made it sound so wonderful.

I wanted to give it a try before heading to get a Masters degree. So I worked for a little over a year in the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Research

Library. It wasn't long before I knew it was the right career for me!

I spent the next 2 years working on my Masters of Science in Library Science at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. While there, I worked full time in the University's Science and Technology Libraries.

When graduation neared, I decided that I wanted to return to NJ, where I grew up. I started applying for jobs in Central NJ, including this director position. I

interviewed for the position and left hoping that I would be offered the job. I started work here in August of 2000.

Almost a year and a half later, I feel I have done so much. Circulation is up and the Library is improving all the time. In addition to my work at the Library, I am the Vice-President/President-Elect of the Monmouth Librarians Association and have just been selected to participate in the New Jersey Library Association's Emerging Leaders Program in 2002.

***The Summons* by John Grisham**

Book Review by Grace Vetrano

John Grisham has a new book, *The Summons*. The story takes place in Clanton, Mississippi.

Retired Judge Reuben V. Atlee summons his 2 sons home. Reluctantly, Ray, a professor of law at the University of Virginia, heads home.

When he arrives, his father is dead and he doesn't know



where his "black sheep" brother is. When Ray finds 3 million dollars in his father's house, he sets out to see where it came from.

The story takes a lot of twists and turns, and though not as good as some of his other books, I liked it.

Read Across America: A Special Story Time

Join us on Saturday, March 2 to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America!

We will be having a "birthday party" on Saturday morning, which will feature numerous Dr. Seuss stories read by prominent

members of the community, games and activities, and a goodie bag for each child to take home. And what's a party without birthday cake?

Call or come into the Library to sign up!

Hurry! Space will be limited!



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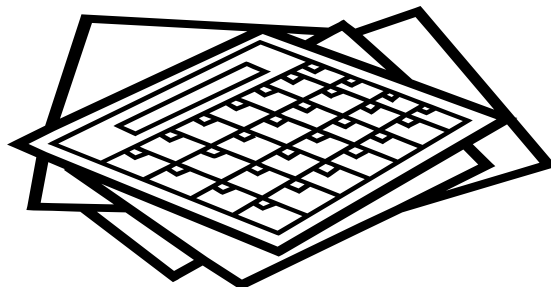
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Dates to Remember

- *Intermediate Computer Classes Start:* Tues., February 26; Fri., March 1
- *Beginner Computer Classes Start:* Tues., April 9; Fri., April 12
- *Read Across America Special Story Hour:* Sat., March 2
- *Cake Decorating Class:* Tues., March 26, 7:00 p.m. (sign up and class fee)
- *Helen-Chantal Pike (see story on page 2):* Sun., April 7, 2:00–4:00 p.m.
- *Library Fundraising Gala:* September 20
- *Local author Harriet May Savitz will appear at the Library some time this spring: Date TBA*



Mark these dates on your calendars!

For details on any of these events, please call the library.

If you have suggestions, please contact a member of Library Staff.