

Bradley Beach Public Library

# Winter Newsletter

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## Happy 2003!

We all hope that your holidays were spectacular. We are always reminded around the holidays of what wonderful people come into our library. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. We really do work in the best library, thanks to all of you!

But now we are in a new year and there are lots of things to accomplish. A new year means resolutions. Maybe a desire to read more books or to become more involved. One way to do both things is to participate in *One Book New Jersey*. Find out how in the article inside!

Another resolution may be to update old or out of date equipment. We are doing that here at the library too! We are the recipients of a 4 computer grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Read more about our new computers inside.

The Library is also planning a variety of building projects. We are trying to make the Library better all the time. Thanks for being with us as we start the new year!



Sincerely,

*Karen J. Klapperstuck*

## Friends of the Library

Come join the Bradley Beach Friends of the Library. Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Library. There are some great fundraisers planned for this coming year such as note cards for sale, Memory Day planned for July 13, a children's carnival for August and many more ideas. Come volunteer at an event, bring your suggestions to a meeting, help plan an event, or come out to support the events. Everyone has a chance to contribute to make a great Friends of the Library.

Sincerely,

Tracey Christensen, President

### Special points of interest:

- The Library is getting new computers. Find out more!
- Mark your calendars for coming events!
- Find out what the Historical Society is working on!



## 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. 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 February. 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 in March.

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.



*We're getting new computers . . . Are you ready?*

## New Computers from the Gates Foundation

We are celebrating the arrival of new public access computers in our library! With a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, we have purchased 4 new Gateway computers and a new printer.

The Library will be closed on January 27 and 28 to prepare the library and staff for the

new additions to our computing area. As of Wed., January 29, the new computers will be installed and ready for you to use.

The new computers will have something for everyone, including Internet access and a variety of software programs for children and adults. The software programs include a

variety of *Magic School Bus* titles and reference suites.

Library Staff will be available to assist you with the use of the computers. Or you can sign up for a computer class and get a basic lesson in how to use the computer! Please make sure to come into the library in the coming weeks to see and use the new computers.

## Evanovich Fan?

Hello Evanovich fans. I am finally one of you. I have fallen in love with Stephanie Plum. After hearing all of you tell me how much you loved Janet Evanovich's books, I finally read the first one and I like it so much that I just finished the last one. Now what do I do?

How can you not like Stephanie Plum? She's a female bounty hunter, and not a very good one, in Trenton, NJ. She gets a lot of help from her on again off again boyfriend, vice cop Joe Morelli and Lulu,

the ex-prostitute turned secretary. She lusts after her fellow bounty hunter friend, Ranger. She has a "perfect sister" and a grandmother who loves to go to funeral parlors. Her parents would like nothing better than for her to get a "normal job where they don't shoot at you or blow up your car." In every book Stephanie has a bail jumper she has to bring in. They range from a pain-in-the-neck dwarf to a drunk

## By Grace Vetrano

who goes after her with a chainsaw. But somehow Stephanie always brings them in.

So for all of you library patrons who like a little mystery, a little sex, and lots of laughs, try reading one of Janet Evanovich's books. Why not start with *One for the Money*? Before you know what hit you, you'll be hooked just like me!

# One Book New Jersey

One Book New Jersey, a statewide reading program, is underway here and at public libraries around the Garden State! The goal of the program is to bring people together through literature by encouraging them to read the same book, then participate in book discussions and other events. The New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey State Library are

working together to present the program. AT&T and Borders Book Stores are corporate sponsors. The First Lady of NJ, Mrs. Dina Matos McGreevey, is the program's spokesperson. The books chosen for this inaugural year of One Book NJ are: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury (Adults); *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix (Young Adults);

*Regarding the Fountain* by Kate Klise (Middle Readers); *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester (Very young book lovers).

Local and statewide events will occur at libraries, in Borders Book Stores, and in other venues during February, March, and April. Major events are planned for National Library Week, April 6 through 12.

For more info, visit: [www.OneBookNewJersey.org](http://www.OneBookNewJersey.org)



## William B. Bradner's Property

by Shirley Ayres, Borough Historian

Recently, I found a fairly good copy of a map showing William B. Bradner's property in our town. Mr. Bradner was, along with James A. Bradley, one of the founders of Bradley Beach. His descendants, the Quixleys, still live in Bradley Beach. The map was drawn up by the Newark firm of William A. Kipp and it shows Bradner's 1871 purchase of fifty four (54) acres of property, complete with lot and block numbers. The map is titled: "Ocean Park. Map of property be-

longing to Wm. B. Bradner, situated in Monmouth Co., N.J., bounded on the North by Ocean Grove, on the East by Atlantic Ocean, on the South by Duck Creek, and on the West by N.J. Central R.R." Of course, Mr. Bradner's fifty four acres isn't that big. The map shows his property running from Fletcher Lake over to the middle of Cook (LaReine) Avenue, and from Ocean Avenue to the middle of Fletcher Avenue. The building plots of land number from one (1) to one hundred ninety eight (198). The map has been dry mounted, matted

and framed and can be seen by appointment only. Our Bradner map is a very valuable piece of Bradley Beach's history. It, along with the other Bradley Beach Historical Society's historically valuable photographs, pictures, postcards and documents are in need of a safe, permanent home. Until then, I will make our collection available by appointments, only. Please check with the library staff about making an appointment.. [BBHS2000@Juno.com](mailto:BBHS2000@Juno.com)

## The Playboy by Carly Phillips

A Book Review by Karen Klapperstuck

Carly Phillips has written another fun book about the Chandler brothers of the small town of Yorkshire Falls, NY!

Kelly Ripa from ABC's *Live with Regis and Kelly* picked Phillip's first installment of the trilogy, *The Bachelor*, for her book club.

The second installment, *The Playboy*, covers the story of

middle brother Rick Chandler, a confirmed bachelor and playboy and his new love interest Kendall Sutton. All the women in town have been after the Chandler brothers and Rick has had enough. He strikes a bargain with Kendall to fend off the masses. But will either of them be able to keep their



agreement?

This book is a fun read and a great follow-up to Roman Chandler's story in *The Bachelor*. Just the right mix of romance and laughs to make it a light novel for a snowy winter night!

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Missing the Oprah Book Club? Check out these book clubs and see what you've been missing:

**Kelly Ripa's "Reading with Ripa"**

1. If Looks Could Kill by Kate White (May 2002)
2. Confessions of a Sociopathic Social Climber by Adele Lang (June 2002)
3. The Bachelor by Carly Phillips (July 2002)
4. For Better, For Worse by Carole Matthews (August 2002)
5. The Good Sister by Diana Diamond (September 2002)
6. The Boy Next Door by Meggin Cabot (December 2002)

**The Today Show**

1. Emperor of Ocean Park by Stephen L. Carter (June 2002)
2. You are Not a Stranger Here by Adam Haslett (August 2002)
3. A Girl Named Zippy by Haven Kimmel (September 2002)
4. Raising Fences by Michael Dratcher (October 2002)
5. The Clothes They Stood Up In and The Lady in the Van by Alan Bennett (November 2002)
6. Paradise Alley by Kevin Baker (December 2002)
7. Crow Lake by Mary Lawson (January 2003)

**Good Morning America "Read This!"**

1. The Dive From Clausen's Pier by Ann Packer (June 2002)
2. Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles (July 2002)
3. The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold (August 2002)
4. Three Junes by Julia Glass (September 2002)
5. The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd (October 2002)
6. Dress Codes: Of Three Girlhoods by Noelle Howey (November 2002)
7. The Last Girls by Lee Smith (December 2002)

## Coming Events — Mark Your Calendars!

January 27 –28 — Library Closed for installation of new computers (see story page 2)

January 30 — Book Discussion — The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

February 3 — Friends of the Library Meeting (See front cover)

March 6 — Book Discussion — The Hundred Secret Senses by Amy Tan

March — TBA — Read Across America