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From the Director's Desk . . .

It's a New Year and new ideas abound at the Library.

We have lots of plans for updating the library. You may have read in the local papers that we are planning to create a space for our teen users and its true! We want to make sure that ALL of our library users feel welcomed and invited. Also plans are in the works for a wireless network. This means that if you have a laptop with wireless capability, you could come into the library and access the internet using your own laptop. Just imagine sitting on the comfy leather couch and still being able to check email!



And these small changes are just the beginning. We want to continue serving the needs of our community and to move forward into the technology that all of you would like to see and experience.

As always, if you have suggestions of how we can improve services for you, please do not hesitate to contact me and share those ideas!

Sincerely,

Karen J. Klapperstuck

Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday!!

Join us on Saturday, March 5 at 10:30 am to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America!

We will be having a special "birthday party" story time on a 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!



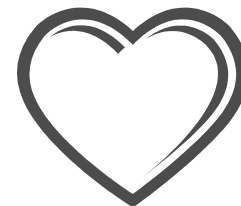
Show your Heart this Valentine's Day . . .

Starting on February 14th and for the remainder of February the Library will be collecting donations for the Madonna House in Neptune. And in return for donations, we will forgive your library fines!

The Madonna House was founded in 1987 to help local needy infants, children and their families with the necessities of life such as food, clothing and shelter. An entirely volunteer organization, all of the services and materials they provide are FREE to those in need. They are in need of new socks and underwear (who wouldn't want clean, new undies??). And they ALWAYS accept diapers.

And remember, you don't have to have a fine to donate. We'll gladly accept any donations just because you're a generous, caring person. We already know that describes most of the folks who use our library.

So show your heart this February and do something nice for someone in need.



Have a heart!!!

The Broker by John Grisham Book review by Grace Vetrano

The "broker" is Joel Backman, a very rich and powerful lawyer in Washington, DC. That is, until he ends up in prison for trying to broker a deal to sell the most powerful satellite surveillance system to the highest bidder. After six years in a federal prison, Backman is given a Presidential Pardon. He is whisked off to Italy, put in a "safe house" and given a new identity. Little does he know that the pardon is set up by the Director of the CIA in hope that someone, perhaps one of the parties involved in the bidding war for the satellite system, will eliminate him, thus saving the CIA the problem of Backman and what he knows.

He tries to adjust to living in a strange country. He is given a tutor to help him learn the language so he'll blend in. He doesn't want to stay in Italy, but with no passport, he can't leave. When his enemies track him down, he has no choice but to run. With a borrowed passport, he leaves Italy to try to get his life back.

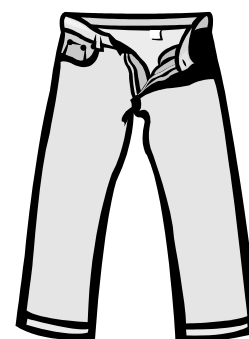
I really enjoyed the book and I think it is one of Grisham's best.



"When his enemies track him down, he has no choice but to run."

The Girls are back Book review by Karen Klapperstuck

Looking for a quick, fun read? Why not check out the new book by Ann Brashares Girls in Pants? It is the third installment in the series that began with The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. The series follows 4 high school girls who have been friends since birth. Tibby, Bee, Carmen and Lena may be growing up but will that mean they will grow apart? Read all three books to find out.. Even though this is a young adult book, it is entertaining for adults too. And coming this summer . . . The movie version of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants. Read them all before the movie opens!

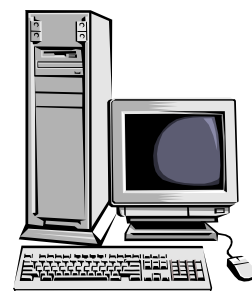


Computer Classes

Computer classes are being scheduled again! Beginner classes will begin at the end of February and intermediate classes will be scheduled for April.

Not sure which classes are right for you? Call or come into the Library and talk to Karen or another staff member about what you already know or what you want to know and we'll try and place you.

Thanks for helping to keep the classes running with your overwhelming interest!



Learn to Journal with Harriet May Savitz

We are called The Great Generation . . . that is because we are . . . we have gone through Depressions . . . Wars . . . Epidemics . . . and great changes from shoveling coal into our furnaces to learning the computers. Nothing is beyond our experience and we have experienced it all. We can look back and we can look forward. Journaling is a great way to do it. . . It is a way to leave what we have learned, what we know, and what we wish we knew to our children and grandchildren. And to share it with them when we are alive. We can give our Journals as gifts to our families and to each other. Our words. Our experiences. Our stories. When we Journal them, they are there forever. It has been discovered that Journaling helps people survive illnesses, depression. Expressing yourself is a way to combat stress, frustration. As the Great Generation, your stories and your thoughts are important. And the history of your family is also important.

I would like to give a Journaling class once a week, Monday or Friday mornings at the Community Center . . . for an hour or so beginning at 10:00. We can share stories . . . learn how to Journal . . . expand our possibilities and share who we are. If you would be interested in joining such a group, please contact Harriet May Savitz at 732-775-5628.

Book Discussion Club

Yes . . . There is a book discussion club that meets at the Bradley Beach Library! They are a small group who gets together once a month and discusses one book. Each meeting the group that is present selects the next book for the group to read.

If you are interested in participating, call or stop by and find out what the next pick is. The group is always looking for new people to add different perspectives on the books that are chosen. There is no obligation to come to every meeting. For more details, speak to Grace.



*You do not
have to be a
writer to
Journal.*



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Dates and Upcoming Events

February 21 – Library Closed for President's Day

February 28 – Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 pm

February – Madonna House Fine Amnesty – See article inside on page 2

March 5 – Read Across America – Come celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a special story time at the library at 10:30 am – Space is limited. Sign up at the circulation desk.

March 15– Book Discussion Club – Replay by Ken Grimwood at 7 pm

March 25 & 26 – Closed for Easter weekend

March 28 – Board of Trustees Meeting – 7 pm

Look for a JEWELRY FUNDRAISER coming soon!!! Dates and times TBA

