

Winter Newsletter

From the Director's Desk

Is the winter over yet? Considering it has been an easy and warm winter, you wouldn't expect me to already have spring fever. But I do!

And part of that is because of all the great things happening at the library that will be finished (fingers crossed!!) by the time that spring really sets in. The roof repairs are almost complete. The bathroom renovation is back under way and will be done sometime soon (I hope). Once those projects are complete, we will be starting new ones, like repairing the damaged plaster around the building. Then I can start thinking about paint! For those of you that know me, you realize the excitement that might cause in me.

I'm also excited because I am heading to Boston in just a couple of weeks (the end of March) to attend and present at the 2006 Public Library Association convention. This conference is only held every other year (maybe you remember me running off to Phoenix in 2002 or Seattle in 2004) so it is a great time to get new ideas and network with other librarians from all around the nation. While I'm there, I'll be presenting on NJ's Emerging Leaders program, which I attended and now will be coordinating for our state. How much fun is that going to be? I can't wait!

We have the art show coming up (see article on page 2 for details) which is a first for our library. And we have some great ideas for some other programs once the rest room is complete! So keep coming into the library to see what we're up to next. Don't forget that we'd love to hear your ideas too, about programs and the library, so drop me a note or speak to me or another member of the staff about your ideas!

Sincerely,

Karen J. Klapperstuck

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Special points of interest:

- Art Show
- Book Review of The Divide
- Write and Win!
- Book discussion
- WiFi HERE!



A Feast for the Eye and the Palette

by Joan Cicchi

Watercolor, oils or pastels; what is your favorite medium? On March 12 you can enjoy seeing works of art in these, and many other mediums, displayed at the Library's first Art Show. Area artists are invited to come and display their work on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

Along with an afternoon of viewing, you may sip a variety of wines which will be provided by Ocean Wines and Spirits, located adjacent to Wegman's. Patrick Bautista, wine buyer and general manager, will be on hand to answer your questions and to fully explain the particulars of each wine sample.

Come and enjoy an afternoon of feasting both for your eyes and your palette!



The Divide by Nicholas Evans

Book Review by Grace Vetrano

The story opens with the discovery of the body of a young woman named Abbie Cooper frozen in a stream at the bottom of a mountain in Montana. What follows is the story of how she ended up there.

Abbie is a Long Island girl, who after years of vacationing with her parents, Ben and Sarah Cooper, and younger brother, Josh, out west at a place called the Divide, decided to go to college in Montana. When Ben and Sarah divorce, Abbie goes into a tailspin. She hooks up with a man named Rolf, who we find out is a terrorist. The story follows her life with Rolf and how an upper middle class girl from New York could end up wanted by the FBI for murder.

The Book also tells the story of Ben and Sarah and what happens to a family when there is a divorce.

I enjoyed the book. I kept rooting for Abbie to get away from Rolf, and I really liked the ending.

"How an upper middle class girl from New York could end up wanted by the FBI for murder . . ."

Has the Library changed your life? Share your story with *Woman's Day*

Libraries can change lives. They are places of lifelong learning and opportunity that can help people discover the world. If you have a story about how the library has changed your life, send it to *Woman's Day*, and it might be one of four chosen to be highlighted in an upcoming issue of the magazine!

Tell your story in 700 words or less and send it to womansday@ala.org by May 10. For more information and for the official rules, visit www.womansday.com/ala.



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How I came to the Bradley Beach Library

by Louise Akins

I have always loved libraries. I guess you could say that it was a librarian that made the greatest impact on my life. I was in second grade and I can clearly remember Mr. Tyne, the school librarian holding up a book about Harriet Tubman. It was my first lesson about slavery, and the influence it had on my life is profound and persistent. While growing up, I spent time at the branches of the Queens Public Library in Flushing, NY. In college, I first majored in Business but I had no interest in those classes. I did however love all my literature classes and decided to change my major. At the end of the semester most college students sell their books back to the bookstore. I could never part with my literature anthologies—no matter how much money the bookstore was offering.



It seemed no matter where I lived, I became a patron of the local library. I moved to Bradley Beach in 1994 and got a library card. By 2001, my family was attending the children's story hour. Karen, Grace, Carole, Carol and Kathie are, in one word, lovely. I felt very comfortable here so while the kids were listening to the stories, I just began shelving books to help the staff. I don't remember the provocation but I did say to Miss Karen, "are you looking for someone?" to which she replied "yes." So in April 2001, I went from volunteer to substitute, working a few hours a month. In November 2004 Carol Bloodgood retired and I was offered the part-time position associated with the children's story hour. It is going pretty well so far. I still volunteer, still think the women here are lovely, still have all my anthologies, and love libraries all the more.

In Loving Memory of Carole Applegate

As many of you know, we lost a member of our library family in February. Carole Applegate started working here in October 1996. Since then, she welcomed every person into this library with a smile and a willingness to help and learn.

She was, and will remain, a fixture in our library and especially in our hearts. She will be missed not only by those of us that had the distinct pleasure of working with her but also by all those who were touched by her grace and sweetness when they came in to use the library.

The Applegate family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in her name to the Bradley Beach Library or the Old Wall Historical Society.

Book Discussion Club at the Library

by Grace Vetrano

Bradley Beach Public Library has a book discussion club. It meets once a month to discuss a pre-selected book. We all take turns picking out the book. We've read fiction and non-fiction, mysteries and classics. Some books we like and some we don't, but that is the fun of the discussion, we all don't have the same opinion. Our turnout for each meeting varies from as few as 3 or 4 to as many as 12. We always enjoy getting new members; it gives us new ideas for book selections.

The next Book Club meets on Tuesday, March 28, 2006 at 7 p.m. The selection for this month is *An Hour Before Daylight* by Jimmy Carter. Feel free to join us. We would love to have you.





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Wireless @ your Library!!!

The Bradley Beach Public Library is pleased to offer wireless Internet access. Wireless Internet access allows patrons to bring their own laptop computers to the library and obtain high speed Internet access. Access is available on both floors of the Library and from just outside the Library, extending to the benches on the Library's property.

Wireless access uses the WiFi standard and the Bradley Beach Public Library offers wireless compatibility to 802.11a, 802.11b, and 802.11g. Most users can simply bring their wireless enabled laptop computer into the Library and turn it on. Most computers will automatically recognize the wireless network. The Library cannot guarantee that your equipment will work with the Library's network.

Wireless access points in the building communicate with your wireless device. You should be able to connect anywhere within the Library or on the Library's property. The signal in some areas is stronger than others. When your wireless device receives a signal, a message may appear indicating that the wireless network is available. Then you can open your web browser and begin using wireless Internet.

For more information, please ask for a brochure at the circulation desk.

