

Winter Newsletter 2007

From the Director's Desk . . .



A new year provides a new opportunity to do new and wonderful things. Doesn't everyone get a little excited to think that we all get a fresh start? And here at the Library, we're doing lots of new and exciting things for YOU!

First, I'd like to invite everyone to welcome our newest staff member, Megan (Don't worry! No one resigned or retired! We're adding staff, not replacing anyone). She is teaching the computer classes and organizing programs and events for our entire community. You can see the fruits of her labor on the back page in the upcoming events section. We love her and I am sure that you all will too.

Next, have you noticed our new hours? We've expanded hours to make visiting the Library a little easier. The new hours are also listed on the back page of the newsletter.

And finally, we are looking for your help too! On page 3, please take note of our call for donations for Operation Paperback and the invitation to join the Community Library Building Committee. Remember that this is YOUR Library and we are trying to make it the best possible Library for YOU!

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Sincerely,

Karen J. Klapperstuck

Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

Join us on Saturday, March 3 at 11 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!

Crime Scene @ the Library?!

Do you like to watch those cool forensic and crime scene shows on television? Ever wonder how real any of that is? Join us on Saturday, March 17 at 2 pm to hear a real life expert!

Dr. Lawrence Kobilinsky is an internationally renowned forensics expert and researcher. He is currently a Professor of Criminal Justice and Biochemistry at The Graduate Center and John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. As a forensic science consultant, Dr. Kobilinsky frequently appears on a variety of news programs, such as Nancy Grace, MSNBC Live, and Geraldo at Large. He will talk about the reality of forensics and crime scene investigations as opposed to what we see on television and some actual cases. There will be time for questions.

Afterwards, we'll host a small reception with light refreshments. Please RSVP by speaking with a library staff member!

**CRIME
SCENE - DO NOT CROSS**

NextReads = Book Suggestions by Email!!

NextReads will deliver reading lists right to your inbox. It's easy! Go to the sign-up page on our Library website. Select as many newsletters to subscribe to as you would like, and immediately, you'll receive the most recent issue. Newsletters cover lots of genres, both fiction and non-fiction. For a complete list, see the library's website.

Every newsletter includes recently released titles and, depending on the newsletter, may include related (read-alike) titles, additional thematic suggestions, or forthcoming titles.

And every newsletter includes links directly to the library catalog, so you can be at home in your slippers or taking a lunch break at the office while checking to see if that title is currently available.

For more information or for help signing up, speak with Karen or Megan.



2nd Annual Art Show and Wine & Cheese Tasting

Watercolor, oils or pastels; what is your favorite medium? On March 11 you can enjoy seeing works of art in these, and many other media, displayed at the Library's Second Annual Art Show. Area artists are invited to come and display their work on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. 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, and the cheeses that accompany them.

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

The Library Joins Operation Paperback!

Operation Paperback is a non-profit, grassroots program that was founded in 1999. They collect gently used books and send them to American troops deployed overseas.

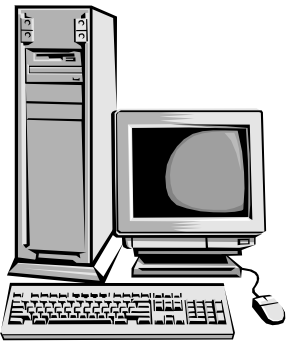
Your Library staff decided to use some of the books from the book sale room for this great cause, but we'd like to continue sending books to our soldiers! So we're asking for donations of paperbacks specifically to send overseas. However, there are a few restrictions. Our soldiers are not looking for romance books! They want history, mystery, thrillers, suspense, horror, non-fiction, etc. Also, we can not send books with covers showing any female skin between the neck and the knees (you'd be surprised how many books this limits!). And we can not send any religious materials, unless they are specifically requested by the soldier.

If you'd like to contribute but do not have any books, you can donate money towards mailing one or more of the packages. Or if you just want us to include a thank you note or other supportive correspondence, you can bring those in, too.

We would love to make this a community program and to help as many of our soldiers overseas as possible!



Computer Classes



The library offers two cycles of computer classes: beginner and intermediate beginner. The classes are usually offered for 3 weeks on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm OR Fridays at 10:00 am. 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. Classes may be cancelled if there is not enough interest.

Other single session classes are in development and may be offered soon!

Seeking Community Members for Building Committee

The Library is seeking interested community members to form a building committee. We are currently working on architectural plans to expand and renovate the library. We will need people to help us in a variety of ways, including fund raising.

If you would like to be involved in the planning of this exciting project, please send a letter to the Library Board of Trustees expressing your interest and any relevant area of expertise you may have. No experience is required just a love of our Library and a desire to help us provide better facilities and services to the community. Send letters with contact information to: Bradley Beach Library Community Building Committee, 511 4th Ave., Bradley Beach, NJ 07720 or just drop your letter off at the Library.



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NEW HOURS!

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 am –5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 12 noon–8 pm

Saturday 10 am –3 pm

www.bradleybeachlibrary.org

Dates to Remember & Upcoming Events

- March 3 – Read Across America– Celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday! (see article in newsletter)
- March 11 – Art Show with a Wine and Cheese Tasting (see article in newsletter)
- March 15 – T³ (TEEN) –Top 10 Free Web Tech Tools
- March 17 – CSI program (see article in newsletter)

Other Upcoming Events:

- **Children’s:**
 - Sing Along with Irv – June 9
 - Reptile Program
 - Paws for Reading
- **T³ (TEEN ONLY) Events:**
 - Journaling
 - Handwriting Analysis – May 17
 - Podcasting
- **General Events:**
 - National Library Week – April 15 –21 (FINE AMNESTY!!)
 - Free Comic Book Day – May 5



**If you have questions about these or any library events or programs,
please contact a staff member!!**