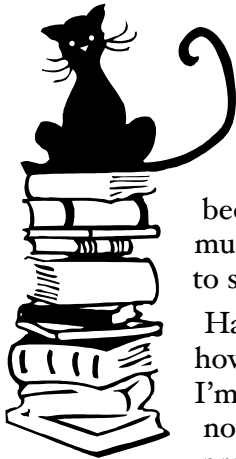


Winter Newsletter

From the Director's Desk . . .



Happy New Year! I'm just writing a quick note this newsletter because there is so much other "news" to share with you!

Have you seen how busy we are? I'm sure you have noticed all the new programs and book clubs and events we have been having! What better way to spend a cold evening than talking over a good book with friends, new and old?

There are also lots of new opportunities for teens and kids, including the Teen Advisory Board and the American Girl Book Club. We'll also be starting a garden at the library for the

kids to learn how to grow vegetables and flowers!

Also coming up in March is the 3rd Annual Art Show and Wine Tasting; this event is always popular. If you have art you'd like to display or would just like to find out more about the event, please talk to us!

Meg and I are also really excited that we will be bringing video gaming to the Library. And no, not just for the kids! We'll have a variety of events for all age groups so that even the adults can come play and check out what all the fuss is about!

So there are plenty of things to learn and do at the Library this winter. I hope you'll take advantage of all we have to offer!

Sincerely,
Karen

Library Hours

Monday	9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday	12 noon - 8 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 5 pm
Thursday	12 noon - 8 pm
Friday	9 am - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 3 pm
Sunday	Closed



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READ ACROSS AMERICA @ BRADLEY BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY!

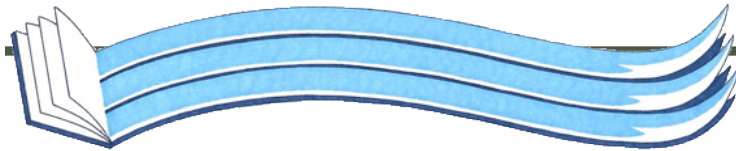


Join us on Saturday, March 1 at 11 am to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America!

We will be having our annual special birthday party story time on Saturday morning, which will feature numerous Dr. Seuss stories read by prominent members of the community. We'll also have games and activities. And what's a party without birthday cake and goodie bags to take home?

Come dressed in your pajamas or wear crazy socks!

Call or come into the library to sign up! Hurry! Space is limited!



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

What can you do to show your love?

Fill out a paper heart with a statement about *why you love your library!* These will be displayed all over the Library during February, and might also help us win a prize from Barnes and Noble!

You can also show your love by *shopping at Barnes and Noble during the month of February.* Just pick

up a voucher (available now until the end of February) at the Library and present it at any B&N in New Jersey at the time of purchase. Barnes and Noble will donate a percentage of every sale from customers who present a voucher to the 2008 New Jersey Summer Reading Program and all public libraries will benefit, including Bradley Beach!



NEED TAX HELP?



Free tax help will be offered at the Library this tax season! A qualified volunteer will be on hand to help you prepare your return on Wednesdays from 9:10am to 12:10pm. Appointments are available starting February 6th - sign up at the circulation desk or by calling us at 732-776-2995. This program is designed for low to middle income taxpayers, with special attention to those sixty years of age and older.

GIVING TO THE LIBRARY

Giving to our Library is tax deductible! It's also the gift that goes with everything! To donate quickly and easily online, find us on the web sites "I Give" (www.igive.com) or "Network for Good" (www.networkforgood.org). Donate today!

How does Igive work? Register with their site and then shop your favorite stores, like ebay, Target, Barnes & Noble, Home Depot, and lots of others. Up to 26% of your purchase will be donated!

Network for Good is a website where you can give to your favorite charity/charities and have all your donation records stored and accessible at any time. Their website is safe and secure; they meet the BBB Wise Giving Alliance standards for charity accountability. In fact, since inception more than 450,000 donors have contributed more than \$160 million dollars using the Network for Good giving system!

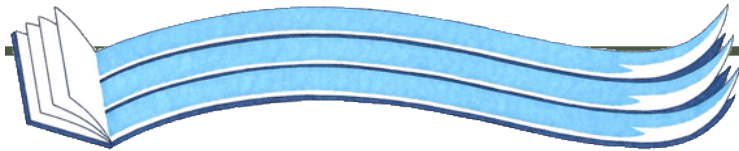
WELCOME BACK, CAROL!

Many of you may remember the familiar face that is back behind the circulation desk. It's Carol and she has returned to the Library! She started at the Library in May of 2000 and worked here for a number of years. But she "retired" from the

Library due to her full time job at Wall High School and other responsibilities.

Just after Thanksgiving, I mentioned to her that we were looking for someone to work part time and we were very lucky

that she was interested in returning! She is a great addition to our staff and we are all very happy to have Carol back at the Library!



ACCESS A HUGE ARRAY OF MAGAZINES & JOURNALS **FREE!!**

Many people don't realize that the Library offers you free access to a number of electronic computer resources, like *EBSCO host*, which allows you to search a number of everyday magazines, such as *Parents* and *People*, academic and trade journals, like *Business Week*, and newspapers. Search for specific articles you want to read, or do more general searching on a certain subject or writer, and get the full text article! There are also

a number of resources for kids, including research tools for school projects and reading lists. You can look at *EBSCO host* and other resources at the Library **or at home** through our web site. These resources are easy to use and incredibly useful – ask Karen or Meg for more information and a quick tutorial!

NEXT READS

NextReads will deliver reading lists of new and interesting books right to your email. It is easy! Go to the sign-up page of 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.



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's catalog, so you can be at home in your slippers or taking a break at work while checking to see if that book is currently available! For more information or help signing up, speak with Karen or Meg.

PROGRAMS GALORE!

On the back cover and on the insert in this newsletter, find our schedule of all the programs and events that are happening here at the Bradley Beach Library. Some are one time events and others are on-going programs.

Give us your input! Please stop at the circulation desk and take a **30-second survey** on the scheduling of our "Together Time" program. This was formerly called

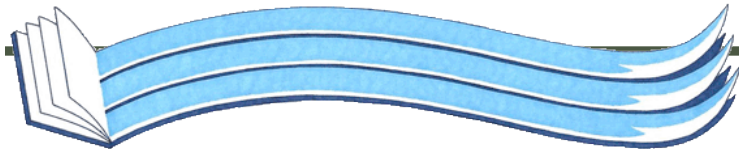
"Family Night" but we want to get as many young and growing families involved in this program as possible!

Also, if you have ideas for programs at the Library, please share them with us! We are always happy to get suggestions to fuel our creativity, even if we are unable to do a program on that topic immediately.

Grace's Top 10

(in no particular order)

- * *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd
- * *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett
- * *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay
- * *Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller* by Ron Chernow
- * *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw
- * *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci
- * *Ordinary Heroes* by Scott Turow
- * *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf
- * *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
- * *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls



All events, programs and information about the Library can also be found on our website:

www.bradleybeachlibrary.org

ADULT PROGRAMS

Financial Planning Program

Tips and recommendations for retirement planning, college saving and more, as well as basic financial planning dos and don'ts. February 19th @ 7 pm.

Panic Relief Workshop

Learn ways to effectively manage your panic, anxiety and stress. March 6 @ 7 pm.

Soup Sale

Annual Friends of the Library soup sale! March 6th, 3:30 - 7 pm.

Art Show & Wine Tasting

Details coming soon!!!

Adult Book Club

Next meeting is February 26 at 7:00 pm and the book is *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Themed Book Club

Starting March 4, a new adult book club! For March, read *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Participants will bring foods to sample, related to where the book takes us! **Sign Up Required!**

Computer Training

In addition to the computer classes that we already offer (intro, intermediate, ebay, etc.), the Library offers one on one computer training. If you have a quick concern, issue or problem, just stop by and one of our staff will try to help you. If it is

something that might take a little more time, (more than 15 minutes) call the library to schedule a personal training session. For information or to sign up for a class, contact Meg.

Craft Bee

Once a month, come to the library for a quiet space to work on your crafts of any kind! It will be the 3rd Sunday in February and March from 1:30 pm to 4 pm.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Valentine Party

Come celebrate Valentine's Day at the Library! We'll have snacks and fun activities. February 14th at 6:30 pm. 4th to 6th grades.

Cooks & Books

Celebrate Chinese New Year with a special cooking and reading program on February 7th @ 3:30 pm.

African American Tales

Come listen to a storyteller and celebrate Black History Month! February 9 @ 11 am.

Junior Book Club

Read that month's book on your own and come talk about it with other kids! 4th - 6th grades.

American Girl Book Club

We will talk about a different American Girl each month and do a craft or make a snack from her time period.

Read Aloud Book Club

We started *Trumpet of the Swans* on January 11. Join us as we continue this book. (We'll do a brief summary each time we meet!) This club meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 3:30 pm. 1st - 3rd grades.

Paws for Reading

Did you know that reading to a therapy dog can improve a child's reading confidence and skill level? Sign your child up today for Paws for Reading! The dogs will be at the library on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month!

TEEN PROGRAMS

TTT (Third Thursday Teens)

Join us in February for a Handwriting Analysis Program on February 21 at 7:30 pm.

Teen Tech Week (March 2-8)

Participate in our first Tech Challenge just for Teens! Complete the challenge to try and win cool prizes!

Teen Book Club

Read the selected book on your own and come discuss with other teens!

TAB (Teen Advisory Board)

Join the TAB and voice your opinions! Help make decisions about teen programs and other events at the library! **Sign Up Required!**