



Summer Newsletter

From the Director's Desk . . .

Welcome back summer residents!

With the beaches packed and the forecast for hazy, hot and humid weather, why not come into the cool library and find something to occupy your mind while you sit on the beach or try to avoid the heat? Libraries are not just for books anymore . . . We have videos and DVDs, CDs, and 6 brand new public computers! Make sure to visit us and see all the changes we have made since last summer.

The Summer Reading Program is back and in full swing. Computer classes will be starting again soon. See the articles in this newsletter for more details on these programs. Also, if anyone would like to volunteer to help with the gardening in front of the library, please contact a member of the library staff and we can direct you to the great folks who donate their time to making the front of the library look great.

Take the time to come in and say hello . . . You'll be glad you did!

Sincerely,

Karen J. Klapperstuck

Read and Grow @ your Library

Join the Summer Reading Program at the Bradley Beach Public Library! The children will be broken into 3 age groups: kids up to age 6, those ages 7-11, and kids ages 12 and up. Kids can sign up any time and start checking out books and reading. When the books are returned, the children will "report" a few words or sentences about the books to get credit for reading them. An awards ceremony/party will be held in August. Prizes are awarded for each age group and all readers will receive awards for participating in the program.

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Summer Hours:

- ☺ Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am — 3 pm
- ☺ Tuesday, Thursday 12 noon — 8 pm
- ☺ Saturday 9 am — 12 noon

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A Day at the Beach

Poem by Kathryn Christensen

Kids are screaming "Are we there?"
Up and down looking to stop
No parking for another block

Wind is blowing up a gale
"Did everyone bring a pail?"

Sand everywhere I look
In my eyes, ears and
Every crack and crook

Kids rubbed with sunblock
All slippery and wet
Yelling "Is it time for hot dogs yet?"

Salty water up my nose
Crabs and jelly fish
Nipping at my toes

One more time to the potty
Oh! My aching body

As the sun sets in the west
And home is my quest
A parking ticket
"I can't believe it!"

My youngest pops up to say
"Thanks, Mom. This was my bestest day."

Dogs of Babel

Carolyn Parkhurst's debut novel, *The Dogs of Babel*, is the first book in a long time that I couldn't put down. The story and the characters were vivid and interesting.

Paul Iverson's wife, Lexy, has died under somewhat questionable circumstances. The only witness to the event is their dog, a Rhodesian Ridgeback named Lorelei. The novel traces Paul's attempt to find out what Lorelei knows and what

A Review by Karen Klapperstuck

happened to Lexy.

But it goes further than that. It makes the reader ask "How well do we ever really know someone else?" A question that Paul seeks to answer as he eventually comes to terms with Lexy's death.

A Today Show book club pick, this one is worth the read!

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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.

The Intermediate cycle will consist of the following classes: Review of Computer Basics, Word Processing using Microsoft Word, and Searching the Internet.

The classes are offered for 3

weeks on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. OR Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

Call for the schedule of classes.

Contact the library to sign up or to be placed on a waiting list for the next class. The Library currently has a waiting list but we would be happy to add you to it. Class sizes are limited due to space constraints.



Commander Isaac Schlossbach, World Explorer

Isaac "Ike" Schlossbach was a celebrated twentieth century polar explorer who was born and raised in Neptune. Ike graduated from Neptune High School and then, in 1915, graduated from the Naval Academy. He volunteered to go to the first submarine school. Then in 1921, he joined the aviation branch of the Navy and refined the art of aerial gunnery, "dog fighting", and dive bombing. During this time, Ike began having trouble with his left eye, and the Navy assigned him to the Naval Academy teaching engineering and aviation and training the football team. Finally, he was forced to retire from the Navy in 1930 when he lost his eye. He was 38 years old. Schlossbach was asked to help with the proposed submarine polar expedition to go under the North Pole ice pack. Although a failure, this was Ike's first exploration. Later he was to go on twelve expeditions to the Arctic and Antarctic, and one trip to the jungles of Central America. His last trip was to Antarctica in 1961 when he was 70 years old. The Schlossbach family moved to

Bradley Beach while Ike was attending the Naval Academy. When World War II broke out, Ike came out of retirement and was assigned to Guadalcanal. At that time he and his three brothers, Edgar, Theodore and Harry were all in the service, and each of the brother's name was displayed on the Honor Roll in Railroad Square Park. Ike never married, saying that it would have been unfair to subject anyone to wait for him to occasionally come home. When he died in 1984 at the age of 93, he left a legacy of which few are now aware. Commander Isaac Schlossbach was an explorer and a pioneer who left us a legend to which few could or ever will equal.

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Dead Ringer

In Lisa Scottoline's latest book, *Dead Ringer*, Bennie (Benedetta) Rosato is trying to save her all-female law firm from going under. It seems her latest client is suffering from lack of cash to pay her, and the landlord is going to evict her. On top of everything else, her wallet has been stolen and Alice, her evil twin sister, is back in town getting Bennie in all sorts of trouble with the law. Then Robert St. Amien, a Frenchman with a lens manufacturing business in Philadelphia, hires her to represent him in a class actions suit. It seems like the answer to her

A book review by Grace Vetrano

prayers. Or is it?



Bennie know she's in a whole lot of trouble. But fortunately for her, Navy Seal, David Holland enters her life just in time to help. I loved Bennie and her cast of characters, from Mrs.

DeNuzio who gives Bennie the "evil eye," to Judy, the pink-haired lawyer. It's a fun book that will entertain you from beginning to end.

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Look what we have

Here is a short list of some of the services and materials that are available at the Bradley Beach Public Library:

- Computers with Internet access
- Homebound Services
- Online Catalog
- Interlibrary Loan Services
- Music CDs
- Videos and DVDs
- Books on Tape
- Large Print Books
- Magazines and Newspapers
- Computer Classes
- Book Discussion Group

- Friends of the Library
- Reading Area
- Children's Library
- Book Sale Room
- Special Programs

For details on any of these or other services, please call the Library.

Have a great summer!



Just a reminder of all that we have
for you @ your library!