



Friends of the
Brandywine
Hundred Library

NEWS

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We support, encourage and promote quality library services

Dear Friends,

After serving on the Friends Board in various capacities for many years, I am honored to have been asked to serve as its president. Both the Brandywine Hundred Library (BHL) and the Friends Board have been experiencing growth and adapting to change since moving into the building on Foulk Road last April. We're still on something of a "shakedown cruise" as we continue to expand our roles in order to meet the needs of the community we serve.

Two upcoming events of special note are our Annual Membership Drive and a First Year Anniversary Celebration, to be held during National Library Week, April 18-24. We're still in the planning stages for both of these events, but expect to have premiums for those who join that week and plenty of forms available for those of you who would like to buy a brick to include in the walkway or Give-A-Book to include in the library!

The Friends Board consists of a group of capable and dedicated volunteers who are working to meet the challenges ahead as new programs and changes to existing programs help us realize the potential of this new library. More people of all ages are coming to BHL from a wider area and hundreds of new library cards continue to be issued. More of you need to become involved, through giving us your suggestions (477-1945, www.fbhl.org) or attending the monthly meetings. You might even consider attending the Delaware Library Association (DLA) Legislative Day in Dover on Thursday, March 25. Interested? Call us for more information.

Cecilia McCormick
President, BHL Friends

388 More Bricks

Please come visit the latest additions to the Brandywine Hundred Library family! We've added an additional 388 etched bricks. The Yellow Pages in the lobby Locator log will help you as you Brandywine Shuffle through our 2,289 etched among 4,000 bricks.

You will have the opportunity to add your own etched brick until we replace the 1,711 plain bricks. Our next crop will probably be planted in fall of 2004.

We offer our thanks to the NCC employees who showed real interest in doing a really FINE job in getting them planted and relocated. **Kathy MacDonough** laid out the detailed plot as we added and rearranged to put new bricks near earlier bricks.

Special Services supervisor Jim Hedrick reports these men did the good job getting our etched bricks in place. The latest crop: **Louis Hendricks, Pat Schneese, Louis Lockard, Mark DiRusso, Russell Hughart, Frank Benson, and Dave Cox.** The first 1,901: **Lou Collazo, Robert Brown, Nick Vlasveld, Tom Mera, Virgil Pugh, Frank Cini, John Morole, Mike Kline, Don Gibbons, Mike Gilbert, Joe Scully, Dave Celli, and Walt Stevenson.** The Friends will honor these men with a brick for their group in the fall planting.

Please join those who are currently buying the bricks that will be placed in the walkway next to the library, in the "Colonnade of Freedoms." Each brick costs \$100.00; brochures that contain order forms can be found in the library in free-standing displays featuring a large cartoon-picture of "Brick Boy."

www.friendsbhl.org for all the latest programs, links, hours more!



From the Managers' Desk

Thomas M. Weaver and Jean Kaufman, Library Managers

A special note of thanks to the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library who continued their outstanding support of the library with their recent donation of an electric piano, \$5,000 towards the Large Print collection and other funds for Teen and Children's programming. Our programming is planned three to four months in advance, so we are now exploring potential program applications for our new piano. We're sure the kids will enjoy it when they have their sing-a-long programs. We are developing several adult and family programs for the spring that will include music from diverse cultures. Thanks also to the Friends for the purchase of a wheelchair for our patrons who need assistance during their visits to the library.

Congratulations to **Quoc-Anh Nguyen** of our Circulation staff and his lovely wife on the birth of their first child, Sydney Nguyen. Anh, a concert musician, helped the Friends with the acquisition of the piano.

Jean Kaufman, Co-Manager, has been heading up a training program for staff to enhance skills in a variety of areas. Staff were surveyed and asked what types of training would benefit their work. From these results, training was planned to address their needs. Since our staff spends most of the work day on the service desks, the training will be spread out over several weeks.

As we near the first anniversary of our opening here in Talley Day Park, circulation growth remains strong. We opened April 12, 2003, and will be celebrating that milestone during National Library Week, April 18-24.

Kevin Turner, our Technology Librarian, has been working with the Information Systems staff to set up a web page for the library. It is still under construction, but look for further news on this in the near future.

Brandywine Hundred Branch Library will be hosting its Fourth Annual Black History Month Celebration on Friday, February 6 at 6 pm. Organized by **Kay Lacy**, the program is designed to bring together diverse cultures in celebrating the significant role gospel has played in the black community. In addition to two choirs, there will be a lecture on the history of the black church and praise dancers. The Café will be offering a special Hot Chocolate Bar in the lobby prior to the program. Foulk Manor

South residents will be assisting with the refreshments during intermission.

FROM THE ADULT REFERENCE DESK

Eric Kuhn, Adult Services Librarian

We have been pretty busy in the Adult Services Department, and some of you will have already begun to notice the results of our efforts!

Acquisition of new library books is off and rolling. In fact, we are doing such a good job ordering new books that we don't have enough room for all of them on the New Book shelves! To make room for all of the new books we have had to shorten the amount of time books are kept in the New Books section.

We have started to build a small collection of foreign language materials, with an emphasis on Spanish language books. Look for them in the Adult Non-fiction section under 863 or 864.

We have ordered a large number of new audio-visual language instruction materials to re-build our collection. We have ordered items in all formats. Look for these new materials in our Adult AV section.

We have also started a major renovation of our travel collection. **Karen Olsen** is deleting outdated travel guides and is rebuilding the collection by ordering new books.

Kay Lacy has planned an interesting variety of programs for the next couple of months. Highlights include a First Aid class on February 9, a Writers Workshop on February 19, and a series of lectures celebrating Women's History Month that runs through March. Please stop by the Adult Reference Desk for a program guide listing details for these and all the other adult programs.

We have also started a new computer class that has already proved popular. We are now offering a class on how to use Heritage Quest Online, our genealogy database containing searchable US Census Records as well as ProQuest's Genealogy and Local History Collection of over 25,000 family and local history books. Basic Internet and typing skills are required and space is limited. Please call the Adult Reference Desk at 477-3150 for more information or to sign up.



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FROM THE TEEN DESK

Melissa Rabey, Teen Librarian

The Homework Help Center is open for business! Students in grades 2-12 can receive homework assistance three days a week from a mentor. The Homework Help Center is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 3-5 pm, and on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 pm. Both adults and teens, age 16 and up, are welcome to become mentors. Pick up an application at the Children's Reference Desk.

Author Visit: Brandywine Hundred Library is pleased to welcome **Lara M. Zeises**, author of the teen book *Bringing Up the Bones*, on March 9 at 7 pm. Lara, a Delaware native, will reveal True Confessions of a First-Time Author in a fun question-and-answer program. Teens can register for the program at the Children's Reference Desk.

Bringing Up the Bones was a 2001 Honor Book for the Delacorte Press Prize, and in 2003 was named one of the New York Public Library's Books for the Teen Age. This novel focuses on Bridget, an eighteen-year-old who is trying to adjust to the death of her best friend and boyfriend, Benji. It will be available in paperback this spring. Lara's second novel, "Contents Under Pressure," will be published in April. Both "Bringing Up the Bones" and "Contents Under Pressure" are set in Delaware.



THANK YOU KATHY FOR AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE!

We posted a notice on the CPL bulletin board. She applied. Jane Iobst and Carol Harding interviewed her. Quickly we found we had a gem. Her nimble mind and high interest soon proved she was not just a helper, but a strong initiator/participator in our building fund project. Her years of local experience gave her a good insight into whom to contact and how to get something done. She quickly became part of the team — understanding our goals and aiding with suggestions. Her good imagination and talent for taking a task and improving it routinely led to going beyond what might be expected. She was willing and able to

FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Kay Bowes, Children's Librarian

Thank you, Friends, for providing supplies for the successful "Alice in Wonderland" celebration. The Brandywine Hundred Library "twas brillig" with fun and games, Alice-style.

February is "I Love to Read" month and the children of the Brandywine Hundred community will be enjoying reading in the "Snow Is Falling, Books Are Calling" Winter Reading Club. Check at the Children's Reference Desk for more information on this month-long reading event.

Learning more about the Dewey Decimal Classification System is fun at the Brandywine Hundred Library. Games, puzzles, and more can be had by signing up for one of the "Do the Dew" sessions!

There will be a special Valentine Craft program sponsored by the Rockwood Mansion staff for kids ages 5-10. This will be held in our own meeting room on February 7 at 11 am. Sign up to make some very special valentines!

Look for master storyteller **Michael Richmond-Boudewyns** to be telling family stories on Valentine's Day (February 14) in the afternoon. Call the Children's Reference Desk for more details.

Looking forward to March, check out the "Mystery" party on Wednesday, March 3. Be a bona fide sleuth and join the mysterious doings.

Great things are going to happen in April during National Library Week at the Brandywine Hundred Library! Be a part of all the excitement! Hope to see you then!

"work outside the box." Her pleasant and friendly personality made her liked by everyone. She treated all contacts with respect. Anyone who has met her personally or by telephone knows that I am praising **Kathy MacDonough** — our administrative assistant extraordinaire. She will leave our employ now as our project closes, but is volunteering to remain as a Friend to follow-up with the on-going Brick Project.

Thank you, Kathy for the important part you were in "building a dream."



Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library Membership Renewal Form

NAME: _____

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Date: _____ Please check one: New Member Renewal

Membership Categories: \$500 (or more) Benefactor \$100 Good Neighbor
 \$50 Patron \$25 Sponsor, Organization, Business
 \$12 Regular Member \$ (write-in) Senior Citizen or Student

Contributions are tax deductible. Dues are renewable annually. If your company matches funds, please consider the Friends of Brandywine Hundred Library.

Make check payable to Friends of BHL or Please charge my purchase to: Mastercard VISA AmEx Discover

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