



Friends of the  
Brandywine  
Hundred Library

# NEWS

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*We support, encourage and promote quality library services*

*Dear Friends,*

Things always seem to get busy at the library around this time of the year. In addition to term papers and science fair projects, there's the Friends Annual Membership drive to look forward to!

The **week of April 18-24** will mark our first membership drive at Brandywine Hundred Library (BHL), but you'll find that many familiar traditions have carried over to our new facility. Those who join the Friends or renew their memberships during this week can still choose a tote bag, geranium or loaf of bread as a "thank you" from us for supporting the Friends. We'll also have "Give-A-Book" lists from the librarians; if you purchase one of the books on these lists, you'll receive a free one year membership to the Friends and be asked how you want to dedicate the book. In addition, you'll be given another opportunity to "Give-A-Brick" for the walkway on the side of the library, although we are no longer offering free Friends memberships with the purchase of a brick.

A special **Open House** at the library is being planned for **Saturday, April 24**, from 1- 4 pm, to commemorate the fact that BHL will have been open one year this April. Events planned – although not 100 percent guaranteed – include music, face painting, free ice cream, story reading sessions, door prizes and a karate demonstration. You'll have to stop by to see what we've ended up with and join in the celebration.

A final note: We really do want to see more people involved with the work that the Friends do for the library. Please consider coming to our monthly board meetings, held on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7 pm, on the second floor of the library. Hope to see you there soon.

**Cecilia McCormick**  
President, BHL Friends

## **Delaware Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**

Since 1971, the Delaware Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) has provided books in Braille and audio books on record and cassette for the blind and physically handicapped residents of Delaware.

LBPH is the Delaware regional branch of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) of the Library of Congress. As such LBPH has access to over 2,000 new titles recorded by the NLS each year. Currently the library has over 50,000 volumes, which comprise more than 36,000 different titles. The library has cassette tape players that are loaned to patrons to listen to the audio books. All services of the LBPH are free to the patron. Materials are distributed through the US postal service and may be returned to the library postage free.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who is unable to read or use standard printed materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual or physical limitations or reading disabilities may receive service. This includes not only blindness and visual impairment but also paralysis, missing arms or hands, lack of muscle coordination or prolonged weakness.

For more information, or to sign up for service visit your local library or contact LBPH directly at the following address:

Delaware Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped  
43 South Dupont Highway  
Dover, DE 19901  
Phone 1-800-282-8676  
e-mail [debph@lib.de.us](mailto:debph@lib.de.us)

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## From the Managers' Desk

**Thomas M. Weaver and Jean Kaufman,  
Library Managers**

Things have been bustling here at Brandywine Hundred Library.

The New Castle County library web page is now up and we are all excited with our new web presence. Please take the time to look at our web page. Go to <http://www.co.new-castle.de.us/> and click on libraries. Try the various links, in particular the page for the Brandywine Hundred Library. As time goes on we will be developing the Brandywine Hundred page to include all our programs as well as other news. This is an excellent first place to look to keep you current on what's happening at the library.

Once again our circulation statistics have risen over last month as more and more folks discover us. Please continue to invite your friends and neighbors to come to the Brandywine Hundred Library

Stop by and see the changes in our café. We are now offering Starbucks Coffee, a new variety of sandwiches, salads and pastries. Additionally we are now offering catering for groups using our meeting rooms. If any of you are having meetings in our meeting rooms and wish to see a catering menu, please ask.

As we near our first year anniversary staff requested a training program to bring all up to date with the new building, equipment and other procedures that have changed since Concord Pike. With the addition of many new staff it was felt that an all staff training program would be the best approach. The staff have completed this six-week training program.

## From the Teen Desk

Teen programming at Brandywine Hundred Library is getting kicked up several notches! Responses to our programming survey, held in January and February, yielded several new program ideas. One of these is an anime club. Anime is a form of animation developed in Japan, which has become very popular with teens and young adults. On Saturday, May at 2:30pm, we'll have a meeting to organize our group, learn more about anime, and even watch a show. We hope to see any anime addicts there!

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## A Garden Club Supports the Library

When you look at the children's garden that surrounds the amphitheater just outside the children's room at Brandywine Hundred Library (BHL), we would like you to think of the Green Acres Garden Club. The members of that garden club were responsible for design of the garden and are maintaining it. In addition, they created and installed the bird houses and bench that are located in this area.

The Green Acres Garden Club is currently working on another project that will enhance everyone's enjoyment of the grounds surrounding BHL. They have purchased two large planters that will be placed on the patio adjoining the Café. Plants will be placed in these containers and will no doubt flourish under the care of these very capable gardeners!

New members are always welcome. If interested, contact Shirley Stout at (302) 478-9495.

## Notification: Amendment to the By-laws

We need to hold a formal vote in order to change our name from "Friends of the Concord Pike Library" to "Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library". Therefore, at our April Board Meeting, we will vote on the following proposed amendment to The Constitution and By-laws of the Friends of Concord Pike Library:

Amend Section 1 of the By-laws to read: The name of this organization shall be "Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library."



## Cafe@ The Library

Café people continue changing thing to entice you in to enjoy the ambience and their offerings. Soon you will be able to enjoy the outdoor terrace as well. Go through the doors and try again. Any comments would be appreciated. Call 477-1945 or e-mail [fbhl@juno.com](mailto:fbhl@juno.com) — leave your message.



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Our next teen program will be held on April 23rd at 7:00 pm, when we hold a Teen Open Mike Night. Teens will be allowed to present poetry, play music, or just grab a chance to have five minutes in the spotlight. Performers are requested to sign up at the Children's Reference Desk.

*Melissa Rabey, Teen Librarian*

## **From the Children's Room**

Great events are lurking on the horizon! National Library Week is bringing back the "Read Aloud Challenge." Children ages 7-12 will be reading in front of an esteemed panel of judges comprised of librarians (Jean Kaufman from Brandywine Hundred and Susan Menson from Bear) and our own Friend, Ruth Forman. Prizes will be given to the most talented readers. This event is always a lot of fun for participants and their guests! Look for that on Monday, April 19.

Barbara Mitchell, local children's author, is coming to Brandywine Hundred on Wednesday, April 21, to read her own published works. Barbara has wonderfully rich historical stories for the children.

For our Open House on Saturday, April 24, there will be a "Story-A-Thon" (continuous story reading) for the preschoolers. We are looking for adult volunteers to read. Please check with the Children's Reference Desk about signing up for YOUR 15-minute slot.

The whole family (with children ages 5 and up) is invited to a "Family Fun Craft" on Sunday, April 25. We are going to make some springy flowers that will be fun for all!

The Itinerant Dance Company was snowed out in December so they are coming to entertain children ages 3 and up (and their families) with their zany dance and story on Sunday, April 4.

"Mad Science" will be coming to Brandywine Hundred with their highly interactive science programs designed for kids in two different age groups, K-2 and grades 3-6. Look for those dates in May. These programs are limited to 20 youngsters each, so be sure to sign up early!

New for Brandywine Hundred youngsters this year will be a chance to be an actor. On Thursday, May 6, "Three Sideways

Stories from Wayside School" (written by Newberry winner Louis Sachar) will be presented in the form of Readers Theatre. No need to rehearse; just come and perform a part. Nine children from ages 8 and up will be needed for speaking roles, plus an audience.

The preschoolers are blooming here at Brandywine Hundred! Not only are our very popular storytimes continuing, but there are two special programs just for this age. "Giggles Express" will be here with her fun stories and songs on April 16. "Mad Science" has a program just for preschoolers (3-5) that will take place on May 14.

Watch for the exciting new Summer Reading Club that will begin on June 1. "Discover New Trails @ Brandywine Hundred Library" will have great programs, great incentives to read, and fun had by all. Look for more information to come.

Fun is springing out in the Children's Room at Brandywine Hundred Library!

*Kay Bowes, Children's Librarian*

## **From the Adult Reference Desk**

We are heading into our busiest time of year in Adult Reference- the end of the school year. Our study rooms are proving immensely popular and are often booked solid, the Internet machines are humming with students doing research, and our word processing computers are kept busy with all of the term papers and reports that need to be written. AARP's tax help has proved very popular with library patrons. AARP will be here for three more weeks (until April 9) and then they will be gone until next year. Our computer classes are also maintaining their popularity, especially the Microsoft Word and Excel classes. These are offered once a month on Thursdays. If you are interested in specific dates or finding out what computer classes we offer please call the Adult Reference Desk. One last point, for all you genealogists out there- I am happy to announce that we just got word that we are going to subscribe to Ancestry Plus! Like the Heritage Quest database, you will only be able to access Ancestry Plus at the library. Keep your eyes open for signage announcing its arrival.

I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy some beautiful spring weather.

*Eric Kuhn, Adult Services Librarian*



# Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library Membership Renewal Form

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Acct # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (as it appears on card): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Friends of BHL, 87 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720**

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