



# NEWS

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*We support, encourage and promote quality library services*

*Dear Friends,*

As this newsletter reaches you, our community is coming to the end of summer vacations and/or schedules and many are gearing up for the beginning of another school year. This is especially true at Brandywine Hundred Library [BHL], where a large percentage of local students come — along with the occasional teacher — to conduct research, meet in the study rooms or take advantage of the newly instituted Homework Help Center. If you have internet access, an easy way to keep up with current library programs or services is to type in [www.friendsbhl.org](http://www.friendsbhl.org) and then click on the variety of topics available.

Since the Friends of BHL weren't facing any out-of-the-ordinary, large scale projects, we did not meet in July or August. However, if you're wondering what to do on Tuesday, September 14, at 7:00 PM, please join us at the library for our monthly board meeting.

Don't know when your Friends Membership expires? Just check the membership expiration date on the mailing label of this newsletter and if you need to renew, use the form on the back of the newsletter. Both your membership and your participation increase the vitality of Brandywine Hundred Library's presence in our community.

**Cecilia McCormick**  
President, BHLFriends



## **LIBRARY + PARK = R & R**

You deserve it. Take the time to just sit on a bench with bricks, grass, glass, stone, trees, and nice air all around. Give yourself a break; 56 unique acres planned and primed for your enjoyment--yours for the taking! Even bring a book.

## **The Whole Park**

Explore beyond our wonderful library to discover another group of pleasures in the 56-acre county park. The soccer and ball fields are obvious — how about the tennis court, two bocchi courts and three basketball courts? There is an area for kids swings and slides, plus a picnic area with a shelter and grill setups. Take your dogs to the Bark Park — sections for large and small dogs are available. A walking trail is underway — expect more later this year.

Through the trees, you will see an old farm house (currently occupied by a county employee as a monitor) and a pond (for safety, do not enter this area); however, neither is ready for public use yet. We expect a nature study area will be developed from them "one of these days." Fifty-six acres of beautifully planted and cared for park — go enjoy.

## **Proposed Bylaw Amendment**

The following proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library will be on the agenda for approval at the September 14, 2004 meeting. The Board believes the proposed procedure will enable prompt Board action while creating a clear audit trail for disbursements made by our tax exempt organization. All Friends' members are eligible to participate.

**Amend Article 10 (Financial Arrangements) by adding:**  
"Section 3. If the prompt authorization of a proposed expenditure is necessary or desirable before the next scheduled Board meeting, an email process may be used for voting. Any such proposal must be submitted to the President who shall submit it to the Board if it is deemed suitable for this type of voting procedure. Each Board member shall send his/her aye or nay vote to all Board members. The President, Secretary and Treasurer collectively shall ensure that such vote is affirmed for recording in the minutes at the next meeting of the Board."

**Accountants:** Friends of the BHL need advice. the time required is minimal with no regular meetings. This is a pro bono opportunity to help Friends "do it right." Please call Jim Conrad at 475-3571 for more information.



## From the Managers' Desk

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

We'd like to correct a recent News Journal article that incorrectly quoted Tom Weaver as saying that there had been no increase in book circulation. During the interview Tom pointed out that the overall circulation at Brandywine Hundred had increased 26 percent over June of last year and that there had been a significant increase in large print circulation (thanks in part to \$5,000 for large type books given by the Friends).

### From the Adult Reference Desk

In response to the overwhelming number of requests to update our Internet Browser, the Reference staff at Brandywine Hundred has developed a new process of managing Internet access that allowed County Information Systems to update the browser. This is an interim solution while we wait for a permanent software and management solution to come from the County.

We now have Internet Explorer 6.0 loaded on all the second floor Internet machines, which means that the crashing, locking up, and constant need for rebooting are things of the past. Added benefits of the new browser are an increase in computing speed, the returned use of many websites that would not accept the old browser, and the ability to print selected sections of a page.

The new management process has meant a change in sign up procedures; all patrons must present their library card to the Reference Desk every time they sign up for Internet use, and staff is required to verify that children are authorized to access the Internet. And, unfortunately, there are still certain features and websites that still won't work due to network security restrictions. But, all in all, we hope our patrons will find it an improvement of our computer resources.

We have some wonderful Adult programs lined up for the month of August including:

**August 3, 1:30-3 pm – Foulk Manor South Resident's Day.** Come play a trivia game and treasure hunt and win a prize just for trying. Program is open to senior citizens. Complimentary refreshments provided by Foulk Manor South. Please register with the Reference desk.

**August 12, 6:30-8:30 pm – Read-Aloud Delaware Workshop.** Learn how to use great children's literature to introduce math concepts to preschoolers. This workshop has been approved for two hours of training by the Office of Child Care Licensing. Please register at the Adult Reference desk or call (302) 477-3150.

**August 17, 7:15-8:30 pm —Music in the Café.** Folksinger Larry J. Van Stone will perform in the Café. He has been a folksinger more than 40 years and will be offering sing-alongs. No registration is required.

**August 17 – Bipolar Disorder (Manic Depression).** A general overview of the disorder will be given, including sign and symptoms and the best methods of treatment. Jennifer Regis of the Mental Health Association will speak. Please register at the Adult Reference desk or call (302) 477-3150.

**August 19, 7-8:45 pm – Writer's Workshop.** Focus is on fiction, but all writers are welcome. Elements of writing such as method, tone, and style will be discussed. Participants will be able to share their writing, receive suggestions and critique if desired. Class is limited to 20. Please register at the Adult Reference desk or call (302) 477-3150.

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**August 21, 2-4:30 pm – Physically Challenged Adults.** Sessions are held the third Saturday of each month. Opportunities for discussion, Social interaction, speakers and activities will be offered based upon the interest of the participants. Sessions are limited to 25 attendees. Please register at the Adult Reference desk or call (302) 477-3150.

*Eric Kuhn, Adult Services Librarian*

### From the Children's Room

The Summer Reading Club is going swimmingly! So far over 780 children have registered to be part of the fun. Attendance at the Marvy Monday programs have been averaging around 90 children each week. We have seen great performances by storytellers, puppeteers, magicians, musicians, and jugglers. The children and their families have been thrilled with experiences they might not ordinarily have had.

We all thrilled to hear Astronaut Christopher Ferguson on July 15 talk about the past, present and future of space exploration. Chris had samples of space food and the sleeping device used in space. ILCDover lent us a display of portions of the space suits that they manufacture. This program was generously supported by the Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library.

Coming in the fall, look for programs with Mad Science, Winterthur Museum, a book discussion for school-age children and the start of our "Movie Club." Storytimes will begin on September 8 for Preschoolers, September 13 for the Toddlers, and September 15 for Babies. Look for the Family Craft program on Sunday, September 12!

Due to open again in the fall is our Homework Help Center. We are looking for volunteers to work one-on-one with children from Grades 2 – 12. We will be spreading the news to the schools so that children will be coming here to Brandywine Hundred Library for help with their schoolwork. **Please consider volunteering for this venture!**

*Kay Bowes, Children's Librarian*



# We're Ordering More Bricks!

*Now is the time to act ...*



- Add Your Name to our Brick Walkway
- Honor or Memorialize Friends or Family
- Celebrate your Group or Civic Association
- Give a One-of-a-Kind Holiday Gift

Engraved brick orders for the Walkway in the Colonnade of Freedoms are accumulated into batches, and sent to the vendor only about once a year.

If you'd like to donate a brick, and want it installed before the end of 2004, ***your order must be received by September 15.***

**Questions? Call 477-1945 or email [fbhl@juno.com](mailto:fbhl@juno.com)**

**YES, I want to support the Library with my gift of \_\_\_\_\_ bricks at \$100 each.**

*Engraving Instructions: Maximum 3 lines, 14 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.*

First brick:

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Second brick:

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*For additional bricks, please attach instructions on plain paper*

**Payment information:**

\_\_\_\_ I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable to **"Friends of Brandywine Hundred Library"**

\_\_\_\_ Please charge my gift to:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*(as it appears on card)*

\_\_\_\_ I'm not interested in giving a brick at this time, but I would like to donate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library  
c/o 87 Reads Way  
New Castle, DE 19720



# Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library Membership Renewal Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

If you are interested in working with the Friends, please indicate below:

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 annual membership drive  artwork/posters  library guide/greeter



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