



Friends of the
Brandywine
Hundred Library

NEWS

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We support, encourage and promote quality library services

New Castle County Is Reading Ann Tyler

This year's theme for the New Castle County Reads program is Many Cultures, One Community. "Digging to America" by Ann Tyler is the book that was selected. Tyler's book is about two Baltimore families who adopt babies from Korea: one family is stereotypically American middle class and the other is Iranian-American.

A series of programs and book discussions exploring the great cultural diversity that makes up our state and nation are scheduled during April at libraries throughout the county. BHL will host the Mafalda Dance Group, which is an African dance group featuring storytelling through dance, dramatization and music, April 15, at 1 pm. Information sheets listing other programs in the series are at the checkout counter.

Call Now to Help with Our Membership Drive

Many two-hour slots are still available for you to help at the membership table during the Friends Annual Membership drive to be held April 15-21 (National Library Week). It takes more than 50 volunteers to make our drive a success.

We need two people staffing the table in the lobby for two-hour shifts almost all of the hours the library is open. All you have to do is register new members of the Friends and re-enlist renewing members. On-the-spot training is provided. Please contact Evelyn DeJohn, our Membership Drive chair, at 302.762-0498 if you can help.

The membership dues are still only \$12 for an individual. Of course, both new and renewing Friends may also sign up to be a Patron (\$50), Good Neighbor (\$100), Benefactor (\$500 and up) or simply make donations to the Friends. Dues and other donations are used by the Friends to help BHL in ways it could not otherwise afford. For example, the Friends recently pledged up to \$20,000 to purchase shelving needed for our expanding collection.

During this year of the county budget shortfall, our annual drive needs to be more successful than usual. You can help by renewing your memberships and adding extra donations, if possible.

Hollywood Movies Anyone?

By Sharon Riddick

Anyone who has checked out BHL's Hollywood movie collection would agree that it's extensive. Actually, BHL has more than 3,000 Hollywood movies. Anyone who has previously searched through the carts looking for their favorite movie would also agree that the new shelving system is much appreciated.

Hollywood movies used to be stacked on carts which made finding a specific Hollywood DVD time consuming. Thankfully, new shelving arrived. Currently, the Hollywood DVDs are shelved in alphabetical order. Recently Librarian Karen Olsen suggested using color coding by genre. Her idea was implemented and now the DVDs are color coded by genre (action, comedy, etc.).

These new systems have boosted the popularity of the Hollywood DVDs since patrons can find specific movies faster. Additionally, the new filing system also enables the library staff to put the movies back into circulation faster. Most Hollywood movies can be checked out for seven days.

You only have to remember to get your popcorn because the BHL has got your movie!

Please Help Spread Mulch

To keep our front gardens as weed free as possible, the board asks for your help to spread mulch April 14 at 9 am. Board members will help and you can bend their ears about your library concerns while you garden together. Meet by the front door and feel free to bring friends. Please bring your own mulch spreaders.



VOLUNTEER Positions Available

Three volunteer positions are available: editor and/or desk top publisher for the Friends newsletter, which is published six times a year; and an instructor to teach Microsoft Access in BHL's computer lab during the day or night. For information about the newsletter positions please leave a message on the Friends' Office telephone, 477-1945. For details about the instructor opportunity, call Tom Weaver, library manager, at 477-3150.

How do I donate to BHL?

To ensure that your donations and/or legacies are directed quickly and exclusively for improvements for BHL, please write checks payable to the "Friends of BHL." Your donations are tax deductible to the extent described by law. Thank you.



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Membership Categories:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500 (or more) Benefactor	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Good Neighbor
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	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 Regular Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ (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

Mail to: Friends of BHL, 1300 Foulk Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

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

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