



Friends of the
Brandywine
Hundred Library

News

We support, encourage and promote quality library services

April 2008

Dear New Patrons and Friends,

Long-time Friends are familiar with the party-like atmosphere in the lobby of the Brandywine Hundred Library during our Friends' Annual Membership Drives. (This year's drive runs April 13 to 19.)

However, every year there are many library patrons who are surprised by the scene. The lobby exudes gaiety: lots of flowers, balloons, loaves of bread, a big table with happy and helpful Friends ready to answer questions and assist you in joining the Friends or extending your membership.

For months after opening in April 2003, BHL saw increases of about 500 cardholders a month. Over time, the number declined, but now averages 300.

Due to this ongoing sizable number, the Friends launched a project to give the new cardholders a welcome bag with news and information about BHL and the Friends. Ideally, during this year's Friends' drive, there will be more people knowledgeable about our organization and eager to join.

As always, membership fees and contributions are used to support BHL with materials, projects and programs that it otherwise could not afford.

Our regular members fee remains \$12 a year to continue to make our organization accessible to many people. For varying levels of membership, please see back page.

Whether you join or extend your membership during our drive at the library, you receive a thank-you gift of a flower from Friendly Gift Shop or a loaf of bread from Big Sky Bakery or a Friends of BHL tote bag.

Upon arrival this year, however, you may wonder why the extra balloons in the lobby. To celebrate BHL's fifth birthday! Join us in Room 107 at 1 p.m. April 13 for cake — until we run out. During April, please stop by the exhibition case near the Information Desk to view memorabilia associated with the history of Talley Day Park and the construction of our favorite library.

Kristie Moore, Board Member
Friends of the Brandywine Hundred Library

A Big Celebration Week, a Bigger Schedule

The week of April 12-19 will be the biggest of the year at the Brandywine Hundred Library. It's National Library Week, the Friends' Annual Membership Drive, and the fifth anniversary of our library's opening. Many special events are part of the "New Castle County Reads" program, which this year focuses on memoirs. How big is the "week"? So big that it will take eight days to get everything in.

To find out more about the events listed below, visit the www.nccde.org/brandywinehundred and look for a link to the New Castle County Spring Program Guide or visit the Friends Web site (www.friendsbhl.org) or look for activity sheets at the library. **Registration is required for events**, except as noted; call the library, 477-3150.

- **Saturday, April 12:** *Journaling for Teens*, Ages 12-18; 12-2 p.m.
- **Sunday, April 13:** The Friends' Annual Membership drive begins and continues throughout the week in BHL's lobby during most hours that the library is open.
- **Monday, April 14:** *Book sale* (fiction and non-fiction) and *Showcase of Service Organizations* (AARP, Huntington Learning Center, RSVP, Blood Bank of Delmarva, Neighborhood House), 12-2 p.m., Room 107, no registration needed. *Memoir Writing for Adults*, learn to craft your life into a rich memoir; 7-8:45 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 15:** *Keeping in Touch*, Rockwood Museum and BHL will teach kids how to write letters; grades K-5, 4-5 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 16:** *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls, topic for BHL Book Club meeting, 7-8:30 p.m.; call the Friends' office, 477-1945 to register.
- **Thursday, April 17:** *Memories*, Miss Ann's Craft Club creates memories with art projects; for ages 7-12, limited to 25; 4-5 p.m. *Volunteer Presentation*, State Office of Volunteerism shows teenagers and their parents how to find opportunities that match their interests and explains requirements of the Delaware Volunteer Credit and the President's Volunteer Service Awards; 7-8:30 p.m.
- **Friday, April 18:** *Author Night*, Nancy E. Lynch discusses her upcoming book, *Vietnam Mailbag: Voices from the War, 1968-1972*; Vietnam veteran Rick Lovekin presents an audiovisual memoir of the war; reception at 6:30 p.m., program at 7.
- **Saturday, April 19:** *Memories of Tennessee Williams*, Mia Phoebus, friend and confidante to the playwright, shares memories through letters and poems they exchanged; 2 p.m.

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\$100 Good Neighbor

\$50 Patron

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