



# The Friend



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Dear Friends:

Your letters, emails and phone calls in support of restoring funding to the State Library's budget worked! It is because of your efforts that 4.3 million dollars have been restored.

Thank you!

With substantial cuts to the budget remaining, the State Library has had to make some tough decisions and weigh competing demands from different areas of the state. I am happy to report, however, that the following services will be retained.

- ✓ Delivery services will remain, which means that you can continue to request books, films and music CD's and return borrowed items to any member library of the BCCLS system.
- ✓ Ebsco databases and RefUSA, which are widely used by students and job seekers, have been restored. These would have been prohibitive for us to fund at the local level.

We will hear more about other services as the State Library works out the details of this budget but high on the priority list is state support for Summer Reading Club.

What have we lost? Most directly affecting your Bergenfield Library is the loss of 50% in State Aid. This last year the library received a check for \$28,000, reflecting cuts that were already being made in the 2010 State Library budget. This coming year we can expect no more than half that amount. State Aid has been used in the past to pay for books, films, music CD's and magazines.

Your efforts have already brought back funding for library services to Bergenfield, but I hope, when the Friends ask for your help with fund-raisers or volunteering in the library, you will bear in mind that local support for the library is more important than ever.

Bergenfield Friends are the best Friends!

— Mary Riskind, Library Director

September is Library Card Sign-up Month – a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

(<http://www.ilovelibraries.org>)



# Mainly Meetings Travel

## Free Dining at WALT DISNEY WORLD

When the kids get back from camp, there's still time for a family vacation at Walt Disney World Resort ... with meals included for every night of your visit! During this limited time only (August 15 to Oct. 2), a family of four can get the Disney Dining plan free when they buy a 5-night, 6-day Walt Disney Travel Company Magic Your Way Package, including Theme Park tickets and hotel accommodations in a standard room at a select Disney Moderate Resort.

## CHRISTMAS CITY

December 4, pre-holiday visit to Christmas City, Bethlehem PA: The first stop is The Banana Factory, Bethlehem's community art center and gallery, then on to Christkindlmarkt Bethlehem, recognized as one of the top holiday markets with aisles of handmade goods by the nation's finest artisans, live holiday music, authentic German and Austrian food ... and much more. Also, learn about early Moravians in Bethlehem and their interactions with Native Americans as they share the true meaning of Christmas, plus lots more. Price including bus transportation and admissions, \$79 per person. Reservations and payment due Nov. 1

Please contact us with any questions at 201-568-2146 or email [Linda@MainlyMeetingsTravel.com](mailto:Linda@MainlyMeetingsTravel.com).

— *Linda Cutrupi & Bob Masiello*

If you contact this company about either of these trips, make sure you mention the Friends of the Bergenfield Library. We get credit!

## *Your Library Card at Home*

Your library card allows you to look at your library account online. You can review items you currently have checked out, see any outstanding fines, pending requests, and renew items before they become overdue. To check your library account at home, you will need a Personal Identification Number (PIN). If you do not yet have a PIN please ask for one the next time you visit the library. Once a PIN has been assigned to your library card account you will be able to change your PIN by going to [www.bccls.org](http://www.bccls.org) and clicking on YOUR LIBRARY CARD.



Tuesday Morning Programs Begin Again on September 14