

# THE FRIEND

Friends of the Bergenfield Library — Volume 3, Number 3, Annual Holiday Meeting, 2010

Dear Friends:

Remember your first visit ever to a public library? I sure do. It was an imposing Carnegie library in upstate New York, complete with marble steps hollowed by the thousands and thousands of footsteps that came before me.

Libraries have changed since then. We rely on computers to keep track of our collections, of borrowers and to search for information. Libraries now offer books and music on plastic disks, of all things. Programs for adults, children and teens, once unique, are now commonplace. And remember that shushing librarian? Libraries have become so noisy that we need quiet study rooms!

Some things never change, however. What has not changed is the positive and lasting impact that libraries have on their communities. Libraries are learning centers for young and old.

Libraries are institutions in need of constant attention and renewal if they are to remain responsive to your education needs. Let us know how we are doing. Whether complaints or compliments, we want to hear from you so that we can make your Bergenfield Library even better. Your honest feedback is a valuable gift now and year round. Call me at 201-387-4040.

With best wishes for safe and happy holidays,  
— *Mary Riskind*, Library Director



Hello Friends,

When I was about seven years old (no prize for guessing my age), my aunt gave me a Bobbsey Twins book for Christmas.

It was the first book that was all mine. It was the best present I ever received; the one I'll remember forever. Such joy just turning the pages. Such excitement reading late at night when everything was quiet and I was supposed to be sleeping.

Why not make a few such memories for your children and grandchildren this year. When the mechanical robots and paint sets are used up and lying in pieces around the house, you'll find your child reading a book. And a book never needs batteries.

— *Linda Mohr*, President  
*Friends of the Bergenfield Library*

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents." — Emilie Buchwald



Reading aloud with and to our children is known to be the most important thing we can do to help them learn to read by themselves. And, as you can see by this photo, we need new chairs in the Children's Reading Room. All contributions marked "Chairs" or put directly into our wishing well will go toward a fund to buy new seats for our kids.

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## — Volunteers Needed —

### Adopt-A-Shelf

The Library is asking for volunteers to participate in the Adopt-A-Shelf program. Spend as little as 30 minutes every week maintaining a specified area by reading the shelves and keeping them neat. Please call 201-387-4040 if interested in volunteering.

### ESL Tutoring

The Bergenfield Library ESL (English as a Second Language) program provides tutoring for adult foreign-born residents of the community who need to learn English. The tutors are volunteers from all walks of life who share a desire to make a difference in the lives of neigh-

bors; no previous experience is required. After completing the free training, most tutors are matched with a learner while some may lead a small class or conversation group. Sessions are usually an hour or so per week and all are held in the Library ESL area.

Bergenfield's program has been serving the community since 1980 and is an affiliate of Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey and ProLiteracy America. The next tutor training workshop cycle will start the evening of January 13, 2010.

To volunteer or obtain more information, please contact Don Hansen, Coordinator, 201-387-4040, ext 837

### Outreach

The Library has an outreach program that brings library items to our homebound residents.

Anyone who is not able to get to the library due to disability or illness is eligible. Books, magazines, large print books, audio books, and DVDs can be brought right to your door.

If you know of anyone who needs this program or would like more information, please contact Bobby Huber at 201-387-4040, ext. 822.

The Friends of the Library are the volunteers that make this program work. If you would like to volunteer to deliver to homebound residents, contact Linda Mohr at 201-387-4040.

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These Businesses and Clubs have supported the Friends of the Bergenfield Library. We ask you to do the same for them.

**AA Plumbing & Heating**, 25 W. Church St.,  
Bergenfield

**Bergenfield Optimist Club**

**CMC Deli Store**, 120 W. Main St., Bergenfield

**CNR Products**, 25 W. Church St., Bergenfield

**Contemporary Woman's Club of Bergenfield**

**East/West Electrical Contractors**, 19 Tyson Place,  
Bergenfield

**Drs. Freed and Gliksman**, 155 N. Washington Ave.,  
Bergenfield

**Gone Stitching**, 31 S. Washington Ave., Bergenfield

**John Henitz, CFP**, 67 Raum Place, Bergenfield

**Masonic Lodge #77**, Tenaflly, NJ

**Matthews' Diner**, 430 S. Washington Ave., Bergenfield

**Murphy Carpet Cleaning**, 333 S. Washington Ave.,  
Bergenfield

**Dr. Wayne Poller**, 136 N. Washington Ave., Bergenfield

**John J. Ryan, Jr., Esq.**, 333 S. Washington Ave.,  
Bergenfield

**April A. Savoye, Esq.**, 151 S. Washington Ave.,  
Bergenfield

**Service Excellence Org.**, 26 Palisade Ave.,  
Bergenfield

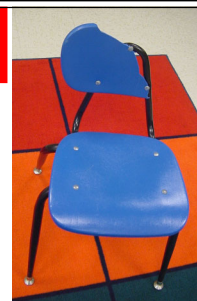
**Shaw's Lock Service**, 74 S. Washington Ave., Bergenfield

## — NEW CHAIR FUND —

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Thank you!*



## Membership Application or Renewal

For 50 years the Friends, an independent volunteer organization, has shared the belief in the value of the Library to our community. Your membership contribution helps assist the group with programs, activities and fundraising events for the library.

***Some of YOUR gifts to the Library:*** Tuesday Morning programs for adults; Children's program room furniture; New sound system for Friends' Room; Educational software for Children's Room; Cutting-edge Software for Reference Department; Children's Stage; Art hanging display system for Library Gallery area; Young adult computers; Library equipment (book trucks, barcode scanner, etc.); Children's Entertainment Center; Imaging the Twinboro News for the Local History Collection.

***We offer you these benefits for your membership:*** Early entry to the Friends sales; Monthly calendar with Library activities; Building a better Library and a better Bergenfield; Author signing events; Volunteer opportunities; Newsletters.

***Please help us build a better Library and a better Bergenfield.***

FRIENDS OF THE BERGENFIELD LIBRARY, 50 W. Clinton Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621

*(Yearly memberships are from January 1 to December 31)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

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

*(Street/include Apartment #)*

*(City)*

*(State)*

*(Zip)*

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☐ Renewal

☐ \$10.00

☐ \$15.00

☐ \$25.00

☐ \$50.00

☐ \$100.00

☐ Small business/Organization \$35.00 (year)

☐ Corporation \$100.00 (year)

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on Friends printed programs and literature.

## — ANNUAL APPEAL —

**Please consider a tax-deductible donation before the tax year ends on December 31.**  
**We can use the money and you can use the deduction. \$** \_\_\_\_\_