

FRIENDS OF THE BERNARDSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL LETTER

Libraries are community anchors and instruments of recovery. As economic strains continue to have an impact throughout our nation, the Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library want you to know that you can count on your library to be there for you.

Thanks to those donors listed below, the Library continues to provide a wealth of opportunities to learn, be enriched and come together as a community. For the second consecutive year, the Bernardsville Public Library was honored as the best for our population size in New Jersey and second in the state overall. It also received a Best Practices Award from the State for the Early Childhood Literacy Programs.

Facing a budget shortfall to the State Library budget that will impact resources and services, the Friends are working harder than ever to ensure every dollar is applied where it is needed most. We gratefully acknowledge your contributions and seek your continued support in the upcoming year.

John Deibert, President, Friends of the Bernardsville Public Library

Volunteers

Library volunteers give countless hours of service to the library. Volunteers assist with children's programs and craft projects, staff the Local History Room, provide income tax assistance at the library, arrange for and hang art displays, teach the English-As-A-Second-Language programs and some computer classes, run the bridge group, and process, cover, repair and re-shelve books and other materials. The Bernardsville Garden Club maintains and restocks the library's outdoor plantings and provides weekly indoor floral arrangements. We thank everyone who volunteered in 2009-2010.

Officers, Directors and Meetings

Bimonthly meetings of the Directors of the Friends are open to all members. Remaining 2010 meetings are on September 15 and November 17, 2010 (the Annual Meeting) at 7:00 pm at the library. The current board is:

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The 2010-2011 annual fund drive is now on!

Support your library and help maintain its current high level of service to the community. Fill out and return this coupon with your gift today!

To maximize funding for the library, the Friends are no longer sending a separate donation request to area residents. Thank you for your support!

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