Did You Know...

Until 1967 printhandicapped residents in New Jersey received their library services from Philadelphia.

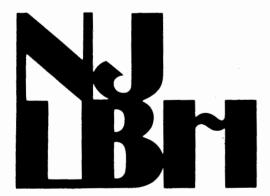
New Jersey is second only to Florida as one of the most popular retirement states in the country.

Cassettes became part of the Library program in 1970 when 200 titles were produced; today the Library has 15,400 cassette titles.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April	11	Advisory Board Meeting. 10:30 a.m1:30 p.m.		
April	17 & 18	Library closed for Easter Weekend.		
April	25	New Jersey ChapterParents of the Visually Impaired Meeting. 9:30 a.m 3:00 p.m.		
April	26	Friends of the Library trip to Brookdale Community College. 2:00 p.m.		
April	28	Talking Books for Hospitals Annual Meeting. 10:00 a.m3:00 p.m.		
May	7	Library Deposit Orientation Meeting. 10:00 a.m3:00 p.m.		
May	21	Service Center Annual Meeting. Will be held at Morristown Seeing Eye and Irvington Public Library.		
May	23 & 25	Library closed for Labor Day.		
June	4	Library Deposit Orientation Meeting. 10:00 a.m 3:00 p.m.		
July	3 & 4	Library closed for July 4th weekend.		
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The Library is open Monday night until 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and programs will be held at the Library for the Blind and Handicapped. For more information on programs contact Christine Lisiecki at 1-800-792-8322.



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Bits and Pieces

Christian reading material in Braille, flexible disc and in large print is available from the Christian Record Braille Foundation, 4444 South 52nd Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, 402-488-0981.

Radio Shack has issued a catalog entitled "Selected Products for People with Special Needs." To obtain a free copy write: Radio Shack Circulation Department, 300 One Tandy Center, Forth Worth, TX 76102.

Six-Ingredient Recipes is a cassette cookbook with over 600 recipes which contain no more than six ingredients. A tone-indexed edition is available for \$6.00 from Tacoma Area Blind, 6315 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA 98466.

The National Eye Care Project provides eye care to U.S. residents over 65 who are not currently under the care of an ophthalmologist. To make an appointment call 1-800-222-EYES.

A cassette edition of Newsweek is available. Send a check for \$75.00 to: Newsweek on Cassette, APH/Magazine Circulation, P.O. Box 6435, Louisville, KY 40206 or call 1-502-895-6085.

To receive a free flexible disc containing an electrical safety checklist describing common electrical hazards in the home, write: U.S. Consumer Product Safety, Washington, D.C. 20207.

Did You Forget Your Name?

Please remember to put your name and address on all your book orders. Lately we have been receiving long lists of books without names or addresses. Without that information we are unable to put these requests into the computer. If you are a request-only patron and have not received any books recently, this may be one of the reasons.

1987 Friends of the Library Membership Drive

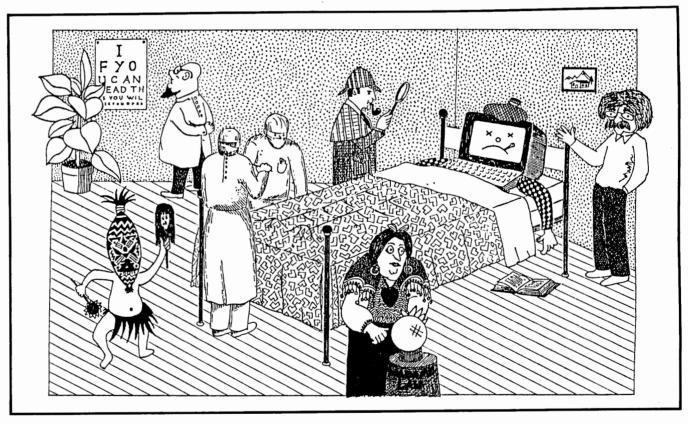
The 1987 membership drive for the Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped is under way. The Friends are a small but growing organization that strives to assist the Library in a variety of ways. If you are not yet a member of the Friends but are interested in joining, please fill out the attached form and return it to Christine Lisiecki at the Library.

	Friends of the Library 1987 Membership	
NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
PHONE:		
DUES:	INDIVIDUAL \$10.00 GROUP \$25.00	

Raffle Winners

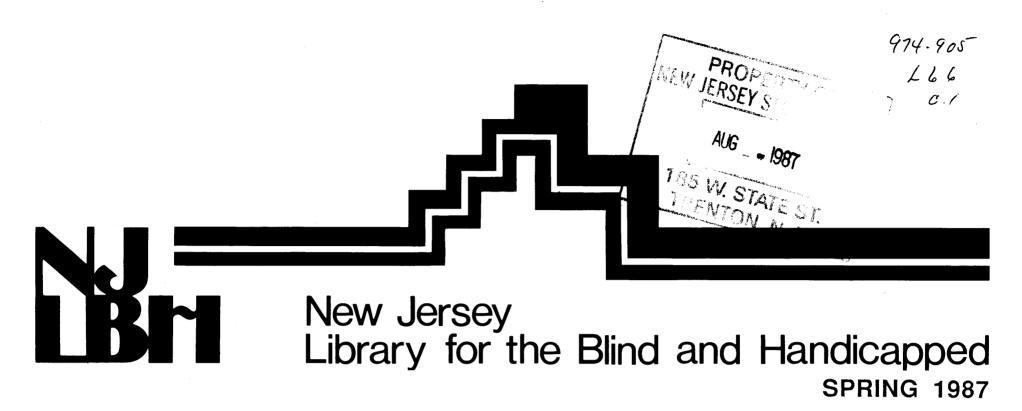
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Quaker Bridge Mall in Lawrenceville was the place for winners in the second annual Friends' Raffle held December 18, 1986; that's where two of the 1986 winners purchased their prize tickets. The names of the winners are: Honey Endrzejewski--first prize, JoAnn Fischer--second prize and C. Wieszczyk--third prize. All proceeds from the 1986 Raffle will be combined with the proceeds from the 1987 Raffle to purchase a delivery van for the Library's Machine Repair program. The Friends extend thanks to the thousands of groups and individuals who helped make this year's raffle so successful. Special thanks are extended to the three organizations who contributed the prizes: The Edward Marshall Boehm Studios, The Mohonk Mountain House, and SILO, Inc. Their generosity made the raffle possible.



Computer Headaches

In January of 1978 the Library computerized its operation. The Library's readers, books and the mechanical process that brings readers and books together were entered onto a system developed specifically for this task. Over the years, the computer has done a remarkable job, churning out mailing cards for more than 3,000,000 books and magazines and maintaining records on the 380,000 items in the Library's book collection. Unfortunately, nine years of hard use and the demands of readership, a book collection, and a daily circulation that are all increasing rapidly have taken its toll on the present system. Readers may notice occasional problems such as a duplicate shipment of titles, or a strange date on the mailing card; or delays in receiving materials caused by computer shutdowns. The staff tries to minimize inconvenience to readers, but we know that there are problems ahead as our system becomes increasingly obsolete. The Library is requesting state funding for the purchase of a new, contemporary computer and is already working with the regional libraries for the print-handicapped in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in planning a replacement system. In the meantime, if you are experiencing problems, let us know; but, at the same time, please try to understand if we have to tell you, "It's that computer again!"



t seems appropriate occasionally to extend publicly our thanks to readers and friends who provide support for the Library's program. Many have volunteered time and effort to sell raffle tickets, serve on the Library Advisory Board, participate in the Friends, and to repair our playback equipment. Hundreds have collected, clipped, and counted the 40,000 Campbell's soup labels that enabled us to acquire a VCR for our meeting room. Others assist regularly in the massive task of getting 12,000 newsletters ready for the mail and in recording books for the Library and newspapers for Audiovision. Hundreds of readers, friends, and members of community service clubs have also contributed funding for the Library's programs and special needs including the annual Fall Festival, toys for the Children's Corner, carts for use with our materials in hospitals, equipment for the exhibit of aids and appliances, radio receivers for Audiovision, and workshops for the parents of children who use the Library. Whether the gift has been one of money, of time, or even of a few words of encouragement to Library staff members, it is appreciated. We thank you all for the on-going support which makes the Library a co-operative effort.

A Special Thank You

Advisory Board Appointments State Librarian Barbara F. Weaver has announced the appointment of five new members to the Library Advisory Board. Appointed for two-year terms are George Rodriguez of Mount Holly, Robert Isakower of Morris Plains, Thomas Jackson of Manahawkin and Linda Schall of Somerville. Also appointed is Ms. Ronnie Boorstein, an education counsellor with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Old Bridge office. The next Advisory Board meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, at the Library. The meetings are open, and all interested Library readers are invited to attend and to participate.

The group will be going to see "Petya," which is based on the life and music of Peter Tchaikovsky. The performance will be held on Sunday, April 26, at 2 p.m. Transportation is available in Ocean, Monmouth and Middlesex Counties. Tickets are \$3.50 without transportation and \$7.50 with transportation. Anyone interested in attending should send a check or money order, made out to the Friends of the Library-LBH, to Christine Lisiecki, care of the Library. Checks must be received before a reservation is considered confirmed. If you would like more information concerning the program or transportation, please call Christine at 800-792-8322 or 609-530-3249.

Friends Plan Theater Trip