

Former Berkeley Branch Manager Sue Quinn wrote on October 23rd about an exciting development at Berkeley....

"The Berkeley Friends had a successful quarterly meeting last night. It was an election night and the board remains the same with one change (*):

Marie Goione, President
Mary Ann LeClerc, Vice President
Barbara Dudek, Treasurer
Sarah Durmer, Secretary*

*Sarah Durmer, the newest member of the Friends of the Library, is a Senior at Central Regional High School. Sarah has been an active member of the BKY SAIL and TAB program since she was a freshman. Sarah is a member of several clubs at Central Regional High School, participates in the marching band, and is a talented vocalist. Sara also volunteers at local Bayville community organizations. The Berkeley Friends of the Library are thrilled to have Sarah join their board.

At the Friends of the Library Exchange held in Berkeley this past spring, Joe Harding mentioned that one of his goals was to see teens become more involved with the Friends of the Library and perhaps even join the board. This goal has now been accomplished at Berkeley. Kudos to Mike Bobish who runs a great teen program at Berkeley and to all the Berkeley staff who are supportive of teens and teen programs at the library.

The Friends of the Library requested a presentation about the teen programs at their quarterly fall program.

Teen librarian Mike Bobish reported : "On the evening of October 22nd, members of the Berkeley Branch's Teen Advisory Board performed at the Friends of the Library meeting. Natalia Stifano and Sarah Durmer sang to the Friends, and Cassidy Carner, John Cambra, Natalia Stifano, and Lindsey Kramer gave a dramatic reading of Lindsey's original script entitled "Patt and Debbie Go to ShopRite." In addition, TAB member Sarah Durmer joined the Berkeley Friends group, and was elected as the group's Secretary. A good time was had by all, and the event personified our vision of "Connecting People, Building Community."

The teens and Friends plan to have a joint bake sale at the big annual book sale in June 2009. Both will provide baked goods and run the book sale together. The Friends will use the proceeds of the bake sale toward something the teens would like for the library such as a program or equipment.
