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ELIGIBILITY
Any Louisiana resident who is
unable to read or use standard
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temporary or permanent visual
or physical limitation is eligible
to receive free library services.

LIBRARY SERVICES
Recorded Books & Magazines
Braille Books & Magazines
Large Print Books
Descriptive Videos



What's New @ Your Library

Here is a sampling of some of the
newest titles available for loan from the
State Library of Louisiana Services for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped. If nothing here suits your
tastes, please phone your Reader Advisor at
1-800-543-4702 for another suggestion.

Happy Reading!

Recorded Cassettes



Blood Canticle: Vampire Chronicles
by Anne Rice
RC 57172

**One Hundred One Foot Care Tips for
People with Diabetes**
by Jessie H. Ahroni
RC 56378

The Pleasure of My Company
by Steve Martin
RC 56936

The Queen of Clean Conquers Clutter
by Linda Cobb
RC 57420

The Rescue: The English Garden, Book 2
by Lori Wick
RC 57044

Snopes: The Hamlet, The Town, The Mansion
by William Faulkner
RC 56745

Star Wars: A Clone Wars Novel – Shatterpoint
by Matthew Stover
RC 56882

Large Print:



Brothers in Arms: the epic story of the 761st tank battalion, WWII's forgotten heroes
by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
LP 17776

The Five People You Meet in Heaven
By Mitch Albrom
LP 17864

The Hot Flash Club
by Nancy Thayer
LP 17802

The Murder Room
by P. D. James
LP 17791

Nights of Rain and Star
by Maeve Binchy
LP 17831

The Taking
by Dean Koontz
LP 17804

Braille:



Dog Is My Co-Pilot: Great Writers on the World's Oldest Friendship
by the Editors of *The Bark*
BR 15158 (3 volumes)

Hidden Prey
by John Sandford
BR 15419 (3 volumes)

Lullaby of Birdland
by George Shearing
BR 15308 (2 volumes)

Naked in Baghdad
by Anne Garrels
BR 15170 (2 volumes)

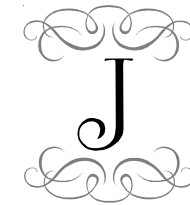
Where Are the Children?
by Mary Higgins Clark
BR 15161 (2 volumes)

Braille Service Reminder:

Remember, Louisiana Braille readers are now served by the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled.

Call **1-800-543-4293** to speak with a reader advisor to order Braille books.

Thank You Donors!



The State Library of Louisiana Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped wishes to acknowledge and thank the following people for their generous donations to our friends group, The Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The Jones Foundation purchases descriptive videos, provides prizes for the Summer Reading Program, sponsors volunteer recognition events and offers other financial support to the library so that we may serve you better.

In Honor of Philip Jones' Birthday:

Donald C. Hardy
Jennifer Lynn Hardy
Leah Hardy

Year End Contribution:

Joyce Weber

SBPH staff asks that you please remember to put "SBPH" when you address a letter to us. Letters without our department name on them can get routed to other sections of the library. This may cause a delay in our ability to provide you books as quickly as we would like to.

Thank you !

Holiday Closings



Good Friday - March 25

Memorial Day - May 30

Independence Day - July 4

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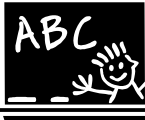
**Louisiana Voices
Recognizes Passover and
Easter with two Children’s
Books**

**Toby Belfer’s Seder: A Passover
Story** retold by Gloria Teles Pushker
Ask for: **RCL 319**

Toby, the only young Jewish girl in a small South Louisiana town, invites her best friend Donna to join her family at a Seder celebrating Passover, the Jewish holiday with many parallels to Easter. Donna learns about special foods served as well as the story of the Israelites freedom from slavery. A glossary is included. Other books in the Toby Belfer series: RCLs 318-322. For grades 3-6.

Easter Day Alphabet
by Beverly Barras Vidrine
Ask for: **RCL 407**

This children’s book illustrates the alphabet from A to Z using the themes, origins and traditions of the Easter holiday such as Bonnet, Lily, and Rabbit. For grades preschool - 2.



**Moving? Recently
Changed Your Address?**

Call your reader advisor and let them know! Help us keep your records up to date! Call 1-800-543-4702.

**Pratt-Smoot Day
Celebration!**

On March 3, 2005, Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH) and the Jones Foundation celebrated Pratt-Smoot Day! This day marks the passage of the Federal law in 1931 that created the National Library Service for the Blind. Library users, members of the community, and supporters and friends of SBPH joined our staff to commemorate this special day. Tom Jaques, the Louisiana State Librarian, spoke to the gathering. The visitors celebrated with cake and punch, toured the State Library and the Louisiana Voices recording studio, listened to Louisiana Voices tapes, and enjoyed displays featuring current and past talking book and Braille materials.



**ACT Materials Available
For Loan**

SBPH has acquired ACT college assessment practice tests available in large print, cassette, and Braille with large print answer sheets. Readers may borrow all or a part of this kit or we can direct you on how to obtain your own. For more information call Emma at 1-800-543-4702.

**Louisiana Voices Audio
Book Program talks about
Recording Stars and Movie
Stars!**

Thanks to the entertainment industry, there is renewed excitement surrounding Robert Penn Warren’s Pulitzer Prize winning novel All the King’s Men, whose main character was inspired by Louisiana’s illustrious Huey Long. This spring, the 1949 Academy Award Winning movie is being remade in Louisiana with portions filmed in downtown Baton Rouge at the State Capitol. In anticipation of the movie’s release, Louisiana Voices would like to highlight books relating to the Long political family.

Uncle Earl Deserved Better
by Jack B. McGuire
RCL 170

McGuire takes on critics of Earl K. Long, stating the famed Louisiana politician’s life was sensationalized and grossly misrepresented in both the Hollywood movie, “Blaze”, and also in Michael Kurtz’ biography, Earl K. Long: The Saga of Uncle Earl and Louisiana Politics.



**My First Days in the White
House**

by Huey Pierce Long
RCL 173

Nearing the 1936 Presidential election, Louisiana Governor Huey Long audaciously details a political fantasy where he is president of the United States. Through imaginary conversations with men of power, his aspirations including his “Share the Wealth” plan are presented.

**Huey Long, the Kingfish of
Louisiana**

by Suzanne LeVert
RCL 199

Part of the “Makers of America” series, this biography begins with Louisiana politician Huey Long’s early years as a traveling salesman and goes through his empiric rise as one of the nation’s most well known political legends.

The Governors of Louisiana
by Miriam Reeves

RCL 253

A compendium of biographical sketches of Louisiana’s governors from 1699 through Mike Foster. Historical facts are included such as the youngest governor, first Democratic governor, and first Creole and African American governors.

You're In Charge!

Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH) is delighted to announce our catalog of materials is now available on the State Library of Louisiana webpage. The WebPAC, or web-based public access catalog, allows you to search for RC, large print and descriptive video titles in the SBPH collection from any computer with Internet access. You can request books with the click of a mouse, check which items are charged to your account and see which are on their way to you. This new service is great for those folks with home computers who want to manage their own accounts. However, your friendly Reader Advisors will still be available to answer questions and assist in selecting books. The catalog is located on the library's website <http://www.state.lib.la.us/> under the heading "**Visually Impaired**" then "**Online Catalog**." Anyone can browse the catalog, but a password is required to access your account information. To set up your account and request a password, please call the library at **(800) 543-4702** and ask for Emma, Margaret, Ray or Elizabeth.

The library staff sends special thanks to those "Techies" across the state who helped test the software. Your time and expertise is much appreciated!



Get Ready for a Big Splash this Summer!

Come aboard to SBPH this summer and get ready to set sail for adventure by signing up for the 2005 Summer Reading Program "**Splish—Splash: Read!**"

This year's eight-week summer reading program will run from June 20 to August 8, 2005. To make sure everybody gets into the swim we will be offering water and fish related prizes for reading. Look for an invitation in the mail soon. For more information call Emma at **1-800-543-4703** or email [<sbphkids@state.lib.la.us>](mailto:sbphkids@state.lib.la.us).

"**Splish—Splash: Read!**" is made possible through a grant from the Louisiana Library Foundation and from the ongoing charitable support of the Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

DIVE INTO READING THIS SUMMER!



Animal "Tales" for Kids from Louisiana Voices!

The Louisiana State Bird Beauty Pageant

by Todd-Michael St. Pierre

Ask for: **RCL 188**

Monique Pelican enters a beauty contest to compete for the state bird of Louisiana. Cajun words and interesting facts about Louisiana are presented in this story, teaching self-worth and confidence. For grades K-3.

The Cat Who Loved Mozart

by Patricia Austin

Ask for: **RCL 258**



Young pianist Jennifer finds a stray cat on her way home. To win the affection of "Amadeus", she attempts to spoil him. However, Amadeus isn't interested in Jennifer

at all until he hears her play classical piano. For grades K-3.

A Million Fish—More Or Less

by Patricia McKissack

Ask for: **RCL 269**

A young boy catches three fish but imagines he has a million in an effort to tell an even taller tale than his elders. For grades K-3.

Leonardo's Horse

by Jean Fritz

Ask for: **RCL 272**

Witness the stages of the creation of

the majestic horse sculpture from its initial creation by Leonardo da Vinci until it is finally finished 500 years later. Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Book 2004. For grades 3-6.

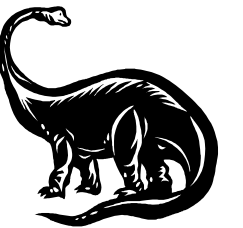


The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: An Illuminating History of Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer

by Barbara Kerley

Ask for: **RCL 277, BR 14022**

Nineteenth century artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins built life-sized models of dinosaurs in order to educate people about the appearance of these ancient animals. Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Book 2004. For grades 3-6.



Buddy by William Joyce

Ask for: **RCL 294**

1930s eccentric socialite Gertrude Lintz lived in giddy extravagance with a house full of domestic and exotic animals. Her childhood dream came true when she brought home Buddy, a baby gorilla. Buddy and the animals enjoyed a life of fun and luxury, until one day, Gertrude realized Buddy was not happy with this unconventional life. For grades 3-6.

