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## ELIGIBILITY

Any Louisiana resident who is unable to read or use standard print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation is eligible to receive free library services.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Recorded Books & Magazines  
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Descriptive Videos

## SBPH Upgrades Computer System

The State Library of Louisiana recently improved the Keystone Library Automation System (KLAS). This KLAS computer system is used by the Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (SBPH) and was upgraded to KLAS version 7 in August 2007. KLAS is designed specifically for the unique needs of libraries for serving blind and disabled patrons, and it is used in more than 20 such libraries nationwide. These libraries keep extensive lists of patron requests, track multiple copies of the same book, and send out new books as soon as old ones are returned through the mail. The SBPH library staff spent three days with a trainer learning the new system and its many upgraded features in order to serve you better. The upgraded computer system, which uses a Graphic User Interface (GUI), allows our staff to use many important Windows features that were not available before. KLAS version 7 has improved the speed of many processes, and allows reader advisors to have several functions (windows) open and available at once, making their work more efficient and effective. Finally, record keeping is improved with KLAS version 7, as there are many useful built in reports that allow SBPH to pull statistical data with ease.

# Viva Volunteers!

Volunteers were honored June 14, 2007 at the State Library of Louisiana for their efforts to help provide audio books to blind library patrons of Louisiana. The group works with the SBPH and Louisiana Voices, the State Library's digital audio book recording studio. Throughout the year, these volunteers read and record books in the studio, repair machines, inspect and rewind tapes, and assist with mass mailings.

"People of all ages, from teenagers to older folks, volunteer in our programs," noted Rebecca Hamilton, State Librarian. "Without their help, many of Louisiana's sight impaired citizens would not be able to enjoy all the things that a library offers."

In addition to his own experience with talking books, guest speaker Gary Montgomery spoke about services available to persons with disabilities through the Department of Social Services. At the event, Margaret Harrison, Coordinator of Special Services, and Louisiana Voices Program Manager, Angi Cinquemano presented each volunteer with a certificate of thanks from the National Library Service and a small silver, "shining star" key chain, and the group enjoyed a buffet lunch of pasta and salads.

The celebration was sponsored by the

Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.



*Pictured from left to right, Julie Williams, Louisiana Voices Assistant Studio Producer; Angi Cinquemano, Louisiana Voices Program Manager; Daniel Pittman, Louisiana Voices volunteer.*



## Free Flu Handbook

SPBH and *Louisiana Voices* are cooperating with the Office of Public Health and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to bring you an audio version of their publication, "How You Can Be Prepared for a Flu Pandemic." You will find this information immediately following the audiocassette issue of Louisiana Hotlines. This is brought to our readers as a community service. This publication, available in several languages, is also in Braille. Please call (225) 763-3535 for your Braille or standard print copy.

# BIG Books Are Now Available!

SBPH and the State Library of Louisiana have a new collection: Big Books! These large, colorful children's books are oversized paperback versions of many favorite titles. Although Big Books are large, they are lightweight and easy to handle. Most of the Big Books measure 20" by 24", so they can be used for story hour with groups of preschool children. When Big Books are held up by the reader in a story circle, or propped up on an easel, every child in the room can see the pictures and follow along with the story.

Many well-known stories have been published as Big Books, and there are nonfiction Big Books on the topics that are important to young children: people, pets, trucks and trains, dinosaurs, and many other topics. Some of the Big Books include a teacher's guide with activities and questions to help improve comprehension. Big Books work well in day care and classroom settings, but they can also be sent to individual patrons. Parents and grandparents can check out Big Books to read to their kids and grand kids.

To find Big Books in the SBPH online library catalog, go to [www.state.lib.la.us](http://www.state.lib.la.us) and click on "Visually Impaired". Choose subject

search and type "Big Books" in the search box, to retrieve more than 300 titles to choose from. Patrons may borrow two Big Books at a time, for up to 28 days, in order to keep these new items circulating widely.



## Find Information on Money for College

Federal Student Aid, an office of the U.S. Department of Education, has a variety of resources available to help you fund your education beyond high school. Using a screen reader, you can learn about the federal grant, loan, and work-study programs that provide over \$80 billion in aid and how to get an early start in applying for that aid from these programs by visiting the Federal Student Aid Gateway at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov).

To get started, listen to Funding Education Beyond High School: Audio Highlights. Audio Highlights will help you decide how to prepare for higher education, how to choose a school and a career, how to be an informed consumer, and much more. You can listen to Audio Highlights online at [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/audio](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/audio). To obtain a compact disc copy, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll-free at 1-800-433-3243.

## Louisiana Young Readers Choice Award, Ballot 2008 Grades 3-5

**A Bear Named Trouble** by Marion Dane Bauer. (RC 62598) When a three-year old wild orphan brown bear kills a pet goose at the zoo in Anchorage Alaska, ten-year old Jonathan is outraged. The story, which is based on a true event, is told in alternating chapters from the boy's and the bear's point of view.

**A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray** by Ann M. Martin. (RC 60787) Squirrel, a resourceful and brave dog whose mother disappeared when she was a puppy, tells the heart-wrenching story of her survival in the world, and finally finding a warm and loving home.

**The Ghost's Grave** by Peg Kehret. (RCL 204 IN PROCESS) Twelve-year-old Josh is sure that he will spend a miserably boring summer in the woods when his parents leave him with his eccentric Aunt Ethel while they go overseas. However, when he meets a ghost buried without one of his legs, Josh's life becomes dangerous and exciting.

**A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms** by Paul B. Janeczko. (BR 16275) This lively book includes examples of twenty-nine poetic forms that demonstrate the rules of poetry.

**Lucy Rose: Big on Plans** by Katy Kelly. (RCL 163) Spunky, exuberant, friendly and big-hearted Lucy Rose writes all her summer plans in her diary: to make a braided keychain, to become a Bingo calling helper, to vanquish some squirrels, to enjoy a ninth birthday adventure with her father and to prevent her parents' divorce.

**Lunch Money** by Andrew Clements. (RC 61147) Twelve-year-old Greg, who has always been good at moneymaking projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival, Maura, to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

**Magyk** [Septimus Heap Series Book One] by Angie Sage. 576 pages. (RC 63198 INPROCESS) On the same day Septimus Heap dies in infancy, his father Silas finds a baby girl, and is instructed to raise her as his own. Ten years later it is revealed that the girl is actually the future queen of the land.

**Mr. Williams** by Karen Barbour. (RCL 158) This first-person narrative tells about growing up African American in Arcadia, Louisiana in the 1930s and '40s. Mr. Williams describes working the cotton fields, going fishing and enjoying family gatherings.

**The Next-Door Dogs** by Colby Rodowsky. (RC 61993 INPROCESS) Although terrified of dogs, nine-year-old Sara must force herself to face a Labrador retriever and a Dalmatian when she must help her next-door neighbor, who has fallen and broken her leg.

**Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude** by Kevin O'Malley. (RCL 250) Cooperatively writing a fairy tale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant. A boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold.

**Precious and the Boo Hag** by Patricia C. McKissack and Onawumi Jean Moss. (RCL 300, BR 16019) Home alone with a stomachache while the family works in the fields, Precious comes face to face with the horrifying Boo Hag that her brother warned her about.

**Pteranodon: The Life Story of a Pterosaur** by Ruth Ashby. (RC 62817) This action-packed, dramatically illustrated book tells the story of a baby Pteranodon that hatches on the side of a cliff. The Pteranodon learns to fly and hunt, finds a mate and encounters raptors and a T-rex.

**Reaching for the Moon** by Buzz Aldrin. (BR 16359) This entertaining and informative autobiography is by the Apollo 11 astronaut who was the

second man to walk on the Moon. Realistic illustrations enhance Aldrin's descriptions of events in his life. The images of the moon exploration are especially dramatic. This is a genuinely inspiring testimony to setting your sights high.

**The School is Not White! A True Story of the Civil Rights Movement** by Doreen Rappaport. (RCL 356) Based on the true story of the Carter family's struggles to integrate an all-white school in Drew, Mississippi, in 1965. Courage and faith helped their eight children defy racism and earn educations and career opportunities previously only afforded to white families.

**Show Way** by Jacqueline Woodson. (BR 16358) The making of "show ways," or quilts which once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves, is a tradition passed from mother to daughter in the author's family.

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### **Summer Reading Update**

The summer reading program for kids and teens is still wrapping up. This summer over 100 of you signed up! Please continue to turn in your reading logs so that we can mail your prizes. And don't forget that if you read 12 or more books you will get to choose a book of your own to keep. Call Miss Emma at **1-800-543-4702** and let her know how many books you read. She can't wait to mail you all those fantastic prizes!

# New Louisiana Voices Books on Tape

## NEW ADULT FICTION:

**Table by the Window** by Lawana Blackwell. RCL 365

After moving to her grandmother's Mississippi hometown, cautious and reserved Carley finds budding romance and business opportunity when she opens the Annabelle Lee café. Soon afterwards, Carley hires and befriends Brooke, a troubled teen. Brooke soon reopens interest in a missing persons case, revealing small town secrecy, danger and murder.

## NEW ADULT NON FICTION:

**The Cajuns: A People's Story of Exile and Triumph** by Dean Jobb. RCL 440

The year 2005 marked the 250th anniversary of the deportation of more than 10,000 Acadians from Canada's east coast; where many of them made their way to Louisiana. Jobb takes an extensive historical look at the political climate that fostered this brutal attempt to wipe out the Acadians.

**Code Blue: A Katrina Physician's Memoir** by Richard E. Deichmann, MD. RCL 247

Dr. Richard Deichmann, chief of medicine at Baptist Memorial Hospital in New Orleans, tells a harrowing tale of survival during Hurricane Katrina. He begins by evacuating his family

and making the difficult decision to stay and care for the 2000 patients left to fend for themselves at his hospital. Some strong language.

**Company's Coming and There's Jelly on my Blue-Checked Tablecloth!** by Audrey Cooley Layne. RCL 244  
Devotion to God and tireless service to her church community compelled this pastor's wife to create a domestic guide for the budget-conscious individual who entertains both frequently and unexpectedly.

**Cranking up a Fine War: A Louisiana Soldier from Boot Camp to General's Aide** by Van R. Mayhall. RCL 374  
The coming-of-age story of a young WWII soldier from Baton Rouge who worked his way to high ranks within the army. During his service, Mayhall chronicles his army career including meetings with royalty, Hollywood elite, and the life long love affair with his wife, Marie.

**Louisiana Haunted Forts** by Elaine Coleman. RCL 439

Experience the past adventures of soldiers who still patrol the ruins of wartime fortifications they built, defended, and died for in Louisiana. Driving directions to the forts are included.

**Tales from the Saints Sideline** by Jeff Duncan. RCL 196

Memorable short stories tell the flamboyant history of the New Orleans Saints franchise. Its fans,

coaches and players have made it one of the most interesting and infamous clubs in NFL history.

## New SBPH Librarian

Sheila Coleman joined the State Library of Louisiana as a Librarian in SBPH on June 18. She is a reader advisor, working with nursing homes and other institutions, and cataloging and maintaining the collection of talking books. Please join us in welcoming Sheila!

## Free BrailleNote and GPS Training Available

During the month of October, Audio Visual Mart, Inc. is offering free training for blind users the BrailleNote and the Trekker GPS system. Their tentative training dates are as follows:

October 2, 2007—LA Center for the Blind, Ruston, LA

October 3, 2007—Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, Lafayette, LA

October 4, 2007—Louisiana Resource Center, Baton Rouge, LA

For more information or to register, please contact Audio Visual Mart, Inc. at 1-800-737-6278.

## Holiday Closings

Veteran's Day - November 12  
Thanksgiving Day - November 22  
Christmas Day - December 25

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