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others may enjoy them.  
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### Descriptive Video Reminder!



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### ELIGIBILITY

Any Louisiana resident who  
is unable to read or use  
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to receive free library  
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### LIBRARY SERVICES

Recorded Books & Materials  
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### New Descriptive Videos

Thanks to the generous  
support of the Mrs. W. Carruth  
Jones Foundation for the Blind  
and Physically Handicapped, we have added  
many new videos to our collection. These  
special videos include descriptions of visual  
elements during pauses in the dialogue.  
The new titles are:

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| DV 172 | The Sixth Sense (PG-13)          |
| DV 173 | Life is Beautiful (PG-13)        |
| DV 174 | The Full Monty (R)               |
| DV 175 | Shakespeare in Love (R)          |
| DV 176 | Mrs. Doubtfire (PG-13)           |
| DV 177 | Hello Dolly! (G)                 |
| DV 178 | Disney's Tarzan (G)              |
| DV 179 | Disney's The Little Mermaid (G)  |
| DV 180 | The Wizard of Oz (G)             |
| DV 181 | In Search of Human Origins: Pt 1 |
| DV 182 | In Search of Human Origins: Pt 2 |
| DV 183 | In Search of Human Origins: Pt 3 |
| DV 184 | Adventures in Science: Touch     |
| DV 185 | Adventures in Science: Taste     |
| DV 186 | Adventures in Science: Hearing   |
| DV 187 | Adventures in Science: Smell     |
| DV 188 | Wisteria Lodge                   |
| DV 189 | The Sign of Four                 |
| DV 190 | Illustrious Client               |
| DV 191 | Geronimo                         |

Please call the library to order any of these  
titles or to request a catalog.

## We Zipped Into the Future

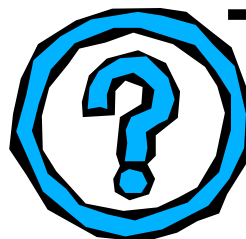
The 2001 "Zip Into The Future" summer reading program was an out-of-this world success! More than 1,050 books were read from June 11 to August 13. A total of 89 children and young adults, ranging in age from 4 to 20 years old, registered to participate in this year's program. Everyone who registered received a folder with a reading log and activity sheets.

A total of 64 readers completed the program and they all received a "Zip Into the Future" T-shirt. In addition, 46 readers received a special prize book of their own for having read 12 (or more!) books. Finally, at the end of the program, a special drawing was held and four summer readers each won a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

"Zip Into the Future" was made possible through a grant from the State Library of Louisiana and from the on-going charitable support of the Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.



Our theme for the 2001 Summer Reading Program is "Have a Silly Chilly Summer!" and we hope to see you there!



## Ask Your Reader Advisor

**QUESTION:** I think I am missing some cassette tapes. I have cassettes numbered 1 and 5, but not 2, 3, and 4.

**ANSWER:** It is unlikely that you are missing any parts of your book on tape. Our cassette books are recorded on 4-tracks. This means that each cassette contains 4 sides. Just remember that Cassette **1** contains sides **1**, 2, 3 and 4, Cassette **5** contains sides **5**, 6, 7 and 8, and so on.

You can also tell how many cassettes your book should have by looking on the outside label and checking for a number followed by the letter "C." For example, 1C indicates 1 cassette; 2C indicates 2 cassettes, and so on.

**QUESTION:** I can't find the book I am looking for in the catalogs you sent me. How can I find out if you have it?

**ANSWER:** Remember that you are never limited to just the books you see in the catalogs. It is best to think of the catalogs you receive as a guide for selecting books. The easiest way to find out if we have a particular book is to telephone your reader advisor. We can search the entire NLS collection for authors, titles, and subject areas.

**9) The Oldest Elf** by James Stevenson  
RC 45274

On Christmas Eve, Elwyn the oldest elf drags his bag of toys to the stable to discover that Santa has left without him. For Pre-K to Grade 2.

**10) Once Upon a Christmas** by Pearl S. Buck  
RC 27990

A lifetime of Christmas reminiscences along with a collection of the author's own stories reflect the joy and spirit of the holiday.

**11) The Spotted Pony** retold by Eric A. Kimmel  
RC 39534

A collection of eight Jewish folktales to be read on the eight nights of Hanukkah. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

**12) The Story of Hanukkah** told by Amy Ehrlich  
RC 33242  
BR 08929

Retells the biblical story that is celebrated by Jewish people in the feast of Hanukkah. For grades K-3 and older readers.

**13) This Year It Will Be Different and other stories** by Maeve Binchy  
RC 43325  
LP 9123  
Fifteen tales set in England, Ireland, and Australia.

## Holiday Closings

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

December 24 (Christmas Eve)  
December 25 (Christmas Day)  
December 31 (New Year's Eve)  
January 1 (New Year's Day)

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### Benefits for Older Americans

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Benefits CheckUp is free service available on the Internet that identifies federal and state assistance programs for older Americans. The National Council on the Aging created Benefits CheckUp to help older adults to quickly identify programs that may improve the quality of their lives. Benefits CheckUp is completely confidential. It does not require your name, address, phone number, Social Security number, or other information that could be used to identify you. Simply enter information (such as your age, income, and ZIP code) and Benefits CheckUp identifies programs you might qualify for. For more information go to [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org)

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### UEBC Samplers Available

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The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) has produced sample materials on the proposed Unified English Braille Code (UEBC) for braille readers, educators, and transcribers to review and provide BANA with feedback. If you are interested in receiving a copy of either Sampler 1 or Sampler 2, please contact the following people:

Sampler 1 Braille edition (literary braille, non-technical material and simple math): Kim Charlson, Braille and Talking Book Library, Perkins

School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472, (617) 972-7249, e-mail: [charlson@perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us](mailto:charlson@perkins.pvt.k12.ma.us)

Sampler 2 Braille edition (examples of technical materials including algebra, calculus, chemistry, and computer programs): Eileen Curran, BANA Chair, National Braille Press, 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, MA 02115, 1-888-965-8965, email: [ecurran@nbp.org](mailto:ecurran@nbp.org)

For a print edition of either Sampler 1 or Sampler 2, contact Frances Mary D'Andrea, American Foundation for the Blind, National Literacy Center, 100 Peachtree Street, Suite 620, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404) 525-2303, email: [literacy@afb.net](mailto:literacy@afb.net)



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**Braille  
Readers Are  
Leaders**

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SBPH encourages all its young Braille readers in grades K through 12 to enter the 19th annual Braille Readers Are Leaders contest sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind. Winners will be chosen based on the number of Braille pages read between November 1, 2001 and February 1, 2002. For more information, please contact Emma K. Schroth, Children's Librarian, 1-800-543-4702, email: [sbphkids@pelican.state.lib.la.us](mailto:sbphkids@pelican.state.lib.la.us)



## Holiday Readings for All Ages

**1) All Through the Night** by Mary Higgins Clark

RC 46911

LP 9751

BR 11744 (Note: Also available from Web-braille as a grade 2 braille digital file.)

The mystery of a missing child and a missing chalice is solved in time for Christmas. Bestseller.

**2) Addy's Surprise** by Connie Porter

RC 43823

BR 10883

Addy and her mother prepare for their first Christmas as free people. For grades 2-4.

**3) Angels & Other Strangers** by Katherine Paterson

RC 16694

BR 04598

Nine short stories that illuminate the essence of Christmas in contemporary life. For grades 5-8 and older readers. Especially appropriate for family sharing.

**4) The Christmas Box** by Richard Paul Evans

RC 43556

LP 8899

A touching story of how a widow

and the young family who moves in with her discover the gift of Christmas. Bestseller.

**5) A Classic Christmas Crime**

edited by Tim Heald

RC 46158

Thirteen mysteries by different authors that all take place around Christmas.

**6) The Cricket on the Hearth, and other Christmas Stories**

by Charles Dickens

RC 45381

BR 11334

Three short Christmas tales written in the 1850s.

**7) How the Grinch Stole Christmas**

RC 12236

BR 04656

The Grinch, whose heart is two sizes too small, tries to abolish Christmas by stealing all the presents from the people in the valley. For grades K-3.

**8) The Silver Touch, and other family Christmas stories**

by Margret Rettich

RC 13523

BRA16521

Twenty-three humorous stories about the mix-ups, mishaps, and triumphs of Christmas. For grades 4-7.

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## BOOK ORDER FORM

To order the following cassette and large print books, please fill in your name and address; indicate your choices and mail to the library. You may also phone, fax, or e-mail your requests. **To order Braille books, please call Utah at 1-800-453-4293.**

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