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Louisiana Voices @ Your Library

Louisiana Voices has produced over 140 books on tape for children, young adults and adults. To celebrate, the studio staff

selected twelve of their best works. Call your reader advisor, at 1-800-543-4702 to get more information or to request copies of the following featured books:

Bedroom Eyes by Hailey North. Penelope, an attorney, experiments with enchantment and desire. Explicit descriptions of sex. **RCL 227**

Behind Eclair's Doors by Sophie Dunbar. Claire tries to prove that her ex-husband and current fiance is innocent of murder. Descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. **RCL 215**

Believe It Or Not: Mama Likes The Nursing Home by Kathryn Martin. The author tackles the question of whether or not the nursing home is a viable option for her aging mother. **RCL 171**

The Bone Lady by Mary Manhein. LSU's renowned forensic anthropologist invites you to share a fascinating glimpse into her career. **RCL 331**

The Clovis Crawfish Series by Mary Alice Fontenot. The power of friendship and the Cajun Spirit teach heartwarming lessons and a little Cajun French. Here are a few titles, call for the complete list. For grades 2-4.

Clovis Crawfish and His Friends **RCL 302**

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Clovis Crawfish and Michelle Mantis
RCL 308

Clovis Crawfish and the Curious Crapaud
RCL 307

Bitter or Better - It's Up to You by Marian Wilkhome. The author shares her inspirational story of overcoming polio and hearing loss. **RCL 299**

Cross to Bear by John Maginnis. Follows the 1992 election between Edwards, Duke, and Roemer. Strong language. **RCL 242**

The Scandalous Summer of Sissy Leblanc by Lorraine Despres. Sissy has an affair with her high school sweetheart that has the whole town talking. Descriptions of sex and strong language. **RCL 177, LP in process**

Elvis, Hank and Me by Horace "Hoss" Logan. Explores the roots of modern country music. **RCL 333**

LaPin Plays Possum by Sharon Arms Doucet. Rabbit once again tries to outwit his friend. For grades 2-4. **RCL 270**

My Louisiana Sky by Kimberly Willis Holt. Tiger Ann, the daughter of two mentally disabled parents, yearns to free like a "normal" girl. For grades 6-9. **RCL 159; BR 11788**

Skin Deep, Blood Red by Robert Skinner. Set in 1936 New Orleans, this mystery plays homage to detective novels of long ago. Descriptions of sex, strong language, and violence. **RCL 183**



Louisiana's Lieutenant Governor becomes newest recording star

On Monday, June 28, 2004, *Louisiana Voices* recorded its 140th book with Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu. The Lieutenant Governor read the 2005 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Ballot book, The Boy Who Drew Cats, by Lafcadio Hearn, adapted by Marge Hodges. Celebrated author Hearn (1850-1904) spent ten years of his writing career in New Orleans.

Later in July, Lieutenant Governor Landrieu began production of two more children's titles and he is interested in recording many more.

Inspired by him, several staff members of his office also volunteer on a weekly basis as narrators, producers and reviewers.

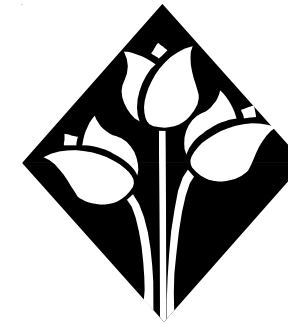


Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award

Every year, Louisiana students are invited to help choose the winner of the Young Reader's Choice Award. Kids who read three or more of the titles on the annual Young Readers' Choice Award ballot may vote for their favorite book. The program has been expanded to include titles for students in grades six, seven and eight.

The 2005 titles will be recorded in the Louisiana Voices recording studio so that

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Holiday Closings



Election Day - November 2, 2004

Veteran's Day - November 11, 2004

Thanksgiving Day - November 25, 2004

Christmas Day - December 25, 2004

New Year's Day - January 1, 2005

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News You Can Use

Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week

Governor Blanco proclaimed June 27 – July 3, 2004 as Helen Keller Deaf-Blind Awareness Week in the state of Louisiana.

The Louisiana Career Development Center for the Deaf and Deaf-Blind in Baton Rouge is putting together a registry of Louisiana residents who have both hearing and vision losses. For more information, or to register, contact Richard Malcolm at 121 Convention Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802, or email him at

<Rmalcolm@arcbatonrouge.org>

You may also call the Louisiana Career Development Center at (225) 387-0889 or (225) 343-5781, which is the TTY line.

The Help America Vote Act

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 requires every polling place to have at least one voting machine for visually impaired people by January 2006. If you have questions about upcoming elections or the Help America Vote Act of 2002, you may contact the office of the Louisiana Secretary of State.

Elections Division

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Medicare Savings Program

The Medicare Savings Program at the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals can help low income senior citizens save money on prescription medications. Call 1-888-544-7996 for more information.

Free Braille Calendars

Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has a limited number of Braille 2005 calendars. If you would like one, please call your reader advisor at 1-800-543-4702 or email <sbph@state.lib.la.us>

Free Football Sports Schedules

Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has some Braille and large print sports schedules available. They contain the upcoming dates of football games for twelve of Louisiana's universities as well as the New Orleans Saints. If you would like a free copy, please call your reader advisor at 1-800-543-4702 or email <sbph@state.lib.la.us>

Back to School?

Request those books for required school reading as soon as possible! It *can* take seven to ten days to mail a book to you, so don't wait until the last minute to order your books on tape. It's never too early to put that order in! When you order be sure to let your reader advisor know it is a **school order**.

young SBPH patrons can participate in the statewide voting. Call Emma Schroth, the Youth Services Librarian, at 1-800-543-4702, or email her at <sbphkids@state.lib.la.us> to get more information or to request copies of the following Young Reader's Choice Award books:

FOR GRADES 3-5

The Boy Who Drew Cats by Lafcadio Hearn. A young boy finds refuge in an empty temple and paints images of cats on all the walls. **RCL 346**

Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters From Obedience School by Mark Teague. When a misbehaving dog is sent off to the Canine Academy, he writes weepy letters to his owner, begging to return home. **RCL 336**

Dinosaur Hunt: Texas, 115 Million Years Ago written and illustrated by Karen Carr. Recounts a dinosaur attack that really happened in southern Texas, 115 million years ago. **RCL 349**

Guy Wire by Sara Weeks. When his best friend Buzz falls victim to a freak accident, Guy contemplates the meaning of fate. **RCL 342**

The Jacket by Andrew Clements. Phil - a white boy - wrongly accuses an African American boy of stealing his brother's jacket. **RCL 343**

Lapin Plays Possum: Trickster Tales from the Louisiana Bayou by Sharon Arms Doucet. Three tales about a tricky rabbit who outwits the long-suffering fox. **RCL 270**

My Chimp Friday: The Nana Banana Chronicles by Hester Mundis. A baby chimp comes to live with sixth-grader Rachel Stelson's New York family. **RCL 338**

The Pot That Juan Built by Nancy Andrews-Goebel. Juan Quezada, one of the best-known potters in Mexico, describes the potter's techniques. **RCL 344**

The Spider and the Fly by Mary Bothan Howitt. An illustrated version of the well-known poem about a spider who preys on the vanity of a little fly. **RCL 335**

Talkin' about Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman by Nikki Grimes. Biography of the first licensed African American female pilot. **RCL 359; BR 15024**

Togo by Robert J. Blake. Togo is a spirited puppy, determined to be a sled dog, even though his owner does not think he has what it takes. **RCL 345**

Travels with Tarra by Carol Buckley. The true story of Carol and her Asian elephant, Tarra. **RCL 352**

When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson. A short biography of the internationally acclaimed singer Marian Anderson (1897-1993). **RC 56453; BR 15013**

When the Circus Came to Town by Laurence Yep. A ten-year-old girl regains her confidence after smallpox scars her face. **RCL 351**

Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's Tale by Laurie Myers. Meriwether Lewis's dog Seaman serves as narrator for a fictionalized account of Lewis and Clark's journey to the Pacific Ocean. **RCL 339**

FOR GRADES 6 - 8

Coraline by Neil Gaiman. Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself. **RC 54845; BR 14469; LP 15798**

Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi. This adventure set in 14th century England is about an orphan who is forced to flee his village. Newbery Medal. **RC 55295; BR 14606; LP 15700**

The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China by Jane O'Connor. Story of the emperor who had thousands of life-sized terracotta warrior statues placed near his tomb. **RC 55173**

Girl in a Cage by Robert Harris and Jane Yolen. As English armies invade Scotland in 1306, eleven-year-old Princess Marjorie is held in a cage on public display. **RC 56457**

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer. In a future where humans despise clones, Matt has special privileges. Some violence and some strong language. National Book Award. **RC 55927; LP 15261**

Hush by Jacqueline Woodson. A twelve-year-old girl's life is uprooted when her middle-class African American family enters the witness protection program.

The Mississippi Trial 1955 by Chris Crowe. A novel based on the true events surrounding Emmet Till's kidnapping and murder. **RCL 366**

Once Upon a Marigold by Jean Francis. A young man with a mysterious past leaves the troll who raised him, meets an unhappy princess he has loved from afar, and discovers a plot against her and her father. **RC 56708**

Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science by John Fleischman. A foreman of a railroad construction gang survived an iron rod being blasted through his brain in 1848. **RC 54774**

Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff. Twelve-year-old Hollis Woods is abandoned as a baby and spends her life in a series of foster homes. **RC 56220; LP 15147**

Ruby Holler by Sharon Creech. Thirteen-year-old twins grow up in a terrible orphanage, but their lives change when an older couple invites them each on an adventure. **RC 55169; LP 15443; BR in process**

Stand Tall by Joan Bauer. Tree, who is more than six feet tall, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather. **RC 55610 in process**

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie S. Tolan. In this humorous story Jake is kicked out of school and is sent to the Applewhite family's completely unstructured home school. **RC 55806**

Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems by Kristine OConnell George. Short, accessible poems in the voice of a new middle school girl evoke the memorable moments of the school year. **RCL 364**

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements. Fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible. **RC 54713**

The 2004 Louisiana Book Festival

The third annual Louisiana Book Festival promises readers and booklovers of all ages yet another opportunity to interact with many of the world's most distinguished writers of fiction and nonfiction. The 2004 Louisiana Book Festival is being presented from 10 AM to 5 PM on Saturday, November 6, 2004, in the Louisiana State Capitol, the State Library of Louisiana, and in tents on neighboring streets, in Baton Rouge. Admission is FREE and EVERYONE IS INVITED.

Library News

Welcome Diane Brown

Diane M. Brown is the new Deputy State Librarian, replacing Michael R. McKann, who retired in April 2004. Ms. Brown is formerly Director of Library Programs for the SOLINET library network in Atlanta, Georgia. She has had 26 of years experience in the library profession, over 20 of which have been in management, planning, and staff development, and we are happy to welcome her to the State Library of Louisiana.

Serving You Better

The State Library of Louisiana is undertaking a strategic planning process in order to better serve the needs of the citizens of Louisiana. The process will involve focus groups with patrons and will begin in the fall of 2004. We would like to hear from you about how we are doing, what new services we might offer, and how we can better serve you. To participate in the strategic planning process, please call your reader advisor and he or she will take down your ideas. Thank you so much for your continued support of the Library.

Calling All Explorers!

Plot a course to the lobby of the State Library for a chance to interact with ***Lewis and Clark and Me***, August 30 through September 24, 2004. The exhibit will feature a Braille/Tactile map of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and highlight the newly available audio book recording of the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Ballot book, Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's Tale (**RCL 339**), which inspired the exhibit. SBPH has a bibliography of materials on the subject of Lewis and Clark. Please contact your reader advisor for a copy.

State Library Offers New Web Site

A redesigned web site was unveiled June 17 that makes it easier to find and access information about library programs and services. Although the content and web address <www.state.lib.la.us> remain the same, the improved site now focuses on customer needs. Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped can be found on the Homepage under "Visually Impaired".