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## SERVICES FOR THE BLIND & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED (SBPH)

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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.

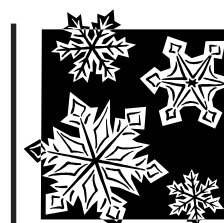
## LIBRARY SERVICES

Recorded Books & Magazines

Braille Books & Magazines

Large Print Books

Descriptive Videos



*Louisiana Voices* presents  
holiday titles for Christmas,  
Hanukkah and Mardi Gras

**Cook during the Holiday Season with *Louisiana Voices*...**

And I Still Cook by Leah Chase

**RCL 288**

Food lovers everywhere will enjoy the Creole  
cuisine recipe book and memories of Leah  
Chase, owner and head chef of Dooky Chase  
Restaurant in New Orleans.

Eating Together: Recollections and Recipes  
by Lillian Hellman & Peter Fiebleman

**RCL 298**

In this cookbook famed playwrights Hellman  
and Feibleman fondly share entertaining  
stories of worldly adventures and gourmet  
recipes.

**Enjoy Children's Christmas and Hanukkah  
Fiction...**

The Star Seed: The Story of the First  
Christmas by Mary Alice Fontenot

**RCL 184**

In this story of the birth of baby Jesus, a  
clumsy little angel accidentally bumps into a  
special star scattering "star seeds" onto the  
earth, spreading light and magic in some very  
creative ways. For grades K-3.

Gaston the Green Nosed Alligator by James Rice  
**RCL 189**

In this retelling of the adapted Cajun Night Before Christmas, Santa moves his toy workshop to Southern Louisiana, and in clever rhyming verse we learn how he finds unusual replacements for his reindeer. For grades K-3

A Living Christmas Tree by Levie L. Medus  
**RCL 190**

Published by the Louisiana Forestry Commission in 1947, this short, vintage tale of school children working together to find a Christmas tree teaches young readers about nature, its preservation, and holiday spirit.

Jenny Giraffe Discovers Papa Noel by Cecilia Casrill Dartez  
**RCL 217**

Jenny, a young giraffe adopted by human parents, experiences her first Christmas in New Orleans. For grades K-3.

Christmas at the J-O by James Rice **RCL 220**  
Patricia, Jason and Mama prepare for Christmas on Christmas Eve at the J-Bar Nothing Ranch while waiting for Papa to return home safely

from a cattle drive out in a blizzard. For grades 3-6.

Cajun Night Before Christmas by Trosclair, et al **RCL 290**  
The beloved "Night Before Christmas" is reinvented as a timeless Bayou holiday story with Cajun names and dialect of the Acadian people. For grades K-3.

Toby Belfer Never Had a Christmas Tree by Gloria Teles Pushker **RCL 318**

Toby, the only young Jewish girl in Southern Louisiana, has many friends. This year she invites her non-Jewish friends to celebrate Hanukkah traditions with her family. For grades K-3.

Further Adventures for the Elves of Bellaire Drive by James S. Janssen **RCL 328**

A continuing collection of stories about the elves that live in the oak tree behind the little white house on Bellaire Drive. Readers will also enjoy the Elves of Bellaire Drive (RCL 325). For grades 3-6.

A Christmas Dictionary by Beverly Barras Vidrine **RCL 391**  
Beginning with the story of the first Christmas, definitions of



## The Jones Foundation

The Jones Foundation for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is a small, not-for-profit foundation that was founded by Phillip Jones in memory of his mother, Mrs. W. Carruth Jones. Mrs. Jones was a long-time patron of Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the State Library of Louisiana who found great enjoyment in the talking book program. The Jones Foundation often assists SBPH and the *Louisiana Voices* recording program by purchasing items that are not covered in the state budget. For example, the Jones Foundation purchases new descriptive videos to add to the library collection. Funds from the Jones Foundation have been used to honor our many volunteers who contribute their time and talents to *Louisiana Voices* and to SBPH. Each year, the Jones Foundation helps to foster good reading habits in our youth by contributing savings bonds to be used as prizes for the summer reading program. These are just three examples of the ways that donations to the Jones Foundation have been used to help the work of SBPH. Donations made to the Jones Foundation are tax-deductible. For more information about the Jones Foundation and the work it does to help blind and physically handicapped people in the state of Louisiana, please contact your reader advisor.



## Holiday Closings

Christmas Day - December 25

New Year's Day - January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 17

Mardi Gras - February 8

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Editor



## College and Career HOT Links

Explore these websites to find details on college and career planning.

**College and University Rankings**  
Information and related links from the Education & Social Science Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana.  
<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/rankings.htm>.

**Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2004-2005 Edition**  
This nationally recognized source contains valuable career information describes what workers do on the job, working conditions, required training and education, earnings, and job markets.  
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>.

**FinAid! The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid**  
Important financial information on scholarships, loans, savings, and military aid. <http://www.finaid.org/>

**FAFSA On the Web**  
Free application for federal student aid. <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

**Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance**  
TOPS information for Louisiana residents.  
<https://osfantweb.osfa.state.la.us/TOPSPort.nsf/>

## It Was A Buggy Summer At the Library!



The 2004 "Buggy About Books" summer reading program was a swarming success! Last summer, 65 children and young adults registered to participate in the program. Everyone who registered received a folder with a reading log and activity sheets.

An amazing 44 readers completed the program, reading 975 books between June 21 and August 9, 2004. All of these outstanding readers received a cool "Buggy About Books" tee shirt. In addition, readers earned a book bag and a sports bottle for having read 12 (or more!) books. Finally, at the end of the program, a special drawing was held and eight summer readers won a United States savings bond. Congratulations to all of our winners!

"Buggy About Books" was 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.

Our theme for the 2005 Summer Reading Program is "**Splish Splash**" and we hope to see you there!

interesting Christmas terms are given. For grades K-3.

### Christmas Fiction For Adults...

The Mitford Snowman  
by Jan Karon **RCL 194**  
Fans of Jan Karon's Mitford series will enjoy the return of the beloved cast of Mitford's small town characters gathering at Main Street for a snowman-building contest.

### Mardi Gras for Children...

On Mardi Gras Day  
by Fatima Shaik **RCL 372**  
The Mardi Gras Indians and those who rejoice in them gather in this inventive telling of the customs celebrated by African Americans during New Orleans Mardi Gras. Meeting with neighborhood friends to watch the Zulu parade and eating generous meals at Nanan's house are all part of this magical time of year for young children. For grades K-3.

Henri Goes to the Mardi Gras  
by Mildred Whatley Wright **RCL 392**  
In search of a hive of honey, Henri the bear follows a buzzing sound all the way to the French Quarter in New

Orleans. Henri, worried he will scare the people, is mistaken for a costumed parade-goer and treated to food and fun on the Rex float. For grades K-3.

Mimi's First Mardi Gras  
by Alice Couvillon and Elizabeth Moore **RCL 393**  
Young Mimi experiences her first Mardi Gras and learns about king cake, the Lenten season, Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras Indians, Zulu coconuts and the Boeuf Gras. For grades K-3.

A Mardi Gras Dictionary  
by Beverly Barras Vidrine **RCL 394**  
Definitions of interesting Mardi Gras terms are given. Ash Wednesday, Elks Orleanians, Grandstand, Insignia, Scepter and Zulu are a few of the words highlighted in this lively collection. For grades 3-6.

### Adult Non-Fiction for Mardi Gras...

A History of Carnival in Louisiana  
by Brian J. Costello **RCL 263**  
Divided into three parts, New Orleans, New Roads and other Louisiana celebrations, this comprehensive book offers Mardi Gras history from 1872-present.





## Book Festival Was Fun for Everyone

Downtown Baton Rouge was the place to be on Saturday, November 6, 2004. Beautiful weather helped to make the third annual Louisiana Book Festival a great success. This celebration of readers, writers and books was free to the public and they came! Festival organizers estimate a substantial increase in attendance from previous festivals based on room counts, programs distributed, and sales from beverages and merchandise.

The festival day started with a program in the House Chamber honoring Shirley Ann Grau, recipient of the 2004 Louisiana Writer Award. The short story writer and novelist, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1965 for "The Keepers of the House", was honored for her lifetime contributions to the state's literary heritage.

Surrounding the Capitol and the State Library grounds were tents filled with a variety of activities for both children and adults, including book signings, poetry readings, arts-of-the-book demonstrations, book-related exhibitions, storytelling, crafts, face painting, and other happenings. Booksellers, publishers, and other literary and literacy organizations also

participated in the festival as exhibitors.

Besides an increase in attendance, the festival featured new activities. For the first time, the 2004 Louisiana Book Festival offered how-to classes on writing and publishing.

Children were also offered the opportunity to participate in writing workshops the day of the festival. Coordinated by the Louisiana Writers Project, these workshops occurred throughout the afternoon of the festival.

While festival organizers are still determining attendance numbers, one thing is for certain: Louisiana is proud of her readers, writers, and books. State Librarian Thomas Jaques agrees, "With this festival, we give people in Louisiana a chance to discover and appreciate our rich literary tradition while promoting the love of reading. With a setting this beautiful you can hardly ask for more."

But, we will. The Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana, along with the Louisiana Library Foundation, are beginning preparations for the fourth annual Louisiana Book Festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 29, 2005.

## Recordings For Recovery Is "Home for the Holidays"

The Christmas Holidays are right around the corner. Music is an essential part of the season, capturing the spirit and bringing back favorite memories. If you are a patron of SBPH, you can benefit from *Recordings for Recovery* (R4R).

R4R is a music library with holiday and other music for everyone. SBPH patrons are eligible to select tapes and receive them through the mail. The tapes can be kept and enjoyed for up to 60 days. They are then mailed back to R4R "Free Matter for the Blind" using the provided return label.

If you want to become a member, call them at **1-800-798-1192**. They will send you an information pack that includes a recorded catalog, membership information and a large print order form. Individual memberships are \$10.00 per year. Alternative memberships are available for those who cannot afford the annual fee.

Call them today so you can be sure to receive music tapes in time for the Holidays. If you are already a member, order early so you can enjoy the tunes of the season.

Have a great musical holiday!

## Descriptive Videos for the Holidays



### A Charlie Brown Christmas (DV 105)

Charlie Brown sets out to find the true meaning of Christmas. Animation featuring the voices of Peter Robbins and Tracy Stratford. 1965. Rated G. 25 minutes.

### A Christmas Carol (DV 70)

Scrooge discovers the true meaning of Christmas. Classic starring George C. Scott. 1984. Rated PG. 1 hour 40 minutes.

### How the Grinch Stole Christmas (DV 221)

Comedy. Film version of Dr. Seuss' famous Christmas tale, starring Jim Carrey as the Grinch. 2000. Rated PG. 104 minutes.

### Miracle on 34th Street (DV 77)

A man playing Santa Claus at Macy's department store claims to be the real Kris Kringle. Classic starring Natalie Wood and Edmund Gwenn. 1947. Not Rated. 1 hour 37 minutes.

### The Santa Clause (DV 78)

When Santa falls down on the job an 8-year-old boy convinces his dad to take Santa's place. Family program starring Tim Allen and Eric Lloyd. 1994. Rated PG. 1 hour 37 minutes.