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

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## **HOURS**

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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

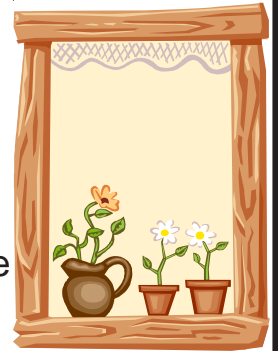
Braille Books & Magazines

Large Print Books

Descriptive Videos

## **We Hope You Are Well**

When hurricanes Katrina and Rita ripped through our state within weeks of each other this summer, the lives of many Louisianans were irrevocably altered. The loss of life, separation from family and friends and devastation to property was enormous and all of Louisiana's citizens shared in the loss. Now, as storm survivors begin to piece back together their lives and livelihoods, it is especially important that we not forget the outpouring of compassion that followed these natural disasters and remain strong and hopeful about the future. If there is anything we at the State Library of Louisiana can do to assist you through this difficult transition, do not hesitate to call on us. And please accept prayers and well wishes for a healthy, peaceful 2006 from all of us working in Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.



## **Suggestions for Holiday Reading @ Your Library**

The holidays are here and many of our readers often ask for suggestions on what to read. Recently, SBPH staff were asked about their favorite books and/or what they have recently read and would recommend. We hope that you find something of interest among our staff selections!

**Elizabeth Perkins, Special Services Coordinator...**

**Hello Dolly! (DV 177)**

A young widow and matchmaker sets her sights on marrying a tight-fisted Yonkers merchant. 146 minutes. Rated G.

**I'm a Stranger Here Myself: Notes on Returning Back to America**

by Bill Bryson. (RC 49051)

After some twenty years in England, Bryson and his family move to New Hampshire where he records his impressions and opinions as a returning American.

**The Kalahari Typing School for Men by Alexander McCall Smith.**

(RC 56235, LP 15854)

The owner of The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency (RC 55503) in Botswana, copes with new problems. She takes in two troubled orphans and becomes engaged; mentors her assistant who wants to start a typing school and find a husband; and faces competition from a new detective shop. Bestseller.

**Margaret Harrison, Manager of SBPH...**

**Angel's Flight** by Michael Connelly. (RC 47526, LP 9874)

Los Angeles detective Harry Bosch investigates the murder of Howard Elias, an African American attorney who

specialized in suing the police department. Every city cop is a suspect, and civil unrest becomes a real concern. Strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**Chasing the Dime** by Michael Connelly. (RC 55050, LP 14746, BR 14466)

Dr. Henry Pierce moves while in the midst of a computer technology battle and a fight for project funding. His new, and very busy, telephone number belonged to a dazzling online call girl, who seems to be missing. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

**City of Bones** by Michael Connelly. (RC 54156, LP 14088)

The scattered bones of an abused, murdered child are discovered in the Hollywood hills. Detective Harry Bosch takes the cold case and tracks the corpse to a missing boy from 1980. Bosch also begins an affair with a rookie cop as the case takes on strange twists. Violence and strong language.

**Angela Cinquemano, LA Voices, Program Manager...**

**Gardens of New Orleans: Exquisite Excess** (RCL 382)

For generations, landscape architects and residents have created magnificent public and private gardens in New Orleans.

**You Are My Friend: A Celebration of Friendship** by Hal Larson. (RCL 399)

Insights into the virtues of friendship from

classic literature to modern songwriting around the world are eloquently expressed in themed chapters.

**Emma K. Schroth, Children and Teen Services Librarian...**

**Al Capone Does My Shirts** by Gennifer Choldenko. (RC 58456, BR 15982)  
1935. Twelve-year-old Moose Flanagan moves to Alcatraz Island when his father takes a job at the maximum-security prison there. Moose struggles to make friends and cares for his older autistic sister while their mother applies for the girl's acceptance to a special school. Newbery honor winner. For grades 6-9.

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** by Mark Haddon.  
(RC 56893, BR 15215)  
Fifteen-year-old Christopher, who exhibits behavioral problems associated with autism, investigates the murder of his neighbor's dog. Some strong language. Bestseller. For senior high readers and adults.

**Olivia** by Ian Falconer. (BR 13074)  
Olivia, a preschooler pig, lives with her mother, father, and younger brother Ian. Olivia is good at lots of things—dressing up, singing songs, building sand castles, dancing, and painting on walls. And she is very good at wearing people out. PRINT/ BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2.

**Beverly Dugas, Reader Advisor...**

**Their Eyes Were Watching God** by Zora Neale Hurston.

(RC 35745, BR 16074)

This classic novel tells the story of Janie, a handsome black woman, and her three marriages.

**Carolyn Green, Reader Advisor...**

**How Stella Got Her Groove Back** by Terry McMillan.

(RC 42803, LP 9818)

Forty-two-year-old Stella Payne, a successful, divorced black woman, decides on impulse to go to Jamaica while her son is visiting his father. Not expecting romance, Stella is shocked to be wooed by a twenty-year-old Jamaican student. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.

**When Twilight Comes**

by Gwynne Forster.

(LP 14137)

An African-American family copes with trying to fulfill their sick mother's requests. Three children are faced with either choosing between operating the family business or building their own careers.

**Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential** by Joel Osteen.

(RC 59330; LP 18619)

A Christian minister's advice on finding personal fulfillment. Bestseller.

## **Gordon Loyd, Materials Unit...**

### **A Charlie Brown Christmas**

(DV 105)

Charlie Brown sets out to find the true meaning of Christmas. Rated G. 25 min.

### **Election** by Tom Perrotta.

(RC 47114)

Faculty advisor Jim McAllister is having personal problems when he gets seriously, but humorously, involved in a New Jersey suburban high school election. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

### **Tuck Everlasting** by Natalie Babbitt.

(RC 50587, LP 15632, BR 13834)

Winnie Foster is ten when she meets seventeen-year-old Jesse Tuck in the woods and learns that his family hasn't aged in eighty-seven years since drinking from a secret spring. For grades 4-7.

## **Alicia Marcotte, LA Voices, Assistant Program Manager...**

### **The Scandalous Summer of Sissy**

**LeBlanc** by Lorraine Despres.

(RCL 177)

It's a hot Louisiana summer afternoon in 1956 when Sissy spots her high school sweetheart, Parker Davidson, back after 15 years. While trying to keep it a secret, they begin an affair that has the whole town talking. Explicit descriptions of sex.

### **Elvis, Hank and Me** by Horace Logan.

(RCL 333)

Explore the roots of modern country music as told by the man responsible for turning a weekly radio show in Shreveport, The Louisiana Hayride, into one of the nation's most prominent musical venues. Some strong language.

## **Sheritha White, Readers Advisor...**

### **The Eclipse Bay Trilogy** by Jayne Ann Krentz.

A romance trilogy about love and family in seaside places. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some language.

#### **Eclipse Bay**

(RC 51009, LP 11894)

#### **Dawn in Eclipse**

(RC 52286, LP 17060)

#### **Summer in Eclipse**

(RC 54691, LP 17149)

### **Rising Tide** by John M. Barry.

(RC 46388)

An account of the catastrophic flood of 1927, in which at least one thousand Americans were killed and another million displaced by the Mississippi River. Traces early engineering efforts at river control, which set the stage for the disaster. Explores the flood's far-reaching social, political, and economic implications.

## **Calling all Summer Reading Program Participants (and those who didn't but wished they would have!)**

There is another annual reading contest that you can take part in by reading and then voting on your favorite book! The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Program offers books for grades 3-5 and 6-8. All of the titles for grades 3-5 and many of the titles for grades 6-8 are available in special format. You can vote by reading at least 3 of the books in your grade's group.

If you are not already participating at your school or through your public library, you can send in your vote to the Children's Librarian at SBPH. All votes must be received before February 1, 2006. If you have any questions contact the Children's Librarian at 1-800-543-4702 or <sbphkids@state.lib.la.us>.

### **Grades 3-5 (2006)**

**Aliens from Earth: When Animals and Plants Invade Other Ecosystems** by Mary Batten. (RC 58859)

**Alligator Sue** by Sharon Arms Doucet. (RCL 296)

**Almost to Freedom** by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson. (RCL 356)

**Attack of the Mutant Underwear** by Tom Birdseye. (RCL 375)

**Duel of the Ironclads: The Monitor vs. the Virginia** by Patrick O'Brien. (RCL 332)

**Granny Torrelli Makes Soup** by Sharon Creech. (RC 57472, BR 15241)

**Locomotion** by Jacqueline Woodson. (RC 56304)

**The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins** by Bea Uusma Schyffert. (RC 59121)

**Moon's Cloud Blanket** by Rose Anne St Romain. (RCL 265, LP 17731)

**Niagara Falls, or Does It?** by Henry Winkler. (RC 56624)

**Sacagawea** by Lise Erdrich. (RCL 410, BR 15040)

**River Boy: The Story of Mark Twain** by William Anderson. (RCL 409)

**Rodzina** by Karen Cushman. (RC 56681)

**Snowed in with Grandmother Silk** by Carol Fenner. (RC 58352)

**Up the Learning Tree** by Marcia K. Vaughan. (RCL 264)

### **Grades 6-8 (2006)**

**The Boy Who Saved Baseball** by John H. Ritter. (RC 56513)

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau.  
(RC 59907, BR 15120)

Cuba 15 by Nancy Osa. (RC 57382)

A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass.  
(RC 56666)

Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny  
Nimmo. (RC 59154)

Olive's Ocean by Kevin Henkes.  
(RC 60752, BR 15265)

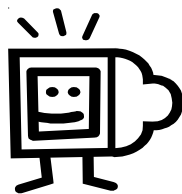
The River Between Us by Richard Peck.  
(RC 57400, BR 15090)

The Way a Door Closes by Hope Anita  
Smith. (RC 58637)

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## East Baton Rouge Parish Library Offers Assistive Technology

The Main (Goodwood) location of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library is proud to offer blind, visually impaired, physically handicapped, and reading disabled patrons a special workstation equipped with assistive technology. The workstation itself is adjustable and holds a 22-inch monitor. After surveying professionals in the field, the staff decided to equip the station with the three most often used software products: JAWS, Open-Books, and Zoom-Text. The station also comes



with a printer and will soon have large print keyboard labels.

While this wonderful opportunity is now only available at the Main Library, there are plans in the future to include an identical special needs workstation at the Delmont Gardens, Bluebonnet Regional, Carver, and Baker branches. With stations across the parish, the library hopes to accommodate the greatest majority of people. Users must have a library card, or they may obtain a guest pass in order to use the computer.

Computer users with special needs have priority to use the assistive technology and with that in mind, the library is allowing users to reserve it ahead of time. Assistive Technology users may request an extended session of up to 3 hours at a time. To do so you may call the Reference desk at (225) 231-3750. You may also call Elizabeth Myers, Head of Computer Division, at (225) 231-3720 for any questions or comments.

SBPH commends the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system for taking this step in providing assistive technology for blind, visually impaired, physically handicapped, and reading disabled. We hope that our readers within the Baton Rouge area will enjoy and take advantage of this very important service.

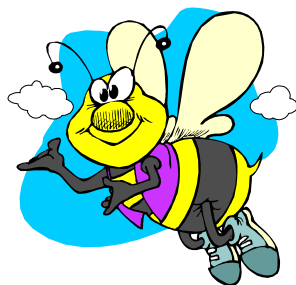
## Assistive Technology Loans

LATAN's Assistive Technology Loan Program provides an alternative, affordable source of funding to assist people with disabilities through a special loan program. Loan application eligibility is open to any individual in Louisiana with a disability. Loans, for example, may be used to help purchase computers with adaptive devices, vehicle modifications, wheelchairs, adaptive home modifications, prosthetics and/or orthotics, or any other item that improves or maintains the independence of a person. For more information or to obtain an application packet, please call LATAN at 1-800-270-6185 or (225) 925-9500.

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## Holiday Closings



Christmas Day - December 26

New Year's Day - January 2

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Jan 16

Mardi Gras - February 28

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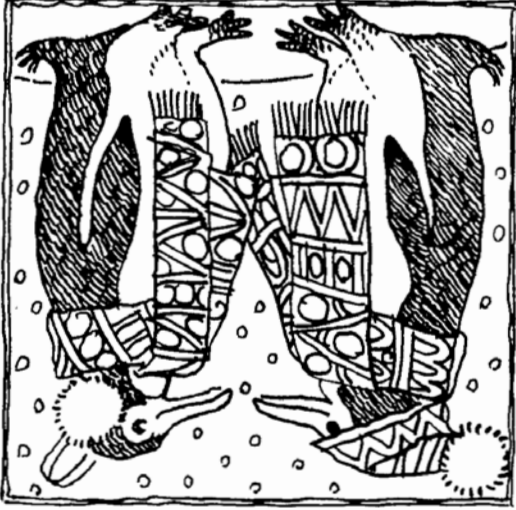
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