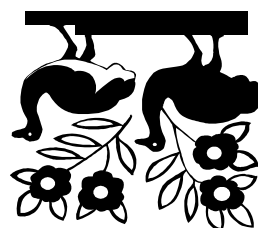




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Plant a Garden @ Your Library

If the warmer, longer days of spring give you the urge to dig in the dirt, this bibliography may plant the seeds of a few good

gardening ideas. Included here are tips and techniques for growing fruits, flowers, herbs and vegetables in small containers or farmer-sized plots. Hapless houseplant owners, weekend rose gardeners and organic vegetable experts can each find something just right. Titles are available in a variety of formats, including Web-Braille* where indicated. Happy Horticulture!

The Able Gardener: overcoming barriers of age & physical limitations by Kathleen Yeomans.
(RC 40311)

Accessible Gardening: tips & techniques for seniors and the disabled by Joann Woy.
(RC 49080)

Accessible Gardening for people with Disabilities: a guide to methods, tools, and plants by Janeen Adli. (RC 52241)

Allergy-free Gardening: the revolutionary guide to healthy landscaping by Thomas Ogren.
(BR 12871*)

Beds I Have Known: confessions of a passionate amateur gardener by Martha Smith. (LP 07586)

City Gardener's Handbook: from balcony to backyard by Linda Yang. (RC 32077)

Crockett's Flower Garden by James Underwood Crockett. (RC 21418; BR 05928)

The Edible Indoor Garden: a complete guide to growing over 60 vegetables, fruits, and herbs indoors by Peggy Ann Hardigree. (BR 05128)

Enabling Garden: a guide to lifelong gardening by Gene Rothert. (RC 43253)

Essential Gardening for Teens by Ruth Chasek. (BR 14942)

The Garden Primer by Barbara Damrosch. (RC 29616; BR 07795)

The Garden Problem Solver. (RC 53450)

Green Guide to Herb Gardening: featuring the 10 most popular herbs by Deborah Harding. (RC 50470)

How to Have a Green Thumb Without an Aching Back: a new method for mulch gardening by Ruth Stout. (RC 53896)

The Houseplant Encyclopedia by Maggie Stuckey. (RC 55960)

The Jumbo Book of Gardening by Karyn Morris. For grades 3-6. (RC 52504)

Quick & Easy Indoor Topiary: crafting and decorating with nature by Chris Jones. (RC 47861)

Ultimate Container Garden: all you need to know to create plantings for spring, summer, autumn, and winter by Stephnie Donaldson. (RC 54750; BR 14261*)

Vegetable Growing by Fred W. Loads. (LP 00671)

Xeriscape Gardening: water conservation for the American landscape by Connie Ellefson. (RC 36457)

Your Green Scene: how to care for plants by Marie Porter. (LP 01387)

** Also available as Web-Braille.*

Large Print Books for our younger readers



How and Why Insects Visit Flowers by Elaine Pascoe. Explains how insects used plants for food. For grades K-3. (LP 13965)

How and Why Plants Eat Insects by Elaine Pascoe. Explains how and why plants trap insects for food. For grades K-3. (LP 13964)

How and Why Seeds Travel by Elaine

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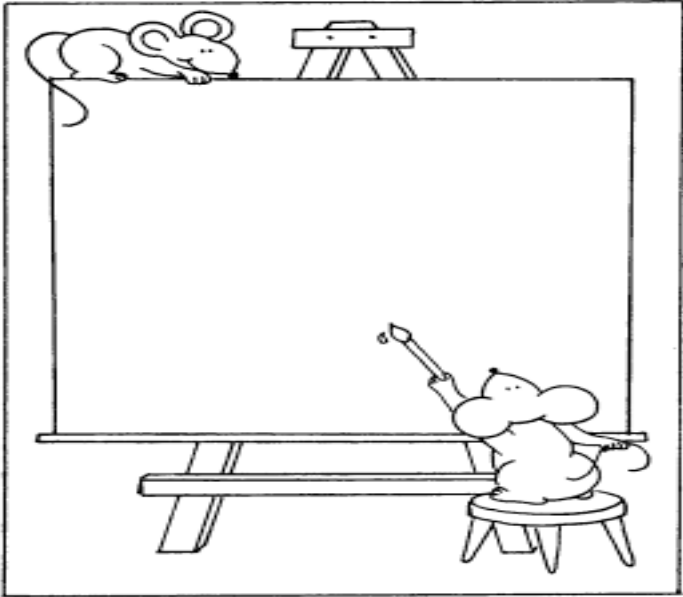
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The Return of the King by J.R.R. Tolkien. In this sequel to The Two Towers (RC 47487), Frodo and Sam bear the Ring to Mount Doom. The War of the Rings, fought between the forces for good and the Dark Lord of evil, is ended. (RC 47488; BR 09749*; LP 15618)

Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand. Recounts the rise of an "undersized, crooked-legged" thoroughbred horse who in 1938 was the year's number-one newsmaker over Franklin Roosevelt, Hitler, and Lou Gehrig. Bestseller. (RC 51968; Braille in process)

** Also available as Web-Braille.*



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Emma K. Schroth
Editor



Thanks to Donors

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

received many donations since the last listing in the Summer 2003 issue of *Hotlines*. The foundation serves as a Friends Group for the State Library of Louisiana Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and provides funding for the purchase of descriptive videos, summer reading program prizes and volunteer recognition events. Many of the recent donations were made in memory of Dr. J. P. Griffon, a long-time Trustee of the Jones Foundation, who died in September 2003. The following individuals and institutions have made donations to the foundation:

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Pascoe. Describes some of the ways various kinds of seeds are carried to find good places to grow. For grades K-3. (LP 13963)

The Nature and Science of Seeds by Jane Burton. Describes the nature, dispersal, growth, and uses of seeds. For grades 3-6. (LP 10459)

Why Do We Have Different Seasons? by Isaac Asimov. Describes how the seasons affect people and other living things. For grades 2-4. (LP 10964)

The World of Plant Life by Gerald Legg. Introduces plant life along with specialized habitats including deserts, mountains, and under water. For grades 2-4. (LP 14873)



Louisiana Voices Celebrates 100th Recording!

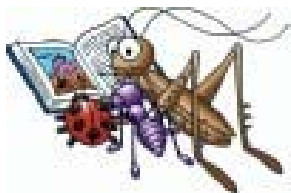
Louisiana Voices, the volunteer audiobook recording program at the State Library of Louisiana, recently recorded its 100th book since the program began nearly 3 years ago. Volunteer narrators, producers, and reviewers work with studio staff to turn unique Louisiana books into recorded cassettes that are available for loan to all the patrons of SBPH. "The *Louisiana Voices* program is extremely successful, and that success is due to the energy and commitment of our volunteers," notes Christy Reeves, the program manager.

"The NLS collection of recorded cassettes is a fine one, but with the

Louisiana Voices program we are able to supplement NLS titles with books that have a special Louisiana flair or appeal," said Elizabeth Perkins, Coordinator of Special Services. *You Are My Sunshine* (RCL 00157), Gus Weill's biography of Governor Jimmy Davis, was the first book recorded by the studio. *Cross to Bear* (RCL 00242), by John Maginnis, the story of the tumultuous 1992 gubernatorial election that pitted Buddy Roemer against Edwin Edwards and David Duke, was the 100th book produced by *Louisiana Voices*. The program has focused on Louisiana history and politics, because these are unique aspects of Louisiana culture. Additionally, volunteer readers have turned out fiction by Louisiana authors, children's books, cookbooks, sports books, travel guides, and more. The studio has committed to the project of producing recorded cassettes for all the books included in the annual Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award contest. "Recording these titles increases the number of high quality books available to younger readers and allows blind, handicapped, and reading disabled kids to participate in the statewide annual balloting for the award," said Emma Schroth, Youth Services Librarian.

Issues of Louisiana *Hotlines* are recorded in the *Louisiana Voices* studio and studio staff are working on a catalog of *Louisiana Voices* titles so that SBPH readers can have better access to these books. This catalog will be produced in both large print and on audiocassette and distributed to all interested readers. Look for an announcement about the *Louisiana Voices* catalog in the next issue of Louisiana *Hotlines*.

We're Buggy About Books!



The buzz is that the theme for the Summer Reading Program 2004 is "Buggy About Books." Kids and teens registered with SBPH will be swarming around the library this summer, just itching to read some books. Watch out or the reading bug might bite you!

This year's eight week summer reading program will run from June 21 to August 9, 2004. There will be lots of cool prizes and fun books to read! Look for an invitation in the mail soon. For more information call the children's and teen service's librarian at:

1-800-543-4702

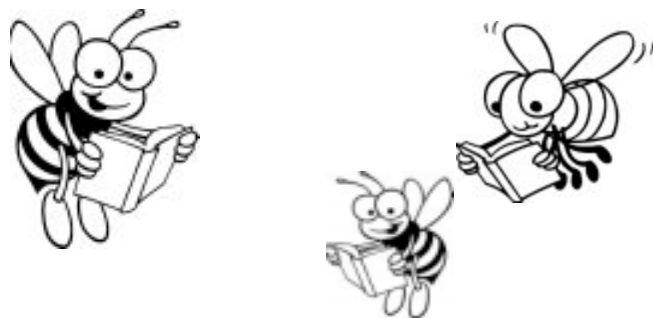
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BEE A READER THIS SUMMER!



And the Oscar Goes to....



The beginning of a new year always marks off the movie awards season. But did you know that many of these films you see at the cinema are also adapted from books? Here are a few titles available in our collection that has garnered some critical acclaim over the past few months.

Big Fish by Daniel Wallace. William Bloom's father is dying, and William has a great need to understand this man who was never at home. As they spend time together, the old man continues his habit of telling jokes, leaving William with little knowledge of who his father really is. **(BR 13183*; LP 12002)**

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier. A wounded Confederate soldier leaves the war on an arduous trek to his mountain home and the woman he aims to marry. Meanwhile, his intended struggles to work her deceased father's hardscrabble farm. Strong language and violence. Bestseller. **(RC 44762; LP 09375)**

Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier. A fictional account of how the seventeenth-century artist Vermeer came to paint a portrait of a young woman wearing a pearl earring. When sixteen-year-old Griet, a Protestant, becomes a maid in Vermeer's Catholic household, the drudgery of her

duties is offset by working in the artist's studio. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. **(RC 50258; BR 13360*; LP 11500)**

House of Sand and Fog by Andre Dubus. Because of a tax-office error, recovering addict Kathy Lazaro is evicted from the bungalow she inherited from her father. The house is bought by an Iranian looking for the American dream. Correcting this mistake leads to a legal tussle with dire results. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Bestseller. **(RC 50033; LP 13150)**

Master and Commander by Patrick O'Brian. This historical sea tale chronicles the adventures of Jack Aubrey of the Royal Navy, master and commander of the brig Sophia, as he and his crew battle the French and Spanish in the Mediterranean during the Napoleonic wars. **(RC 33485; BR 08654*)**

Mystic River by Dennis LeHane. Sean, Jimmy, and Dave were eleven when Dave was abducted from a Boston slum. Twenty-five years later, ex-con Jimmy's daughter is murdered and Dave becomes a suspect. Sean, now a homicide detective, is assigned to the case. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. **(RC 51758)**

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NOW OPEN! Magnifiers and More The Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation Visual Aids Store

The Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans has recently opened **Magnifiers and More**, a visual aids store, aimed at helping customers maximize their mobility and independence. They also sell items manufactured at the Lighthouse by people who are visually impaired or blind.

At **Magnifiers and More**, you can find magnifiers, lighting, talking clocks and watches, closed circuit TVs, canes, kitchen utensils, screen magnification software, glare-reducing glasses, signature guides, tactile markers, and much more. They also have books and other literature to inform the public about vision problems.

Magnifiers and More is located at The Lighthouse for the Blind in New Orleans
123 State Street
New Orleans, LA 70118

Their hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

You can reach them by phone number (504) 891-7008 or email <swhite@lhb.org>

