

# Louisiana Hotlines



A Newsletter of the State Library of Louisiana  
Talking Books and Braille Library  
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## Holiday closings

Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 26, 27	Thanksgiving
Dec. 24, 25	Christmas
Jan. 1	New Year's Day

## Join us in welcoming new staff

Skye Norwood is our new reader adviser. She joined us in August and has worked for the State Library for three years in circulation. She will assist patrons whose last names begin with M, N, O, Q and S. She enjoys reading young adult novels, paranormal romance and cozy mysteries.

Charlene Moore is our new Children's Librarian in the Talking Books and Braille Library. She earned her master's degree in Library Science from LSU in May of 2015. Charlene proudly served the TBBL community for eleven years in the library's Machines and Materials Unit. She now looks forward to serving our young patrons and elementary and secondary schools in obtaining reading materials. She likes non-fiction books on religion, science, and nature. Her current favorite fiction authors include J.L. Mulvihill, Suzanne Collins, Rick Riordan, Allan Gilbreath and Kathryn Stockett.

## Cassette book service ends

As of January 1, 2016 no more cassette books will be sent out. If you still have your large yellow cassette player, return it to us for proper disposal.

## 2015 Louisiana Book Festival

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Louisiana Book Festival will be held on October 31, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free to all. There will be hundreds of authors and exhibitors as well as food, music, lectures and activities for kids and teens. The Louisiana Book Festival will be held in Capitol Park, the State Library, the State Museum and the State Capitol. The Book Festival program will be available in Braille. For more information visit [www.louisianabookfestival.org/](http://www.louisianabookfestival.org/).

## BookTalks

The next book for our email book discussion list is *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee (DB81896). *Go Set a Watchman* is also the **One Book, One Festival** selection for the 2015 Louisiana Book Festival. The discussion will be led by scholar Gary Richards. Come to the Book Festival and join in the discussion.

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If you want to join the TBBL BookTalks email book discussion list, email David Rainey at [drainey@slol.lib.la.us](mailto:drainey@slol.lib.la.us).

### **Bonnie Bart at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC!**



Bonnie Bart, TBBL reader adviser, represented the State Library of Louisiana at the National Book Festival on September 5 in Washington D.C. She handed out information about the library and Mardi Gras beads. She is pictured with Annie Robinson (left) of the State Library IT department and Maura Marx (center), Acting Director, Office of Library Services, The Institute of Museum and Library Services.

### **BARD app for Kindle Fire devices**

The BARD Mobile application for Android devices, version 1.0.2, is now available at the Amazon Appstore for patrons who wish to install the app on a Kindle Fire device. Note that only second-generation Kindle Fire devices are equipped to run the BARD Mobile application. A list of acceptable Kindle devices is below, however, not all of these devices include

accessibility features. If you plan to purchase a device, be sure it is a second-generation device. To download the free app visit: [www.amazon.com/mobile-apps/b?node=2350149011](http://www.amazon.com/mobile-apps/b?node=2350149011). Enter "BARD mobile" into the search box.

- Fire (2015)
- Fire HD 10 (2015)
- Fire HD 6 (2014)
- Fire HD 7 (2014)
- Fire HD 8 (2015)
- Fire HDX 8.9 (2014)
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### **Adult SRP**

The 2015 Adult Summer Reading Program was a success! Fifteen readers who completed the program will get their own digital book cartridge loaded with their 10 favorite books. Congratulations!

### **Apps from AFB**

The American Foundation for the Blind has four Apps which are free to download:

1. The AccessNote App is a specialized notetaker for the iPhone, iPad and Android devices. AccessNote allows users to combine efficient note taking

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with the countless other features and functions of the iOS devices.

2. The AccessWorld App lets you keep up with the latest issue of AccessWorld Magazine, read any article in AccessWorld's entire archive of back issues and contact any member of the AccessWorld team.
3. The AFB CareerConnect App is a tool for professionals, job seekers, parents and youth who are blind or visually impaired. With this App, teachers and transition specialists can find employment-related lesson plans. You can also browse and read "Our Stories," which are packed with informative personal stories from people who are blind or visually impaired and successfully employed in various fields.
4. The AFB VisionConnect App allows doctors and patients who are blind or losing vision, to search for local services, save and e-mail these lists to themselves and explore AFB's web resources about living with vision loss.

For more information about these apps, visit [www.afb.org](http://www.afb.org).

### **New network-produced audiobooks**

DBC02407 *Calm My Anxious Heart*  
by Linda Dillow

Even though we want to be content and trust God, we can still feel overwhelmed by worry. Filled with encouragement and practical help for overcoming anxiety, this book explains what God says about

contentment and offers ways to apply it to daily life.

DBC01862 *The Idea Factory: Bell Labs and the Great Age of American Innovation* by Jon Gertner

From its beginnings in the 1920s until its demise in the 1980s, Bell Labs—the official research and development wing of AT&T—was the biggest and arguably the best, laboratory for new ideas in the world. From transistors and fiber optics to lasers and cellular telephony, it is hard to find an aspect of modern life that has not been touched by Bell Labs. Bestseller.

DBC01861 *The Soprano State: New Jersey's Culture of Corruption* by Bob Ingle

The Soprano State details the you-could-not-make-this-up true story of the corruption that has pervaded New Jersey politics, government and business for the past thirty years. Bestseller. Some strong language.

DBC01522 *Goodbye to Yesterday* by Wanda E. Brunstetter

Newlyweds Meredith and Luke Stoltzfus are an Amish couple who are faced with the greatest challenge of their young lives. Financial struggles. Arguments. A suspected pregnancy. A last-minute trip to Middlebury, Indiana. A deadly encounter at a Philadelphia bus station. Will their love and faith be enough to bring them back together again, against all odds?

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DBC00577 *The Huckleberry Murders: A Sheriff Bo Tully Mystery*  
by Patrick F. McManus

Forty-three-year-old Blight County, Idaho, Sheriff Bo Tully finds three young men, apparently farm laborers, lying by a huckleberry patch, each shot in the back of the head. Tully has his hands full with the rare triple murder as well as the disappearance of rancher Orville Poulson, whose so-called caretaker, Ray Crockett, has entrenched himself on Poulson's property.

### **New large print books**

Thanks to the Jones Foundation, TBBL was able to purchase new large print books:

LP25316 *The Amish Clockmaker*  
by Mindy Starns Clark

Matthew and Amanda Zook discover an old but beautifully ornate clock that belonged to the Amish clockmaker Clayton Raber, who, fifty years earlier, was arrested for the murder of his wife, despite his claims of innocence.

LP25319 *Dancing Through it: My Journey in the Ballet* by Jenifer Ringer

A behind-the-curtains look at the rarefied world of classical ballet.

LP25320 *Dancing with Fireflies: A Chapel Springs Romance*  
by Denise Hunter

Jade, now, pregnant, alone and broke, returns to Chapel Springs after years of protecting her fragile heart. Finding her way home may prove more difficult than she imagined.

LP25326 *Jingo: A Western Story*  
by Max Brand

When Jingo decides to court a judge's daughter, he finds almost everyone out to stop him—the judge, the hopeful suitor, and the brother of the man he shot over a card game.

LP25330 *Massacre Canyon*  
by William W. Johnstone

Smoke Jensen along with adopted son Matt and lifelong friend Preacher storm into battle to save Luke Jensen from the outlawed Kroll brothers.

LP25331 *Murder in the Queen's Garden: An Elizabethan Mystery*  
by Amanda Carmack

The discovery of a skeleton in young Queen Elizabeth's garden casts suspicion on famed astrologer Dr. John Dee. When the doctor's pupil is the victim of a second murder, the concerned queen enlists her trusted Kate to clear the prized astrologer of wrongdoing.

LP25352 *What's So Funny? My Hilarious Life* by Tim Conway

Emmy Award-winning comedian details his early life in the suburbs of Cleveland and nearly six decades in the entertainment industry.

LP 25348 *The Sentinels of Andersonville*  
by Tracy Groot

Confederate corporal Emery Jones leads Andersonville prisoner Dance Pickett and southern belle Violet Stiles into a daring act that could hang them for treason. Wrestling with the harsh truth they must decide: Who is my neighbor?

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## Talking Books and Braille Library 2015 Annual Patron Survey

To help us better serve you and meet your needs please answer these questions. Pull this section from the newsletter. Fold so that the library's return address is visible; secure with tape and drop it in the mail. No postage is required. To complete the survey online, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/TBBL2015](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TBBL2015).

Name (*optional*): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (*optional*): \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the types of material you receive from the library.

\_\_\_\_\_ Digital books

\_\_\_\_\_ Large print books

\_\_\_\_\_ Braille books

\_\_\_\_\_ BARD books

\_\_\_\_\_ Magazines

Do you or a family member use the web catalog to search for and order books?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ I would like information. (*contact reader adviser*)

For what purpose do you use the TBBL web catalog? (*check all that apply*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Search for authors, titles or subjects I want to read.

\_\_\_\_\_ School assignments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Download books linked to BARD.

\_\_\_\_\_ Submit book requests and reserves.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check my account for overdue books, lost items, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Check my reading history.

\_\_\_\_\_ N/A

Have you visited the TBBL web site? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

How do you rate the TBBL web site in terms of accessibility?

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Average \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Do you or a family member download books from BARD?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ I would like information. (*contact reader adviser*)

If you are not a BARD user, what prevents you from using it?

\_\_\_\_\_ I have no internet access.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a computer.

\_\_\_\_\_ I did not know about BARD.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not interested.

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Do you currently use a smart phone, tablet or e-book reader?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Have you downloaded the BARD mobile app to an IOS or Android device?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

If so, which device?    \_\_\_\_\_ IOS            \_\_\_\_\_ Android

Would you like to have NFB Newslines service read newspapers and popular magazines to you over the phone?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ I would like information. (*contact reader adviser*)

Have you used the assistive technology workstation in your parish?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ I would like information. (*contact reader adviser*)

Which technology have you used at your local library's assistive technology workstation? (*check all that apply*)

\_\_\_\_\_ JAWS    \_\_\_\_\_ Zoom Text    \_\_\_\_\_ Magic    \_\_\_\_\_ Topaz CCTV

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in participating in the next Adult Summer Reading Program?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_\_ No    \_\_\_\_\_ I would like information. (*contact reader adviser*)

Which social networking sites do you use?

\_\_\_\_\_ Facebook    \_\_\_\_\_ Twitter    \_\_\_\_\_ LinkedIn

\_\_\_\_\_ Google +    \_\_\_\_\_ Instagram    \_\_\_\_\_ I don't use social media.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the courtesy of the TBBL staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent    \_\_\_\_\_ Good    \_\_\_\_\_ Fair    \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Please rate the speed with which you receive your materials from TBBL.

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent    \_\_\_\_\_ Good    \_\_\_\_\_ Fair    \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

Please rate your TBBL service overall:

\_\_\_\_\_ Excellent    \_\_\_\_\_ Good    \_\_\_\_\_ Fair    \_\_\_\_\_ Poor

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Do you have suggestions for improving the library service or do you have any comments that you would like to make?

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# Books and Beyond

## A Section for Children and Teens

### 2016 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award

The 2016 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice program is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. There are three categories: grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and Teen Readers' Choice for grades 9-12. Students read from the nominated titles during 2015 and vote on their favorite by February 1, 2016. To qualify, students must be from Louisiana and have read three of the titles in the appropriate grade category. Your child can help decide who will win! To vote, call 1.800.543.4702.

TBBL has copies of these LYRC titles in Braille (BR), digital audiobook (DB), and large print formats (LP):

#### Grades 3-5 Nominated Title List:

BR20036 *Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909*  
by Michelle Markel

BR20118 *Elvis and the Underdogs*  
by Jenny Lee

BR20288 *Fortunately, the Milk*  
by Neil Gaiman

DB82231 *Case File 13: Zombie Kid*  
by J. Scott Savage

DB77918 *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*  
by Chris Grabenstein

DB78380 *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table*  
by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

DBC03831 *Henry and the Cannons: An Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution*  
by Don Brown

DB82212 *Mountain Dog*  
by Margarita Engle

DB79687 *Sugar*  
by Jewell Parker Rhodes

DBC01440 *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin*  
by Liesl Shurtliff

#### Grades 6-8 Nominated Title List:

DB77917 *Counting by 7s*  
by Holly Goldberg Sloan

DB78281 *The Heartbreak Messenger*  
by Alexander Vance

DB78007 and BR20405 *One Came Home*  
by Amy Timberlake

DB77104 and BR20161 *SYLO: The SYLO Chronicles Book 1*  
by D.J. MacHale

#### Teen Readers' Choice Grades 9-12 Nominated Title List:

Teens must read two selections from the nominated title list in order to vote.

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BR20076, DB76631 and LP25264  
*The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave* by Rick Yancey

DB76406 *Eleanor & Park*  
by Rainbow Rowell

DB77545 *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell

DB78224 and BR20449 *The Living*  
by Matt de la Pena

DB77826 *The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn  
Barnes

DB76282 and BR19878 *Orleans*  
by Sheri Smith

DB77602 and BR20664 *Steelheart*  
by Brandon Sanderson

DB76899 *Winger* by Andrew Smith

For a full list of the LYRC titles, go to  
[www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/  
louisiana-young-readers-choice](http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice).

### **State Library Announces Letters About Literature Contest**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Letters About Literature contest, a national reading and writing competition for students, has been announced by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. To enter, fourth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students write a personal letter to a living or dead author of any genre explaining how that author's book, poem or play changed their views of the world or themselves.

Students may enter on their own or through their schools or local libraries in three levels: Level 1 for grades 4 – 6,

Level 2 for grades 7 – 8 and Level 3 for grades 9 – 12.

The national LAL team will select finalists from each state for each competition level, and Louisiana winners will be chosen by a panel of judges from throughout the state. Louisiana winners will receive \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place and will be recognized at next year's Louisiana Book Festival. First place winning letters will be submitted to the Library of Congress for the national competition with the chance of winning up to \$1,000.

Each student's letter and entry coupon—available online—must be sent to Letters About Literature, c/o Project Manager C. Gourley, 81 Oliver St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705. The postmark deadline for Level 3 is Dec. 4, and Jan. 11 for Levels 1 and 2. The entry forms and information, as well as teacher's guide, may be downloaded at [www.read.gov/letters](http://www.read.gov/letters).

Letters About Literature is made possible by a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, with additional support from gifts to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which promotes the contest through its affiliate Centers for the Book, state libraries and other organizations.

In Louisiana, the contest is made possible by the Louisiana Center for the

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Book in the State Library of Louisiana with the assistance of the Louisiana Writing Project and the Louisiana Library and Book Festival Foundation. Funding for prizes is provided by the Library of Congress grant.

### **Summer Reading Program 2015 Winners**

Congratulations to our 46 young patrons who completed this year's Summer Reading Program. Participants read an amazing 685 books. Those who completed the program received a t-shirt, a sports bag, and a certificate of achievement. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this year's Summer Reading Program the best one ever!

### **2015 Louisiana Book Festival Focus on Youth!**

This year the Teen HQ at the Louisiana Book Festival is bigger and better than ever! In addition to author presentations and book signings, trivia games, a scavenger hunt, and the Teen HQ Raffle, we will also have a costume contest for teens and a Tea Duelling tournament, hosted by some of the featured middle grade & young adult authors!

Also, author M.H. Herlong, winner of the 2015 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Honor Book *Buddy* will attend. Fun, book related activities for kids to enjoy, including a costume contest, crafts, storytelling, and face painting will be

going on all day in the Young Readers' Pavilion.

The costume contests will have two categories: Traditional Costume and Favorite Book Character. Prizes will be donated by Barnes & Noble.

### **Free Apps for Children**

WonderBaby.org recently posted a list of free Apple and Android apps for children who are blind or visually impaired. These apps are great for encouraging fine motor skills, communication, and visual stimulation. These five apps are available free from iTunes and Google Play.

- Art of Glow (a drawing program)
- Baby Finger HD (for very young children)
- Talking Tom Cat (an interactive image program)
- Sounding Board (a communication board program)
- Pocket Pond (an interactive image program)
- Pocket Zoo Lite (for very young kids)
- Fluidity HD (interactive pictures)

For more information and a further list of apps for blind or visually impaired children, visit the Apps & Education section at [www.wonderbaby.org](http://www.wonderbaby.org).

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## **Support our TBBL friends organization**

The Jones Foundation acknowledges the following donors for their generous contributions:

Frank Bains  
Jennifer Anjier in honor of Leola Walker

Since 1981, the Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation has acted as a friends group for the Talking Books and Braille Library in the State Library of Louisiana.

It provides a mechanism for accepting donations to enhance and support services to the blind and physically handicapped community statewide.

It directly supplements the programs and initiatives of TBBL within the State Library. It is a primary sponsor of the State Library's large print collection and TBBL's summer reading program and descriptive video collection, and it supports volunteer efforts in the area.

Donations from the Foundation were used to purchase 35 new large print books. Please contact your reader adviser if you are interested in ordering some of these.

To contribute, make checks payable to the Foundation and mail to the following address:

Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation  
1131 N. River Road  
Port Allen, LA 70767

All donations are tax deductible. Anyone who makes a donation receives a one-year membership to the Foundation. For meeting information call Shelia Coleman at 225.342.4942.

## **Library address**

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## **Telephone numbers**

Toll free: 800.543.4702  
Phone: 225.342.0035  
Fax: 225.342.6817  
Braille service: 800.453.4293

## **Email**

tbbl@state.lib.la.us  
tbblkids@state.lib.la.us

## **Hours**

Monday – Thursday  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## **Email and phone hours**

Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## **Library services**

Recorded books and magazines  
Braille books and magazines  
Large print books and big books  
Descriptive videos  
Online catalog  
BARD download service

## **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.

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