

Louisiana Hotlines



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Fall 2020

Holiday closings

Nov. 3 Election Day
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving

Congratulations to Louisiana author!

DBC06375 *Selections from Across Two Novembers* by David L. Faucheux

One of our very own TBBL patrons has written and published a book! The full title is *Selections from Across Two Novembers: A Year in the Life of a Blind Bibliophile* by David L. Faucheux. This book is an autobiography filled with friends, family, hobbies, history and more as David Faucheux shares one year of his life through a journal. Congratulations to Mr. Faucheux! Contact your reader advisor if you would like to enjoy this audio book.

Adult Summer Reading Program update

The 2020 TBBL Adult Summer Reading Program is now complete. Thank you to all the TBBL readers who made our

Adult Summer Reading Program a success! 94 TBBL patrons completed the program by reading 20 or more books. From these, 25 names were drawn to win one of our prizes, a DVD entitled *A Dog's Purpose*. These prizes are being mailed to the home addresses of the winners. Also, special thanks to the Jones Foundation who generously paid for the Adult Summer Reading Program prizes.

New BookTalks selection

by Sneha Padumane

Hi BookTalkers, I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. We have selected a new title for our BookTalks Book Club:

DB78389 *The Martian* by Andy Weir

Six days after becoming the first man to walk on Mars, astronaut Mark Watney is caught in a windstorm. Though his support crew thinks he died, Mark survived and now faces abandonment, failed machinery, and a hostile environment.

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I thought *The Martian* was a fascinating book about humanity and survival! I hope that you enjoy it as much as I did!

How to join BookTalks:

We hold our book discussions via an email discussion list. Members comment on the book by sending an email to the discussion list. All members then see the comments and have the ability to respond by email to the group. If you want to join our discussion group, go to: <http://pelican.state.lib.la.us/mailman/listinfo/tbblbooktalks> and create an account by entering your name (make sure to put your name so we can verify you), email address, and make up a password, or as always, you can call your reader advisor.

BookTalks Book Club:

If you join BookTalks, we will add you to our mailing list and automatically send you a digital book copy of the newest selection! I hope that this will make it more convenient to read the book and participate in the discussion!

Hope to hear from you soon!

Spooky mystery/thriller recommendations for the Fall

DB90251 *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson. When Stevie Bell, a brilliant amateur detective, begins her first year at Ellingham Academy in Vermont, she hatches a plan to solve the cold case involving the kidnapping of the founder's wife and daughter shortly after the school opened in 1936.

DB95876 *Lock Every Door* by Riley Sager. As she gets to know her new neighbors, Jules finds herself drawn to fellow apartment-sitter Ingrid, who reminds her of the sister she lost eight years ago. When Ingrid confides that the building's dark history is starting to frighten her, Jules brushes it off--until Ingrid disappears.

DB97482 *The Satapur Moonstone* by Sujata Massey. India, 1922. After the sudden deaths of two males in Satapur's royal family, the two Maharanis are in dispute over the education of the young crown prince. Perveen Mistry, India's only female lawyer, arrives to find that the isolated palace is full of cold-blooded power plays and ancient vendettas.

DB96239 *The Turn of the Key* by Ruth Ware. After stumbling across the ad for a live-in nanny position with a staggeringly generous salary, Rowan Caine arrives at Heatherbrae House and is smitten by the luxurious "smart" home and picture-perfect family. But she is stepping into a nightmare that will lead to murder.

DB90348 *Force of Nature* by Jane Harper. When five colleagues are forced to go on a corporate retreat in the Australian wilderness, one of the women disappears. Each of her companions tells a slightly different story about what happened. Federal Police Agent Aaron Falk joins the search; the woman had been secretly helping him expose the company.

Election Day is coming up this November 3, 2020.

Voters who are unable to read or who are disabled, including physical disability or visual impairment, are able to vote with assistance.

The Louisiana Secretary of State has prepared a guide called "Voting Programs for Voters with Disabilities, Senior Citizens, and Nursing Home Residents" which explains what is available:

If you want to vote in person during early voting or on election day, there are many accommodations available:

- A. Voting machines may be adjusted for those who use a wheelchair or prefer to sit while voting.
- B. Voting machines are audio accessible and anyone may use the audio voting keypad to vote. You should inform the registrar or poll commissioner before you begin voting that you want to use the audio voting keypad.
- C. You may bring personal headphones to use with the audio voting keypad.
- D. You may request a 2X magnifier to use in voting. The magnifier is available in every polling place and during early voting at the Registrar of Voters Office. The early voting machines also allow you to adjust the screen text size.
- E. You may bring your own flashlight if you need additional lighting in the voting machine.
- F. You may bring your own signature tool to assist you in signing your name.
- G. You may use the Braille Voting Instructions available at each

Registrar of Voters' office and in each polling place.

State law allows voters three minutes to vote; however, if you need assistance in voting or you will be using the audio voting keypad, you will have 20 minutes to vote.

Voters with disabilities that do not want to vote in person may enroll in the Automatic Ballot Program by submitting a Disabled Application for Absentee by Mail Ballot. The Registrar of Voters must receive this application by 4:30 p.m. on the fourth day before election day. First-time enrollees must also send proof of disability to the parish registrar of voters to join the program.

The full guide also has information about enrolling in the Nursing Home Program, information for senior citizens, about accessible polling places, and about requesting transportation to polls and more. To view the full online guide visit:

<https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsAndVoting/PublishedDocuments/DisabledSeniorAndNursingHomeVoterInformation.pdf>

If you should have any questions or concerns about this guide or voting on election day, please call:

Secretary of State's Office

800.883.2805

225.922.0900

Email: elections@sos.la.gov

Advocacy Center

800.960.7705

Email: advocacycenter@advocacyla.org

Books and Beyond

A Section for Children and Teens



White Cane Safety Day, October 14th

The Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired will be celebrating White Cane Safety Day on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. A variety of activities will include a picnic, route travel, awareness education, and a scavenger hunt. For further information, contact LSVI Outreach Coordinator Blanche Faulk at 225.757.3489.

First proclaimed October 6, 1964, White Cane Safety Day celebrates the achievements of blind or visually impaired people. Blind people have used canes for centuries. However, in the United States, white canes were first painted white to be more easily visible and promoted by Lion Clubs International in the early 20th century. A white cane is an important mobility tool for blind people and the symbol of their independence, as it ensures their ability

to come and go on their own. There are different types of white canes such as the Hoover long cane, identification cane, and kiddie cane. Not all of them are used as a mobility device. For example, the ID cane alerts others as to its bearer's visual impairment but is of no help as a mobility tool. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the first White Cane Safety Day proclamation within hours of the passage of U.S. Congress joint resolution H.R. 753. In 2011, President Barack Obama proclaimed White Cane Safety Day as Blind Americans Equality Day. White Cane Safety Day is a national observance in the United States.

Summer Reading 2020

The Summer Reading theme for 2020 was "**Mythology and Fairytales**," with the slogan, "**Imagine Your Story**." We had 66 participants this year. Due to the pandemic, we decided to drift a little from the regular Summer Reading Program. Instead, TBBL prepared a mixed Grab 'N' Go bag for each reader. The bags contained various games, incentives, craft supplies, and instructions, including coloring and paint sheets. Each bag contained a Summer Reading t-shirt with Puss-in-Boots reading a book. We included the traditional reading folder with bibliography, reading log, pencils, bookmarks, stickers, achievement certificate, shirt pin, and a unicorn glider. A special thanks to Shelia Coleman, Kianna Narcisse, and Cha'nya Carter for

the many hours spent behind the scenes preparing craft materials. Another special thanks to Robyn King, the Louisiana Instructional Materials Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired Director, and her staff of Brailleists who came through during the pandemic and provided Brailleing service for our young patrons. Our most gracious thanks goes out to the Jones Foundation for their generous support in providing Summer Reading incentives. We simply would not have had a Summer Reading Program this year without your help and dedication during this tough time.

Need homework help? Check out HomeworkLA

If you need homework help, the State Library of Louisiana offers an online resource available at www.homeworkla.org. Homework Louisiana provides live tutoring for grades K-12, college and adult education, test preparation, and job search assistance to all Louisiana residents. Academic tutoring is now available from 2 p.m. to midnight seven days a week. Self-study tools for AP, ACT/SAT, and GED are also available 24/7. In addition, there is a “connect with voice” option for the visually impaired. Students may now access this service from any internet-connected computer or mobile device during these hours; even from a school campus after 2:00 pm. Homework

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2020-2021 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice nominees

The 2020-2021 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 2020 and vote on their favorite by March 1, 2021. To qualify, students must be from Louisiana and have read three of the titles in the appropriate grade category for grades 3 through 8. Teens must read two titles from the LTRC nominated list. You can help decide who will win! To cast your vote, call 1.800.543.4702.

TBBL has these LYRC and LTRC titles.

Grades 3-5

DB90433 *All That Trash*
by Meghan McCarthy

DB90207 *Between the Lines*
by Sandra Neil Wallace

DB90621 *The Boo-Boos That Changed the World* by Barry Wittenstein

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BR22315, DB90916 *Charlie and Frog*
by Karen Kane

DB90917 *Chester Nez and the
Unbreakable Code* by Joseph Bruchac

BR22340, DB91759 *Counting on
Katherine* by Helaine Becker

DB93510 *Hammering for Freedom*
by Rita Lorraine Hubbard

DB92716 *Max Einstein* by James
Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

DB90950 *The Miscalculations of
Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty

Grades 5-8

DB93902 *The Benefits of Being an
Octopus* by Ann Braden

DB92262 *City of Ghosts*
by Victoria Schwab

DB95657 *Game Changer*
by Tommy Greenwald

BR22634, DB94887 *Love Like Sky*
by Leslie C. Youngblood

DB93291 *Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak
Spanish* by Pablo Cartaya

DB90696 *The Night Diary*
by Veera Hiranandani

DB90639 *The Serpent's Secret*
by Sayantani DasGupta

BR22859, DB92614 *Small Spaces*
by Katherine Arden

DB91973 *So Done* by Paula Chase

DB92548 *The Storm Runner*
by J.C. Cervantes

DB93364 *Tight* by Torrey Maldonado

Young Adult

DB90378 *The Belles*
by Dhonielle Clayton

BR22377, DB89978 *The Cruel Prince*
by Holly Black

DB93017 *Dry*
by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman

DB98439 *Hey, Kiddo*
by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

DB93395 *The Lying Woods*
by Ashley Elston

BR22420, DB92221 *The Poet X*
by Elizabeth Acevedo

DB93516 *Price of Duty*
by Todd Strasser

DB93056 *Pride* by Ibi Zoboi

DB93288 *Sadie* by Courtney Summer

From Crib to Crayons update

Although packet mail-outs for Early Literacy have been delayed this year due to COVID-19, parents should expect the first packet of resources and books to go out by October 1. For more information, contact the Children's and Teen Services Librarian, Charlene Moore at 225.342.9563, tbblkids@slol.lib.la.us.

Support our TBBL friends organization

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, TBBL's summer reading program, staff enrichment, and early literacy program.

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 Jones Foundation. For meeting information, call Shelia Coleman at 225.342.4942.

TBBL Directory

Library address

Talking Books & Braille Library
701 N. Fourth St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Phone numbers

Baton Rouge: 225.342.0035
Statewide: 1.800.543.4702
Fax: 225.342.6817

Special services

Music section: 800.424.8567
Braille service: 800.453.4293

Email

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

Walk-in hours

Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Phone and email hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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.

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