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Holiday Closings

April 14 Good Friday
May 29 Memorial Day

BookTalk spring title announcement

Our next online Book Club discussion topic will be *Life on the Mississippi* by Mark Twain. It is available in large print and audio (DB51079). This book was also selected for the eleventh spring *One Book/One Community* which is a community-wide reading program sponsored by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library.

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/](http://pelican.state.lib.la.us/mailman/listinfo/tbblbooktalks)

[listinfo/tbblbooktalks](http://pelican.state.lib.la.us/mailman/listinfo/tbblbooktalks) and create an account by entering your email address and make up a password or, as always, you can call your reader adviser.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Safety guides

According to recent statistics over 40 million people in the United States have some type of disability. The National Fire Protection Association has developed free educational materials for people with disabilities. These materials describing safety tips can be downloaded and used in homes, workplaces, schools and communities. Go to: <http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/people-at-risk/people-with-disabilities/educational-materials>.

The NFPA website also provides an Emergency Evacuation Planning Guide that outlines how to create an evacuation

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Strategic plan review

In order to provide outstanding service to our patrons over the next five years, TBBL is working on a strategic plan for 2018-2022. A draft of the proposed plan will be posted to the TBBL website April 10-23 for recommendations. If you have any suggestions, please contact Shelia Coleman at scoleman@slol.lib.la.us.

plan for persons with the following disabilities: mobility impairments, visual impairments, hearing impairments, speech impairments, and cognitive impairments. The Evacuation Planning Checklist on the same site can be used to design a personalized evacuation plan.

Adult Summer Reading Program

The TBBL 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program will start May 1, 2017, and will run through August 31. The theme this



year is “Build a Better World.” If you complete the program by reading 20 books you will be entered into a drawing to win a set of headphones.

To sign up, simply contact your reader advisor and start reading! If you would like, we will mail you a reading log to keep track of the books you have read. Once you have read 20 books, call your reader advisor to let them know, and your name will be entered into the drawing for a set of headphones that will work with your NLS Digital Book Reader. If you have a reading log, you can return it to us by mail or call to give us the list over the phone.

Audio books, Braille, large print books and audio magazines all count. If you need any reading suggestions please ask us; we are happy to help! One entry per person. We will choose 50 lucky winners from the list of those who have read at least 20 books.

More digital books?

When readers first sign up for service, we send them two books. If the books are returned consistently within the 30-day loan period, the reader is considered to be in good standing and the number of books received can be increased. To adjust your service preference call the library and ask your reader adviser to increase the number of books you receive daily, weekly, bi-weekly or monthly.

Audio Description Resource Guide

Audio Description, also called Video Description, is an audio-narrated description of a television program's key visual elements. These descriptions are inserted into natural pauses in the program's dialogue. Video description makes TV programming more accessible to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

FCC rules require local TV station affiliates of ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC located in the top 60 TV markets to provide 50 hours per calendar quarter (about 4 hours per week) of video-described prime time and/or children's programming.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has created a guide which provides sources of descriptive video for television, film, DVDs, and web-streaming services, as well as information on audio-described live performances and tours. The guide includes information about the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA), the technology

and training behind descriptive video, and vendors who provide descriptive services on demand.

Did you know that ABC shows featuring audio description include: *American Housewife*, *Black-ish*, *Fresh Off the Boat*, *The Goldbergs*, *The Middle*, *Modern Family*, *The Real O'Neals*, *Secrets and Lies*, *Speechless* & *Shark Tank*?

You can find out what other shows are available by using the *Audio Description Resource Guide* at:

<http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/guides/audio.html>

Five new network-produced digital audio books

DBC8578 *The Bachelors* by Muriel Spark. A group of British bachelors find their cozy world suddenly shattered when they discover they are the target of blackmail and fraud.

DBC3116 *Vengeance is Mine!* by Mickey Spillane. A lush blonde leads Mike Hammer through bistros and bedrooms in a lead-riddled hunt for a kill-crazy murderer. Strong language.

DBC8772 *A Sweetness to the Soul* by Jane Kirkpatrick. Pioneer Jane Herbert who, at the age of twelve, faces a tragedy which begins a life-long search for forgiveness and love. In the years that follow, Jane finds herself involved in a romance with a dreamer sixteen years her senior, struggles to make peace with an emotionally distant mother, and fights to build a family of her own.

DBC8774 *A Gathering of Finches* by Jane Kirkpatrick. Based on historical characters and events, *A Gathering of Finches* tells the story of a turn-of-the-century Oregon coastal couple and the consequences of their choices, as seen through the eyes of the wife, her sister, and her Indian maid. Along the way, the reader will discover reasons to trust that money and possessions can't buy happiness or forgiveness, nor permit us to escape the consequences of our choices. The story emphasizes the message that real meaning is found in the relationships we nurture and in living our lives in obedience to God.

DBC8144 *Air Force One: An Honor, Privilege, and Pleasure to Serve* by John L. Haigh. Upon graduation from high school, John Haigh enlisted in the United States Air Force and, in 1963, volunteered for flight duty. In 1973, he was assigned to Andrews Air Force Base, the home of Air Force One, becoming a permanent member of the crew in 1979, serving Presidents Carter, Reagan, and Bush Sr.

Five new bestsellers

DB81411 *Prodigal Son* by Danielle Steel. When investment banker Peter McDowell's life implodes, he has nowhere to go but to the lake house he inherited from his parents. Wary of meeting his estranged twin Michael, he is surprised when Michael warmly welcomes him. Peter is hopeful of a repaired relationship, until journals reveal secrets. Bestseller. 2015.

DB81243 *Moriarty* by Anthony Horowitz. Days after the Swiss waterfall encounter

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believed to have killed both Sherlock Holmes and criminal mastermind Professor Moriarty, Pinkerton detective Frederick Chase and Scotland Yard inspector Athelney Jones, a devoted student of Holmes' methods of investigation and deduction, must track down a sinister figure claiming to be Moriarty's successor. Some violence. Bestseller. 2014.

DB80430 *The Mistletoe Promise* by Richard Paul Evans. Three years after Elise divorced her husband for cheating, another holiday season rolls around, sending her into a funk. Then Nicholas Derr approaches her in the food court where they both eat and offers a contract in which they pretend to be in a relationship. Neither expects the consequences. Bestseller. 2014.

DB80514 *The Roosevelts: An Intimate History* by Geoffrey C. Ward. Historian and author of *Closest Companion* (DB 42168), Ward details the lives of presidents Theodore (1858-1919) and Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945) and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962). Explores their influences, triumphs, and tragedies. Companion book to PBS documentary by Ken Burns, and includes a preface by the filmmaker. Bestseller. 2014.

DB80480 *Act Like a Success, Think Like a Success: Discovering Your Gift and the Way to Life's Riches* by Steve Harvey. Comedian, talk show host, and author of *Straight Talk, No Chaser* (DB 72505) offers suggestions and exercises to identify unique personal

gifts and parlay them into greater success and fulfillment. Uses stories and anecdotes to illustrate the principles discussed. Bestseller. 2014.

New large print books!

Thanks to the Jones Foundation, TBBL was able to purchase new large print books. Here are just a few of our new titles:

LP25630 *No More Mr. Nice Guy*
by Carl Weber

LP25616 *Every Woman's Dream*
by Mary Monroe

LP25627 *The Mistletoe Inn*
by Richard Paul Evans

LP25629 *Most Wanted*
by Lisa Scottoline

LP25626 *Maggie Smith: A Biography*
by Michael Coveny

LP25624 *The Lopsided Christmas Cake*
by Wanda E. Brunstetter

LP25612 *Black Friday*
by William W. Johnstone

LP25611 *The Beautiful Pretender*
by Melanie Dickerson

LP25642 *Treasures of the North*
by Tracie Peterson

LP25637 *Secret Service Dogs: The Heroes Who Protect the President of the United States*
by Maria Goodavage

Talking Books and Braille Library 2017 Biennial Survey

To help us better serve you, please provide your feedback in this survey. Pull out this section from the newsletter. Fold it 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/TBBL2017.

Name (optional): _____

Phone number (optional) _____

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

- Digital Books
- Large print books
- Braille books
- BARD books
- Magazines

2. 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)

3. 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 book requests and reserves
- School assignments
- Check my account for overdue books, lost items, etc.
- Check my reading history
- N/A

4. Have you visited the TBBL web site?

- Yes
- No

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

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Fair
- Poor

6. Do you or a family member download books from BARD?

- Yes
 - No
 - I would like information
-

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7. If you are not a BARD user, what prevents you from using it?
- I have no internet access
 - I did not know about BARD
 - I do not have a computer
 - I am not interested
8. Do you currently use a smart phone, tablet, or e-book reader?
- Yes
 - No
9. Have you downloaded the BARD mobile app to an iOS or Android device?
- Yes
 - No
10. Which device?
- iOS
 - Android
11. Would you like to have NFB Newslines service to read newspapers and popular magazines to you over the phone?
- Yes
 - No
 - I would like more information
12. Have you used the assistive technology workstation in your parish?
- Yes
 - No
 - I would like more information
 - Other (please specify) _____
13. What assistive technology have you used at your local library's assistive technology workstation?
- JAWS
 - Zoom Text
 - Magic
 - CCTV
14. Would you be interested in participating in the next Adult Summer Reading Program?
- Yes
 - No
 - I would like information (contact reader adviser)
 - Other (please specify) _____
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15. Do you use any type of social media? (Check all that apply.)

Facebook

Twitter

LinkedIn

Google+

Instagram

Other (please specify) _____

16. Please rate the courtesy you receive when you contact the library staff.

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

17. When you order books and other materials from TBBL, how would you rate the speed of delivery?

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

18. Please rate TBBL services overall:

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

19. How can we improve library services for you?

20. Additional comments?

Thank you so much for your feedback. Rest assured we will take it very seriously and use it to better serve you. Pull out this section from the newsletter. Fold it so that the library's return address is visible; secure with tape and drop it in the mail. No postage is required.

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Books and Beyond

A section for children and teens

Free iPad apps for children

Check out WonderBaby.org for a list of free iPad 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.

- Doodle Kids
- Infant Zoo Lite
- Art of Glow
- Talking Tom Cat
- Pocket Pond

For more information and a further list of apps for blind or visually impaired children, visit the Apps & Education section at www.wonderbaby.org.

Ready for summer!

The 2017 Summer Reading Program for Children and Young Adults will begin Monday, May 1st and end Thursday, August 31st. This year's theme is "Build a Better World." Summer Reading invitations will be mailed out beginning April 15, 2017. To register, call your reader adviser, Charlene Moore, or mail the form in to TBBL. Each child and young adult who completes the program by reading 6 books or magazines will receive a t-shirt and other prizes.



Summer camp roundup

The following is a list of 2017 Summer Camps in Louisiana and surrounding areas. This list is not considered comprehensive and is for your information only. TBBL does not recommend or endorse any one camp.

- MedCamps' Camp Big Hearts June 18- June 23, free for children ages 6-16 with hearing, speech, and vision disabilities. Contact info@medcamps.org or call 318.329.8405.
- The Lighthouse will offer two summer camps. S.T.A.R.S. for ages 6-13 and CHOICE for ages 14-20 are available at no cost to youth who are blind or visually impaired. Contact Calvin Lee at 504.899.4501 or www.lhb.org.
- Louisiana Lions Camp will offer two free camps for physically challenged youth ages 8-19. Dates are June 25-July 1 and July 2-July 8, 2017. Call 800.348.6567 or www.lionscamp.org.
- Dream Street is a five day, four night free camping program for children with physical disabilities offered in Utica, Mississippi. Dates are May 28-June 1, 2017. Call 601.885.6042.
- Camp Tiger in Shreveport will be offered May 30 - June 3, 2017. Contact Logan Roka at lroka@lsuhsc.edu or register at <http://camptigershreveport.com/sign-up/>.
- Camp Able for ages 9 and up will be held August 2-6, 2017. Call Mandy Holden at 318.765.3794 or email office@camphardtner.org.
- Culinary Kids located in Mandeville

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offers cooking classes weekly designed for children with special needs. Call 985.727.5553 or email info@culinarykidsns.com for details.

- BREC summer camp registration begins March 25, 2017 in East Baton Rouge. Go to <http://www.brec.org/index.cfm/subhome/Camps>.
- Audubon Zoo Summer Camps will be offered from May 30-July 28. Register at www.auduboninstitute.org/families/camps/zoo-summer-camp. Contact Charlotte Page at 504.212.5357 or cpage@auduboninstitute.org. Scholarships are available.
- Louisiana Center for the Blind offers programs during summer. The Louisiana BELL Academy will be offered June 4-10, 2017. Contact Krystal Guillory at kguillory@louisianacenter.org or call 318.245.8955.
- The 2017 Buddy Program will be July 23-August 12. The Summer Training and Employment Project Program runs June 18 - August 12. There will also be an Infant and Toddler Program. Contact Eric Guillory before April 17 at 800.234.4166.
- Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students will be Sept. 23 - Sept. 28, 2017 in Huntsville, AL. Contact Dan Oates at 304.851.5680 or scivis@atlanticbb.net.

Summer reads!

Grades K-3

BR20003 DBC00091 *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill
BR21723 DB86729 *Liberty* by Kirby Larson

LP22972 DBC06677 *The Frogs Wore Red Suspenders* by Jack Prelutsky

BB187 LP23056 DB39478 *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon

Grades 2-4

BR20808 DB81470 *28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World* by Charles R. Smith

BR17977, LP22865 DB84142 *Junie B. Jones Smells Something Fishy* by Barbara Park

BR21250 DB83184 *Story of Diva and Flea* by Mo Willems

BR7822, LP20119 DBC03941 *The Boston Coffee Party* by Doreen Rappaport

Grades 4-7

BR21470 DB84227 *Broken Ground: Fall of the Beasts; Spirit Animals* by Victoria Schwab

BR21443 DB84256 *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans* by Kadir Nelson

BR18000, LP19220 DB064246 *Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach

BR14814, LP22901 DBC04055 *Buddy: The First Seeing Eye Dog* by Eva Moore

Grades 5-8 and YA

DB85470 *Click Here to Start* by Denis Markell

BR18770, LP24200 DB70256 *A season of Gifts* by Richard Peck

DB84092 *Ten Days a Madwoman* by Deborah Noyes

LP24957 DB71691 *Young Samurai: The Way of the Warrior* by Chris Bradford

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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, and descriptive video collection and it supports volunteer efforts in the area.

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.

If you shop on Amazon Smile, .5% (one half of one percent) of purchases will go to the Jones Foundation.

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Phone numbers

Baton Rouge: 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 hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Library services

Audio books and magazines
Braille books and magazines
Large print books and big books
Descriptive videos
Online catalog
BARD download service
BARD mobile apps
Newspaper reading 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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