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Holiday Closings

April 19 Good Friday
May 27 Memorial Day

The Library of Congress wants to hear from you!

Beginning in early March, a sample of 10,000 reader/patrons across the country who currently use services provided by the Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped—also known as NLS—will be invited to participate in a nationwide survey. The information collected from this survey will guide NLS as they move forward on a variety of projects to enhance and expand the braille and talking- book program. As a part of NLS's cooperating network of libraries, the Louisiana Talking Books and Braille Library encourages invited patrons to respond to the survey at their earliest convenience. Insights gathered from this survey will help us better understand the needs of all of our patrons. You may receive an invitation by mail, email, or phone. In order to

ensure ease of use, readers selected for the survey will be given the option of responding in a number of ways to their invitation. Once you have received your invitation, if you have questions, please feel free to contact Gallup Support at galluppoll@gallupmail.com or call 1.888.297.8999.

Talking Book Topics on NFB Newsline

Call NFB Newsline and listen to Talking Book Topics over the telephone. NFB Newsline will read all of the articles in a clear voice. Listen to the selections and follow the prompts. Go straight to the category of your choice. Select Adult Fiction or Non Fiction, Children's or Foreign language categories and NFB Newsline will read each article to you. Find a book you like, stop and take down the book number, and call your reader advisor. It's that easy. For more information or to register for a free subscription to NFB Newsline call your reader advisor.

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18th Annual Senior Health Fair

On April 12, 2019, Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge (VOAGBR) will sponsor the 18th Annual Community-Wide Health Fair from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Oak Park Plaza Senior Community. Oak Park Plaza is located at 947 North Bon Marche Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. There will be health screenings and educational information on topics such as eating well, staying active, and the importance of regular medical care to seniors in the community. The fair is open to the public. A representative from the Talking Books and Braille Library will be at this health fair.

EyeNote for iOS

EyeNote is a free mobile device application developed by the BEP (US Bureau of Engraving and Printing) as an aid for blind or visually impaired individuals to identify denominations of Federal Reserve notes from Series 1996 to the present. EyeNote is built on the Apple iOS platform and is available to download for free in the Apple App Store.

The app uses image recognition technology and the device's integrated camera to recognize a Federal Reserve note and communicate the note's denomination back to the user. Since it utilizes a continuous scan function, there is no need to hold the device

still or capture a photo first; once the app scans the note, it denominates the currency. EyeNote will not identify counterfeit currency. For more information, visit: <https://www.eyenote.gov/>.

IDEAL Currency Identifier for Android Devices

The BEP, in collaboration with the Department of Education, assisted in the development of the IDEAL Currency Identifier, a free downloadable app that operates on the Android platform. It uses text-to-speech voice and advanced image recognition technology to read a note and, in a matter of seconds, provides users with an audible response indicating the note's denomination. IDEAL works locally on the device and needs no Internet connectivity. This application was not designed to, and does not, identify counterfeit currency. For more information, visit: <https://www.eyenote.gov/>.

New Title for BookTalks Discussion Group

We have selected a new title for BookTalks:

DB70410 *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley. Even though this mystery - set in the English countryside in 1950 - is an adult mystery, the main character and sleuth is an 11-year-old girl. But young Flavia

de Luce is no ordinary girl, she is a savvy chemist who is fascinated with poisons. This award-winning debut novel has a decent plot, an engaging writing style, and interesting characters that make you want to read the rest of the series. Join Flavia as she sleuths through her village on her trusty bicycle trying to prove that her father is not guilty of murder.

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 adviser. Hope to hear from you soon!

Patrons can enjoy even more titles through BARD!

NLS is pleased to offer readers an even greater selection of new audiobooks through our Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) site and on your Android or iOS mobile device with the BARD Mobile app. Thousands more titles are now being distributed exclusively through BARD. As our

relationship with various major publishers grows, more audiobooks will become available. Though Talking Book Topics will continue to list the latest titles available on cartridge for delivery to your home, we encourage patrons to explore these BARD-exclusive titles by signing up for BARD or by contacting your reader advisor.

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) is a web-based service that provides access to thousands of braille and encrypted audio books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS. The service is available to registered users of the braille and talking book program through their local braille and talking book library. Once transferred onto a USB flash drive, downloaded talking books and magazines can be played on the digital talking-book machine provided free of charge by NLS. NLS does not provide equipment for displaying or embossing downloaded braille materials.

Braille books and magazines may be also downloaded through the BARD Mobile app, which requires connection to a refreshable braille display via a Bluetooth connection. The BARD website and mobile app are password-protected, and all files are in an electronically downloadable form of compressed audio or formatted braille.



Adult Summer Reading Program

The TBBL 2019 Adult Summer Reading Program will start May 1, 2019, and will run through August 31. The theme this year is “A Universe of Stories” and celebrates all things related to space exploration.

If you complete the program by reading 20 books, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of 25 digital talking alarm watches. Many thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing this year’s summer reading program prizes.

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 adviser to let them know, and your name will be entered into the drawing for a digital talking alarm watch. 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 25 lucky winners from the list of those who have read at least 20 books. Happy reading!

Accessible PDFs of 2018 Tax Documents Now Available

The IRS has released accessible PDF versions of 2018 tax documents on its website at <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/irs-section-508-compliant-pdf-forms>. Downloadable braille and large-print documents are still being developed. Please watch the main NLS website, at www.loc.gov/nls, for updates on when other accessible-format tax documents become available from the IRS.

Talking Books and Braille Library 2019 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 <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019TBBL>.

1. Name (optional): _____
 2. Phone number (optional): _____
 3. Please mark the types of material you receive from the library.
 - Digital Books
 - Large print books
 - Braille books
 - BARD books
 - Magazines
 4. 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)
 5. 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
 6. Have you visited the TBBL web site?
 - Yes
 - No
 7. How do you rate the TBBL web site in terms of accessibility?
 - Excellent
 - Good
 - Average
 - Fair
 - Poor
 8. Do you or a family member download books from BARD?
 - Yes
 - No
 - I would like information about the service.
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9. 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
10. Do you currently use a smart phone, tablet, or e-book reader?
- Yes
 - No
11. Have you downloaded the BARD mobile app to an iOS or Android device?
- Yes
 - No
12. Which device?
- iOS
 - Android
13. Would you like to have NFB Newslines service read newspapers and popular magazines to you over the phone?
- Yes
 - No
 - I would like more information
14. Would you be interested in participating in the next Adult Summer Reading Program?
- Yes
 - No
 - I would like information (contact reader adviser).
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. Do you have suggestions for improving the library service?

20. Please make additional comments here.

21. What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

22. Did you participate in the Teen/Children Summer Reading Program?

- Yes
- No

23. If you answered yes to question 22, please respond. The Summer Reading Program helped me improve my literacy skills.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Somewhat agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Strongly disagree

Thank you so much for your feedback. 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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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Books and Beyond: A Section for Children and Teens

Summer Reading Program 2019

“A Universe of Stories” is this year’s slogan, and space is this year’s Summer Reading theme, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing. TBBL will offer four programs: Children’s, Teen’s, Teen’s STEM, and Read-To-Me.

Invitations will be mailed out April 15, 2019, and the program begins May 1, 2019. A gracious thank you to the Jones Foundation for providing this year’s Summer Reading Program prizes!

From Crib to Crayons

June 1, 2019 will start the second TBBL Early Literacy Program, Crib to Crayons, designed for children ages 0-6 who are not yet in kindergarten. During the year, six literacy packets will be sent to children and their parents. Each bi-monthly kit will be themed to focus on one of six early literacy skills: print awareness, phonological awareness, print motivation, letter knowledge, and vocabulary. Each packet will contain tips and strategies for developing pre-reading skills, including lists of resources and follow-up activities for parents.

There will also be props, craft instructions, and a carefully selected child’s book with tactile graphics or



twin vision braille targeting the specific early literacy skill for the child to keep. Invitations will be mailed out April 15, 2019.

This program is made possible through the generous support of the Jones Foundation. Braille services are provided this year through the Louisiana Instructional Materials Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, LIMC director Robyn King, and Braillest Nabiha Mujahid. For more information, contact the Children’s and Teen Services Librarian, Charlene Moore at 225.342.9563, tbblkids@slol.lib.la.us.

Summer Camp Roundup 2019

The following is a list of upcoming 2019 Summer Camps in Louisiana that are offered at no cost or low cost:

- *MedCamps’ Camp Big Hearts* June 9-14, free for children ages 6-16 with hearing, speech, and vision disabilities. For information contact info@medcamps.org or call 318.329.8405.
- The Lighthouse will offer two summer camps in 2019. The dates are June 3-June 28 this year. 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 ext. 245 or visit www.lhb.org.
- Louisiana Lions Camp in Anacoco will offer two free camps for physically challenged youth ages 8-19. Dates

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are June 23-June 29 and June 30-July 6. Call 800.348.6567 or go to www.lionscamp.org for registration details.

- Dream Street is a five day, four-night free camping program for children with physical disabilities offered in Utica, Mississippi. Dates will be May 27-May 31. Call 601.885.6042 or visit <https://www.dreamstreetms.org/>.
- Louisiana Center for the Blind offers various programs during summer. The Louisiana BELL Academy will be offered June 2-8.
- The Buddy Program will be July 21-August 10. The Summer Training and Employment Project Program will begin June 16 and end August 10. There will also be an Infant and Toddler Program. Contact Director of Youth Services, Eric Guillory before April 20 by email eguillory@louisianacenter.org or call 800.234.4166 for information.

Blast Off with These Summer Reads Younger Readers

BB000030, BR13012, DB24603,
(Spanish **BR20050, DBC14413**)
Goodnight Moon
by Margaret Wise Brown

BR22252, DBC00482, LP23088
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!
by Mo Willems

DBC06581 *I Took the Moon for a Walk*
by Carolyn Curtis

Grades K-3

LP25595 *Ada Twist, Scientist*
by Andrea Beaty

DB84586, LP25597 *Anything but Ordinary Addie* by Mara Rockliff

Grades 3-6

BR19478, DB74732 *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger

DB83213 *The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy (Star Wars: A New Hope)*
by Alexandra Bracken

DB90214 *The Wizards of Once*
by Cressida Cowell

BR12243 *The Star Wars Cookbook*
by Robin Davis

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

BR22214, DB88222 *Hello, Universe*
by Erin Estrada Kelly

DB41667 *Black Stars in Orbit: NASA's African-American Astronauts*
by Khephra Burns

Grades 5-8

DB77116 *What We Found in the Sofa, and How It Saved the World*
by Henry Clark

DB48972, LP11210 *A Wrinkle in Time*
by Madeleine L'Engle

YA

DB76406, LP25648 *Eleanor & Park*
by Rainbow Rowell

DB82008 *I Am Princess X*
by Cherie Priest

BR20784, DB80682 *Dove Arising*
by Karen Bao

Support Our TBBL Friends Organization

The Jones Foundation acknowledges the following donor for his generous contributions:

Mr. Frank Bains

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 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.

Library address

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Phone numbers

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Statewide: 1.800.543.4702
Fax: 225.342.6817

Special services

Music section: 800.424.8567
Braille service: 800.453.4293

Email

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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.

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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