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Holiday closings

Apr 15 Easter Holiday
May 30 Memorial Day

Other catalog options

Patrons who subscribe to *Talking Book Topics (TBT)* in large print will not receive the January–February 2022 or other 2022 issues in paper format due to ongoing supply-chain issues and worldwide paper shortages.

If you still want the print version of TBT, you can only get it online at the NLS website in HTML and PDF formats here: www.loc.gov/nls/tbt. The PDF contains the order form that you can print out and mail to us at the State Library - Talking Books and Braille Library.

If you would like to get the audio version of Talking Book Topics (TBT), there are two ways to get it:

1. TBT is available to download through BARD.
2. TBT is available through the free NFB-NEWSLINE service, which will read the publication to you over the phone. If you would like to sign up for this free service, then call your reader advisor at 1.800.543.4702.

Finally, if you would like to get the Braille version, *TBT* Abridged will be available through *Braille Book Review* in hardcopy braille and BRF on www.loc.gov/nls/bbr.

If you have any questions about Talking Book Topics, please contact your reader advisor at 1.800.543.4702.

2022 Adult Summer Reading Program

The TBBL 2022 Adult Summer Reading Program will start May 1, 2022, and will run through August 31. The theme this year is *Oceans of Possibilities*. If you complete the program by reading 20 books, you will be entered into a drawing to win a Handheld 10X Magnifying Glass (about 4 inches wide) with a non-slip handle.

If you participated last year, then you will automatically be signed up for this year's program. If you are not already signed up, please contact your reader advisor!

All you have to do to complete the program is to read 20 books. Audio books, Braille books, large print books and audio magazines all count. We will keep track of your reading history. Or, if

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you would like, we will mail you a reading log. If you complete the program by reading 20 books, then your name will be entered into the drawing for one of the handheld magnifying glasses. If you have a reading log, you can return it to us by mail or call to give us the list over the phone. 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. A big thank you goes to the Jones Foundation for providing the magnifying glasses as prizes!

LCB 2022 Convention

Louisiana Council of the Blind will host their annual convention May 27-29 at the Crowne Plaza, 4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. To reserve a room call 225.925.2244 or visit www.crowneplaza.com/execcenterbr. For more information about registering for the convention call Leola Campbell at 225.614.5988.

LCB offers two scholarships in 2022

The Louisiana Council of the Blind (LCB) will announce two scholarship winners at the 2022 State Convention. The Hazel Daigle and Paula Marshall Scholarships recognize the achievement of blind scholars in Louisiana. Each scholarship is \$1000. The application deadline is May 16, 2022. To request an application packet, contact Gwen King, LCB Scholarship Committee, 7707 Bismark Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70812; or call 225.278.4162. LCB President, Leola Campbell, may also be contacted at 225.614.5988.

2022 NFBL Convention

The National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana 2022 State Convention will be held April 8-10, 2022 in Bossier City. The venue is the LeBossier Hotel & Event Center, 4000 Industrial Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana. THE NFBL is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. The NFBL is an organization of blind and visually impaired Louisianans who believe that with the appropriate training, attitude and opportunities, blind people can live the lives they want. They believe that it is never too late to learn new techniques and new ways of redefining blindness. For more information, please call 318.747.0711.

Accessibility support phone lines you should know

Dorrie Rush, an officer with the nonprofit called Ophthalmic Edge Patients (OE Patients), has compiled a list of helpful phone numbers for popular businesses related to accessibility. Here are some of the phone lines:

Amazon's Accessibility Customer Service - 888.283.1678

Call to speak with an accessibility specialist who can help you buy books and other products, or get you directly to tech support for Amazon devices and services including Alexa, Kindle & Fire Tablet. Also, for Audible (audiobook) Support, call 888.283.5051.

Apple Accessibility Support Line 877.204.3930

For users of Apple's iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Apple Watch, or a Mac—this is a gift. It is a special support line reserved for customers with vision, hearing, motor, and learning impairments. Senior AppleCare specialists are available 24/7

to help you get your Accessibility Settings right, answer your questions, and resolve your technical issues. They'll even teach you a thing or two.

AT&T National Center for Citizens with Disabilities (NCCD) 866.241.6568

This is where wireless customers with vision loss get answers to questions about accessibility features and services available from AT&T.

Comcast Accessibility - 866.668.6703

Direct line to a dedicated team, specially trained to support customers who rely on accessibility services including voice guidance and video description.

Verizon Center for Customers with Disabilities - 800.974.6006

Free info line for your home phone and your mobile phone. Get your bills in the format of your choice—large print or digital. They can help you with anything else pertaining to your home phone service.

Verizon Wireless National Accessibility Center - 888.262.1999

Get answers to questions about enlarging text, using voice commands effectively, or using the screen reader, often remain unanswered when posed to your store representative. Now there is a customer service and technical support center dedicated to helping people maximize the accessibility features built into all of Verizon's mobile devices. Let them help you get your device set just right for you, from 8am – 9pm EST, Monday – Friday. For the complete article by Dorrie Rush, please visit: <https://ophthalmicedge.org/patient/accessibility-support-phone-lines-you-should-know/>.

New Title for BookTalks

Our BookTalks Spring book selection will be: **DB100901** *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by Victoria Schwab.

France, 1714. In a moment of desperation, Addie LaRue makes a Faustian bargain to live forever, but is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore who remembers her name.

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, email address and make up a password or, as always, you can call your reader adviser.

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!

Spring Book Recommendations

by Sneha Padumane

DB92245 *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. In late 1969, when Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals of Barkley Cove, North Carolina,

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immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home.

DB92214 *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers* by Maxwell King. Biography of the creator and star of the television show *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Traces the personal, professional, and artistic life of Rogers.

DB72601 *The Way of Kings: Stormlight Archive* by Brandon Sanderson. On storm-swept Roshar, cities are built in locations that are sheltered from the tempests and wars are fought over shardblades and shardplates—mystical armor that transforms men into warriors.

DB95374 *The Pioneers* by David G. McCullough. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *John Adams* (DB52275) recounts the settling of the Northwest Territory, which was ceded to the United States by Britain in the Treaty of Paris.

DB88665 *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Reclusive film legend decides to tell her life story to lowly magazine feature writer Monique Grant, to the consternation of many. As Evelyn recounts her life as a sexy starlet in Hollywood, Monique begins to understand herself better.

DB97650 *Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain* by

John J. Ratey. Psychiatrist explains how elevating heart rate and breaking a sweat beats stress, lifts mood, fights memory loss, and sharpens intellect by physically remodeling the brain for peak performance.

DB87031 *Stories of Your Life and Others* by Ted Chiang. Collection of eight science fiction short stories from award-winning author, including *Story of Your Life*—the basis for the 2016 movie *Arrival*.

DB70410 *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by C. Alan Bradley. England, 1950. Eleven-year-old aspiring chemist Flavia de Luce overhears her father in a heated argument with a stranger, who turns up dead. When Flavia's father is charged with murder, she seeks clues in their village and his past to exonerate him.

DB89038 *Braving the Wilderness* by Brene Brown. The author believes society is facing a spiritual crisis of disconnection and gives advice for belonging to something outside oneself.

DB73772 *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline. 2045. Multi-billionaire James Halliday dies, leaving his last will and testament online for the world to see. His massively multiplayer online game OASIS has a hidden feature—an Easter egg—and the person who finds the egg first wins Halliday's fortune.

Bonnie Bart is retiring!

One of TBBL's long time reader advisors is retiring at the end of April. She has been working here at the State Library for over 15 years. Bonnie has enjoyed working with the patrons and the staff of TBBL. She plans to travel and spend more time with her family, especially her three grandkids. She will finally be able to devote quality time to home, garden, and creative projects. We wish Bonnie all the best!

Books and Beyond

A Section for Children and Teens

Summer Reading Program 2022

“Oceans of Possibilities” is the 2022 Summer Reading Program slogan and the theme is all about oceanography and life in the oceans. TBBL will offer four youth programs: Children’s, Teen’s, STEM, and Read-To-Me. Invitations will be mailed out April 20, and the program begins May 15, 2022. A gracious thank you to the Jones Foundation for providing this year’s Summer Reading Program prizes!

From Crib to Crayons

The TBBL Early Literacy Program *From Crib to Crayons* will start on June 15, 2022. Designed for children ages 0-6, six literacy packets will be sent throughout the year 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/play motivation, letter knowledge, narrative skills, and vocabulary. Invitations will be mailed out May 15, 2022. For information, contact the Children’s and Teen Services Librarian, Charlene Moore at 225.342.9563, tbblkids@slol.lib.la.us. This program is made possible through the generous support of the Jones Foundation. Braille services provided this year through the Louisiana Accessible Educational Materials Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

BELL Academy Returns in Person

The NFB BELL Academy—which stands for National Federation of the Blind Braille Enrichment for Literacy

and Learning— helps blind and low-vision children, ages four through twelve, develop the literacy skills that will empower them to achieve their academic goals and live the lives they want. The BELL Academy will be offered in person at the Louisiana Center for the Blind June 5-11, 2022. The virtual session will be offered August 5-18, 2022. For registration information, visit <http://www.nfb-la.org/nfb-bell-of-louisiana>, or contact the Louisiana BELL Academy Coordinator Krystal Guillory by email at kguillory@louisianacenter.org or call 318.245.8955.

Youth Virtual Hangout

The Youth Virtual Hangout, is an Initiative of the Louisiana Parent Training & Information Center/Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans. It's an opportunity for youth and young adults, ages 16-26, with disabilities and other health conditions to network, share experiences and resources with each other on a monthly basis. For more information, contact FHF Youth Virtual Hangout meeting facilitator Steven Nguyen at 504.345.9184 or by email at snguyen@fhfogn.org. Registration forms are also available here: <https://forms.gle/A9ddG17NRLrekJVQ8>.

Exceptional Lives Webinar Series

Exceptional Lives will be hosting a webinar series, *Real Talk about Disabilities*, that will run through April 2022. The topics are geared to families, particularly those of color, and care-givers of both children and young adults with disabilities. Hear from providers

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and educators on topics like building life skills, addressing mental health, becoming a great parent advocate, and the crossed paths of Black history and disability history. Take a look at the entire list of available webinars at <https://www.exceptionallives.org/webinars>. All webinars are free and are recorded for future viewing.

Louisiana Youth Writing Contest

The Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana is sponsoring LA Writes, a writing contest for kindergarten through 12th grade students. Louisiana students may submit poetry, fiction, and nonfiction in both French and English. Electronic entries will be accepted through May 31, 2022.

Winners will be notified by September 1 and will be honored at a ceremony held during the Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge on October 29. Entry/release forms with further information are available on the Louisiana Writes website at www.lawrites.org. Send submissions to Dr. Ann B. Dobie at louisianawritescontest@gmail.com.

Free Education Websites for Kids

Science Bob makes science fun for kids explaining various scientific concepts using video demos of experiments. Available at <https://sciencebob.com>.

Scratch is the world's largest free coding community for kids. Young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively. Available at <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

TeenBookCloud, available through the State Library of Louisiana website, offers a selection of ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, and science videos for

grades 6-12. Available through the Louisiana Library Connection at <http://lalibcon.state.lib.la.us/>

TumbleBookLibrary, available through the State Library of Louisiana website, offers a selection of audiobooks and activities for grades K-6. Available through the Louisiana Library Connection at <http://lalibcon.state.lib.la.us/>

Earth Day Reads

Earth Day is Friday April 22. The theme this year is *Invest in Our Planet*.

Preschool-Grade 2

LP25676 *Ducks Don't Get Wet* by Augusta R. Goldin.

DB92013 *Mrs. Peanuckle's Alphabet Series* by Mrs. Peanuckle.

Grades 2-4

BRC01830, DBC06726, LP25166 *Compost Stew* by Mary McKenna Siddals.

BR22728, DB95064, LP26367 A *Squirrely Situation* by Jacqueline Kelly.

Grades 4-7

DB70197, LP24172 *Rachel Carson* by Patricia Lantier.

BR20711, DB80913 *Sniffer Dogs* by Nancy F. Castaldo.

Grades 6-9

DB94669, LP26279 *The Line Tender* by Kate Allen.

BR11315, DB44786 *Our Fascinating Earth* by Philip Seff.

DB37973, LP008236 *The Andromeda Strain* by Michael Crichton.

Support our TBBL friends organization

The Jones Foundation acknowledges the following donor for her generous contribution:

Ruth Bruns

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.

The Jones Foundation is seeking board members. The board meets three times a year in Baton Rouge. Call Shelia Coleman if you would like to be considered for a board position.

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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Audio books and magazines
Braille books and magazines
Large print books and big books
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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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