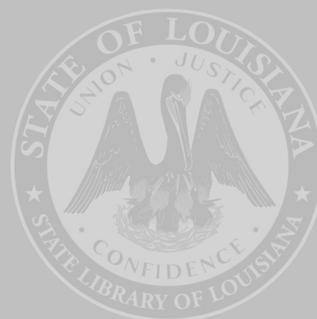


Louisiana Hotlines



A Newsletter of the State Library of Louisiana
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Holiday Closings

July 4 Independence Day
September 4 Labor Day

Still time to take the TBBL Survey

There is still time to participate in the biennial TBBL survey. If you haven't given your feedback yet, please call your reader adviser to take the survey over the phone. To complete the survey online, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/TBBL2017.

We appreciate your feedback. Rest assured we take it very seriously and use it to better serve you.

Mark your calendars

This year's Louisiana Book Festival will be held on October 28, 2017, in and around the State Library of Louisiana in Baton Rouge.

BARD Express

BARD Express is a Windows-based application that simplifies the process of searching for, downloading, and transferring audio materials to a cartridge or USB flash drive (no more having to unzip files). BARD Express is

designed for use on personal computers running Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, and 10. It does not run on Macintosh computers.

NLS has posted helpful how-to videos for BARD Express. You can find them at: <http://www.state.lib.la.us/special-services/talking-books-and-braille-library/videos-about-tbbl-services>.

Please call your reader adviser if you would like more information about BARD Express.

Not too late for Adult Summer Reading Program

It's not too late to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program.

The TBBL 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program runs from May 1st through August 31st.

If you complete the program by reading 20 books you will be entered into a drawing to win a set of headphones



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compatible with your NLS digital book player.

We will choose 50 lucky winners from the list of those who have read at least 20 books by August 31.

To sign up, simply contact your reader advisor and start reading!

ABL 2017 State Convention

Affiliated Blind of Louisiana Inc. is inviting you to join them for their 2017 State Convention from Friday, September 22nd through Sunday, September 24th.

You can pre-register for \$55.00 online and use Pay Pal to pay by Tuesday, August 22, 2017. After this date, registration is \$65.00 on-site. All major credit cards are accepted. NOTE: Children 12 and under admitted free.

If you register and pay before August 22, 2017, your name will be entered into a drawing for two free nights at the convention hotel!

Once registered, Pay Pal will send you a receipt for your payment and ABL will email you the convention agenda and other information. All ABL Convention fees are non-refundable.

The Convention Hotel is:

Sam's Town Hotel and Casino
315 Clyde Fant Parkway
Shreveport, LA 71101

Room Rates are \$95.00 per night for singles, doubles, triples and quads. Please note the maximum of 4 guests per room. Make your reservations with

the hotel at 877.429.0711. Identify yourself as an ABL Convention Participant and mention our group code SH09AB. Rates and availability cannot be guaranteed after August 31, 2017.

For more information, or to register go to www.affiliatedblind.org/ablstatecon.

A representative from the Talking Books and Braille Library will be there.

Five new network-produced digital audio books

DBC11883 *Rave On: The Biography of Buddy Holly* by Norman Philip.

Songs like *That'll Be the Day* and *Peggy Sue* made Texan Buddy Holly a rock-and-roll star; his death at 22 in a 1959 plane crash made him a legend. His most enduring legacy was the effect that his 1958 tour had on a generation of British musicians who would soon incorporate what they heard into a musical phenomenon that would change the entertainment business. British writer Philip Norman, author of biographies of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, had access to previously unavailable sources, including contracts and other documents owned by Norman Petty, the studio owner and record producer who brought Holly to prominence. This carefully researched biography offers new insights into Holly's brief life and his place in popular culture. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language.

DBC03087 *The Normal Christian Life* by Watchman Nee.

An early leader in what became China's

phenomenal house church movement, Watchman Nee (1903-1972) spent the last 20 years of his life in a communist prison. First published in Bombay in 1957, his powerful meditation brings the daily reality of following Christ into sharp focus. This edition includes biographical information about the author, as well as about previous editions of this book.

DBC05669 *Thoughts in Solitude*
by Thomas Merton.

Thoughtful, eloquent, and as timely now as when it was originally published in 1956, this book of meditations addresses the pleasure of a solitary life, as well as the necessity for quiet reflection in an age when so little is private. These reflections were written in 1953-54 at the Abbey of Gethsemane, near Bardstown KY. The book is divided into two parts: *Aspects of the Spiritual Life*, and *The Love of Solitude*.

DBC05780 *Blood Bond*
by William W. Johnstone.

Matt Bodine and his half-Cheyenne blood brother Sam Two Wolves know that war is coming to the northern territories. While they determine whether their allegiance lies with the Indians or the U.S. Army in the summer of 1876, Custer's men and the tribes converge by the Little Bighorn River. Some strong language and some violence.

DBC00564 *Iron Kissed*
by Patricia Briggs

Shapeshifting mechanic Mercy Thompson finds her loyalty sorely tested when her former boss and mentor

is arrested for murder and left to rot behind bars by his own kind, while she is trying to choose between Sam and Adam, the two werewolves she loves. Some violence, some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

Recent Bestsellers

DB83545 *NYPD Red 4*
by James Patterson.

At a Manhattan movie premiere, a starlet arrives dripping in millions of dollars' worth of loaned jewelry. After a sudden, loud noise, a vicious crime occurs with millions of witnesses and no suspect. Enter NYPD Red--the elite task force assigned to protect the rich, famous, and connected. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

DB85353 *Dream Home: The Property Brothers' Ultimate Guide to Finding & Fixing Your Perfect House*
by Jonathan Scott.

Identical twin brothers and stars of television show Property Brothers, among other home improvement shows, share lessons they have learned as they built their real-estate business. Discuss purchasing properties, home renovation, and selling a home-including determining a budget, identifying contractors, and staging design. Bestseller. 2016.

DB83353 *Avenue of Mysteries*
by John Irving.

On a trip to the Philippines to fulfill an old promise, novelist Juan Diego finds himself thinking about his childhood in Mexico and his sister Lupe, a mind

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reader who could occasionally predict the future but always knew your past. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2015.

DB81051 *You Can, You Will: Eight Undeniable Qualities of a Winner* by Joel Osteen.

Television pastor and author of Break Out! (DB 77664) enumerates eight principles he believes are the hallmarks of winners. Discusses having the creative vision to dream big, being able to focus on your goals, maintaining a positive mindset, expecting the best of yourself, and more. Bestseller. 2014.

DB80120 *Jesus on trial: A lawyer affirms the truth of the Gospel* by David Limbaugh.

Attorney and brother of conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh analyzes the reliability and truthfulness of the Christian Bible. Addresses concerns and challenges raised by skeptics. Discusses archaeological support for the text and asserts that Christianity is compatible with the scientific method. Bestseller. 2014.

DB083265 *I'll Never Write My Memoirs* by Grace Jones.

Legendary influential performer Grace Jones offers a revealing account of her spectacular career and turbulent life, charting the development of a persona that has made her one of the world's most recognizable artists. As a singer, model, and actress—a deluxe triple threat—Grace has consistently been an extreme, challenging presence in the entertainment world since her emer-

gence as an international model in the 1970s. Celebrated for her audacious talent and trailblazing style, Grace became one of the most unforgettable, free-spirited characters to emerge from the historic Studio 54, recording glittering disco classics such as “I Need a Man” and “La Vie en Rose.” Her provocative shows in underground New York nightclubs saw her hailed as a disco queen, gay icon, and gender defying iconoclast. Bestseller. 2015.

How to Get Weather Alerts

The AccuWeather information service is offered on NFB-NEWSLINE, giving blind and print-disabled people instant access to emergency weather alerts.

NFB-NEWSLINE offers both seven-day weather forecasts as well as emergency weather alerts. These weather alerts are localized to your zip code, or using your GPS for the NFB-NEWSLINE iOS Mobile App. Now if you hear the emergency tones on your television and are unable to read the message scrolling on the screen, you can log into NFB-NEWSLINE and the weather emergency will be provided to you immediately.

NFB-NEWSLINE is a free audible newspaper and magazine reading service that provides information to blind and print-disabled readers over the telephone, online and on the iPhone. For more information or to register for NFB-NEWSLINE visit www.nfbnewsline.org, email nfbnewsline@nfb.org, or call 1.866.504.7300.

Books and Beyond

A section for children and teens



Summer reading update

Our summer reading program for children and teen's started May 1st, but there is still time to sign up. Just read six books or magazines by Thursday, August 31 and turn in your reading log to receive a free wooden Jacob's ladder and royal blue "Build a Better World" t-shirt. Mail your summer reading invitation to Charlene Moore in TBBL, call 225.342.9563 or email tbblkids@state.lib.la.us to register.

Enjoy summer reading activities online

Try out these websites offering fun and educational activities that go along with the 2017 summer reading theme, "Build a Better World."

- Visit the PBS website for kids to play a variety of games and watch educational videos. www.pbskids.org

- Play interesting and interactive games with Braille Bug. <http://braillebug.afb.org>
- Discover how the body works with educational games, quizzes, and videos on Kids Health. <http://kidshealth.org/en/kids/center/htbw-main-page.html>
- Don't miss out on Tumble Books Library Read-alongs. To access these resources, go to the Louisiana Library Connection service at <http://lalibcon.state.lib.la.us/> and scroll down to find the TumbleBookLibrary link. If asked, enter your public library card number.
- Learn how to make a secretly hollow book. www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-a-Secret-Hollow-Book/?ALLSTEPS
- Create your own online games and stories on Scratch. <https://scratch.mit.edu/>
- Make your own herb garden. <https://garden.org/learn/library/foodguide/>
- Check out Bedtime Math with the new free app. <http://bedtimemath.org/apps/>

Suggested titles for summer reading

Grades preschool-grade 2

BR1428, BR19536, DB43675, *A Child's Garden of Verses* by Robert Louis Stevenson. A selection of musical poems first published in England in 1885.

BR7951, DB44900, LP19992, *A Kiss for Little Bear* by Else H. Minarik

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Grandmother is so happy with Little Bear's picture that she sends him back a kiss.

BB334, DB55563, *A Letter to Amy* by Ezra Jack Keats

Peter wants to invite Amy to his birthday party but he wants it to be a surprise.

Grades 2-4

DB49410, LP22928, *26 Fairmount Avenue* by Tomie DePaola

The children's author describes his friends, relatives, adventures, and the building of his new family home when he was five.

BR21015, DB82083, *A Boy and His Jaguar* by Alan Rabinowitz

Author discusses his lifelong struggle with stuttering and how his love of animals helped him learn to communicate better, propelling him into a career in wildlife advocacy.

BR11597, DBC2456, *Alice Ramsey's Grand Adventure* by Don Brown

On June 9, 1909, Alice Ramsey and three other women left New York City to drive across America in a Maxwell automobile. The book describes the small towns, farms, railroad tracks, rivers, and mountains they passed along the way.

Grades 4-7

BRC1117, DB53193, *101 Ways to Bug Your Parents* by Lee Wardlaw

Thinking up ways to pester his parents gives Steve, also called Sneeze, a great idea for a moneymaking book.

BR18360, DBC05769, *11 Birthdays* by Wendy Mass

Amanda and Leo have not spoken to each other since an argument on their 10th birthday. Peculiar events bring them together on their 11th birthday.

BR20968, DB82133, *A Handful of Stars* by Cynthia Lord

When her blind dog, Lucky, slips his collar, twelve-year-old Lily meets Salma Santiago, a young Hispanic girl whose migrant family is in Maine for the blueberry-picking season.

Grades 5-8 and YA

BR15855, DB60158, *A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968* by Diane McWhorter

Concise history of the civil rights struggle by a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer who in 1963 was a sixth-grader living in Birmingham, Alabama. Some strong language.

BR12129, DB50305, LP12126, *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck

In eight short stories an old man reminisces about the week each summer he and his little sister spent with his grandmother.

BRC737, DB56666, *A Mango-Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass

Eighth-grader Mia has been keeping a secret—even from her best friend, Jenna, ever since third grade, when she realized that not everyone sees a color for each name, number, and sound.

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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:

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1131 N. River Road
Port Allen, LA 70767

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For meeting information call
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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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Fax: 225.342.6817

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Braille service: 800.453.4293

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10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Phone hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Eligibility

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