

# Louisiana Hotlines



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## Holiday Closings

July 3 Independence Day  
Sept. 7 Labor Day

## 2020 Adult Summer Reading Program

It's not too late to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program. It started on May 1, 2020, and will run through August 31. The theme this year is "Imagine Your Story". The prize this year is a DVD. If you complete the program by reading 20 books, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of 25 copies of the DVD entitled *A Dog's Purpose*, starring Dennis Quaid, Josh Gad, Britt Robertson, and KJ Apa. This movie is rated PG and tells the story, from the perspective of a devoted dog, of how he discovers the meaning of his own existence through the lives of the humans he teaches to laugh and love.

This DVD has a special feature called DVS that can be turned on or off at will. DVS stands for Descriptive Video Service and makes the video accessible to blind and visually impaired individuals. During the natural pauses in the dialogue, a narrator describes the essential visual elements of the scene.

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 an optional 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 the DVD. 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 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!

## New BookTalk Selection

by *Sneha Padumane*

Hi BookTalkers. Hope everyone is doing well and staying safe! We have selected a new title for BookTalks:

**DB096665** *The Bookshop on the Corner* by Jenny Colgan.

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Downsizing has left English librarian, Nina, out of a job, but she is not willing to give up on her love of finding people their perfect book. While on vacation in a small village in Scotland, she impulsively buys a van and opens a mobile bookshop.

I thought *The Bookshop on the Corner* was a sweet book! Hopefully, you think it's a fun summer read!

### 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!

### Summer 2020 Book Recommendations

**DB94175** *Daisy Jones & the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Daisy Jones, the daughter of a painter and a model, comes of age on L. A.'s Sunset Strip in the 1960s. As she falls into the rock 'n'

roll scene, she joins forces with an up-and-coming band, The Six. The pairing becomes legendary.

**DB88202** *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. The five Foss children are left alone at home in 1930s Mississippi and subsequently kidnapped by notorious child dealer Georgia Tann. In the present day, Avery Stafford meets elderly May--who used to be Rill Foss and is the sister of Avery's Grandma Judy. Avery investigates her family's history.

**DB93842** *The Last Equation of Isaac Severy* by Nova Jacobs. After mathematician Isaac Severy dies of an apparent suicide, his adopted granddaughter Hazel receives a letter from him. Isaac alludes to a secretive organization that is after his final bombshell equation, and he charges Hazel with safely delivering it to a trusted colleague.

**DB78150** *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. Socially stunted geneticist Don Tillman embarks on an endeavor he calls the Wife Project. As he quantifies the qualities of a perfect wife, he encounters Rosie, who seeks Don's help in identifying her real father.

### New features added for BARD Mobile

NLS has recently updated BARD Mobile for iOS to incorporate many exciting new features. BARD Mobile for iOS additions include:

- Simultaneous downloading
- Braille autoscroll with user-adjustable speed
- Quick switching between titles

- AirPlay support
- Clearer indication of whether a book is braille or audio when viewed in a list
- Magazine and series subscription management

One of the most exciting features is how much easier it is to find books similar to your current book. From any list of books, you can easily select a book and find other books by the same author, in the same series, and on the same subject. Here's how:

1. Open a list of books such as a bookshelf category, your wish list, or Recently Added to BARD.
2. Find a book that interests you.
3. If you use VoiceOver, touch the book title and flick up or down. You will move through a set of options called an action menu. The menu wraps, so you will eventually reach all the options whether you flick up or down. Most of the options are the same regardless of the book list you are in, but some vary from one list to another. For instance, if a book is not on your device, there's a Download option. If it is not in your wish list, there's an Add to Wish List option. And if it is on your device, there's a Delete option.
4. All action menus include these options:
  - All books by [author's name]. If there is more than one author, each author has a separate entry.
  - All books in [subject]. If there is more than one subject, each subject has a separate entry.

- All books in [series] if the book is in a series.

5. Double-tap when you get to the option you want. A screen opens that lists the books in that category.

Note that every book on this new screen has the same options as in other lists. This makes it easy to download multiple books by the same author or in the same series or add them to your wish list.

If you don't use VoiceOver, or you do not want to use the action menu, you can reach the same options as follows:

1. Choose the More Info button to the right of the book of interest.
2. Choose the More Actions button to the right of the author's name, just below the title. A screen opens that lists all the options discussed above, as well as a Cancel button at the bottom.
3. Choose the option you want.

If your book is in a series, the final option before Cancel is a Subscribe button that allows you to subscribe to the series. If you do, any new books in the series are automatically added to your wish list when they are posted to BARD.

As you can see, it is now easy to find and download multiple related books. Please remember, though, that these books are not going anywhere, and you do not need to download them all at once. You can add them to your wish list and download them when you are ready to read them.

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## The Census wants to hear from you!

Have you filled out your Census survey yet? Answers to Census questions will determine how government entities allocate services and funds for the next ten years, and we want to make sure you are counted. The US Census Bureau mailed letters to every American household in March, inviting them to participate in the Census. Whether or not you received your letter, you can fill out the Census online at <https://my2020.census.gov/> or over the telephone by calling 1.844.330.2020.

## Tax filing day postponed to July 15

Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the IRS has postponed the due date for filing federal tax returns from April 15 to July 15. For more information, read the IRS press release at <https://go.usa.gov/xvTCN> or the IRS FAQ at <https://go.usa.gov/xvTCn>. Accessible versions of IRS forms and publications may be found at [www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/accessible-irs-tax-products](http://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/accessible-irs-tax-products).

The IRS postponement affects federal taxes only. You should consult your state tax agency for details about whether your state tax deadlines have also been postponed.

## NFB-NEWSLINE

Patrons trying to stay abreast of the news may be interested in NFB-NEWSLINE, a free audio news service. Subscribers can access NFB-NEWSLINE via phone, email, Amazon Alexa, or iOS Mobile App. For information on how to subscribe, call 1.866.504.7300 or visit [www.nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-newsline](http://www.nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-newsline).

## Audie Award Winners

The 2020 Audie Awards were announced this week. The following are some of the the winning commercial audiobooks titles NLS offers.

**Audiobook of the Year:** *The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11* by Garrett M. Graff (DB96933).

**Best Female Narrator:** *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson (DB97315).

**Best Male Narrator:** *Kingdom of the Blind* by Louise Penny (DB92965)

**Author Narrated:** *With Fire on High* by Elizabeth Acevedo (DB95376)

**Mystery:** *The Chestnut Man* by Soren Svestrup (DB97654)

**History/Biography:** *American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race* by Douglas Brinkley (DB94870)

**Fantasy:** *Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix E. Harrow (DB96852)

**Multi-Voice Performance:** *The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11* by Garrett M. Graff (DB96933)

**Romance:** *Devil's Daughter* by Lisa Kleypas (DB94678)

**Short Story Collection:** *Full Throttle* by Joe Hill (DB97124)

## New Yorker now available in audio

*The New Yorker*, a weekly magazine that mixes journalism and essays with fiction and poetry, will return to the list of magazines available in audio from NLS. Patrons using BARD service can download it. BARD Mobile users can subscribe to the magazine and new issues will be added to the wish list.

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## **Books and Beyond A Section for Children and Teens**

### **Summer Reading Update 2020**

Our Summer Reading Program for children and teens started June 1, but there is still time to sign up. Everyone who participates will receive a Grab 'n' Go Summer Packet with a Welcome Folder, reading log, activities, craft ideas, and reading incentives. Just read books or magazines by Friday, August 31, and turn in your reading log to receive a free "Imagine Your Story" t-shirt, Reading Certificate, and other incentive prizes. Send in your summer reading invitation, or contact Charlene Moore at 225.342.9563, or email [tbblkids@state.lib.la.us](mailto:tbblkids@state.lib.la.us) to register. Many thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing this year's summer reading program prizes.

### **Summer Reading Activities On Line**

Here is a list of websites offering fun and educational activities that go along with the 2020 Summer Reading theme, "Imagine Your Story."

How to make paper dolls with downloadable patterns. <https://www.diynetwork.com/how-to/make-and-decorate/crafts/how-to-make-paper-dolls-with-downloadable-patterns>

Create duct tape flip-flops. <https://www.instructables.com/id/Duct-Tape-Flip-Flops/>

How to make glycerin soap. <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-Glycerin-Soap>

Do-it-Yourself bath bombs. <https://diyprojectsforteens.com/diy-bath-bombs-recipe/>

Blend your own calming tea. <https://www.countrycleaver.com/2016/03/diy-tea-blends-5-ways.html>

Check out the newest Harry Potter news. [www.wizardingworld.com/](http://www.wizardingworld.com/) Play interesting and interactive games with Braille Bug. <http://braillebug.afb.org>

Check out Bedtime Math and use the new free app <http://bedtimemath.org/apps/>

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.

### **NFB BELL Academy In-Home Edition**

Two virtual programs of the National Federation of the Blind's BELL Academy will be offered June 22, through July 3, 2020 and July 27, through August 7, 2020. Each registered student will receive materials to complete all lessons via mail. Each day, during the two-week session, there will be two opportunities to connect via web or phone with an experienced teacher. This gives students and families the chance to ask questions and get to know each other. To learn more about the NFB of Louisiana BELL Academy, contact Krystal Guillory by email at [kguillory@louisianacenter.org](mailto:kguillory@louisianacenter.org) or call 318.245.8955.

### **2020 Louisiana Readers' Choice Nominees**

The 2020 Louisiana Readers' Choice Program is a reading enrichment

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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 grades 9-12. Students read from the nominated titles during 2020-2021 and vote on their favorite by February 1, 2021. To qualify, students must be from Louisiana and have read three of the titles in the appropriate grade category. You can help decide who will win! To cast your vote, call 1.800.543.4702.

TBBL has copies of these **LYRC** titles.

### **Grades 3-5:**

**DB90433** *All That Trash: The Story of the 1987 Garbage Barge and Our Problem with Stuff* by Meghan McCarthy

**DB90207** *Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery* by Sandra Neil Wallace

**DB90621** *The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!)* by Barry Wittenstein

**BR22315, DB90916** *Charlie and Frog* by Karen Kane

**DB90917** *Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story* by Joseph Bruchac

**BR22340, DB91759** *Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13* by Helaine Becker

**DB93510** *Hammering for Freedom* by Rita Lorraine Hubbard

**DB92716** *Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment* by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

**DB90950** *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty

### **Grades 6-8:**

**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

### **Teen Readers' Choice:**

Teens must read two selections from the nominated title list in order to vote.

**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** *The Price of Duty* by Todd Strasser

**DB93056** *Pride* by Ibi Zoboi

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## **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.

### **Library services**

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