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Holiday closings

July 5 Independence Day
Sept. 6 Labor Day

Adult Summer Reading Program Update

It's not too late to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program. It started on May 1, 2021, and will run through August 31. The theme this year is "Tails & Tales."

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 30 lucky winners from the list of those who have read at least 20 books. Special thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing the headphones!

New Title for BookTalks

Our BookTalks Summer Book Selection will be:

DB94667 *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb.

A psychotherapist and advice columnist gives a behind-the-scenes look at the therapeutic process. Shares details of her work at her Los Angeles practice and discusses the emotional crisis that led her to begin therapy herself.

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

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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!

Sunny Summer Book Recommendations

by Sneha Padumane

DB99724 *Beach Read*

by Emily Henry.

January Andrews is a romance writer who no longer believes in love. Augustus Everett is a celebrated literary writer stuck in a rut. When the two writers wind up in neighboring beach houses, they decide to try an experiment and swap genres.

DB72129 *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand.

Details the life of Louis Zamperini, an Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, who survived a plane crash

and forty-seven days adrift at sea only to become a POW in Japan. Relates Louis's later religious awakening under Billy Graham's ministry.

DB92278 *Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows* by Balli Kaur Jaswal.

After spending much of her twenty-two years distancing herself from her Sikh heritage, Nikki Grewal finds a spot volunteering to teach creative writing at a community center in London's close-knit Punjabi community. A group calling itself the "moral police" soon threatens the growing class.

DB82098 *Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life* by William Finnegan.

Memoir of an obsession and a way of life by a writer who started surfing as a child. Describes chasing waves all over the world, wandering for years through the South Pacific, Australia, Asia, and Africa. Details the intricacies of famous waves and his own apprenticeships to them.

DB95467 *Mrs. Everything*

by Jennifer Weiner.

Two sisters' lives unfold against the background of free love, Vietnam, and women's lib. Bethie becomes an adventure-loving wild child who dives headlong into the counterculture. Meanwhile, Jo becomes a proper young mother in Connecticut, a witness to the changing world instead of a participant.

Free screen magnification tool available

Patrons who are low vision may find the free Magnifixer screen magnification tool useful. Developed by Blacksun

Software, it runs on Windows and offers dozens of zoom levels, a color picker, and color identification. Magnifixer works by displaying a small magnification window, which can be locked in place or dragged to specific locations on the screen. To learn more, visit www.blacksoftware.com/screenmagnifier.html.

Monthly accessibility webinars available from Freedom Scientific

The Freedom Scientific Training department conducts training events every month. They'll teach you the basics of their products and even show you a few tricks to try with Fusion, JAWS, and ZoomText. Webinars are normally held on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 am Central time. For more information and to see upcoming webinar topics, visit <https://www.freedomscientific.com/training/freewebinars/>.

New QR code app designed for people who are blind

Patrons who use or struggle with traditional QR codes (square barcodes that can be read by a mobile device camera) may find the new NaviLens app useful. Designed for people who are blind, it uses a different kind of QR code that can be detected from 60 feet away and across a 160-degree range, reducing the need to precisely point a phone at a target. The app is free and allows users to print customized codes for labeling purposes. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York

has also adopted NaviLens codes to increase ease of navigation by blind public transportation users. For more information, visit www.navilens.com.

Directory of accessible technology podcasts available

Patrons interested in podcasts dedicated to the discussion of accessibility may find the directory maintained by Top Tech Tidbits useful. It can be accessed at www.toptechtidbits.com/blind-and-visually-impaired-technology-podcast-directory.html.

A separate directory of listservs focused on accessible technology can be found at <https://www.toptechtidbits.com/blind-and-visually-impaired-technology-listserv-directory.html>.

Accessible Pharmacy offers home delivery and consultations

Launched in 2020, Accessible Pharmacy is a home delivery pharmacy specializing in the needs of blind and low vision individuals. It offers more than ten different types of packaging, including ScripTalk, as well as patient education services. For more information, visit www.accessiblepharmacy.com or call 215.799.9900. Accessible Pharmacy has also formed a partnership with Be My Eyes, and its experts can be accessed through the Specialized Help section on the Be My Eyes app for patrons who already subscribe to that service.

Books and Beyond A Section for Children and Teens

Summer Reading Time 2021

Take time to enjoy your summer with a good book. Our Summer Reading Program packets for Children and Teens started going out on 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 "Tails & Tales" 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 to register. Many thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing this year's summer reading program prizes.

NFB BELL Academy In-Home Edition

Two virtual programs of the National Federation of the Blind's BELL Academy will be offered July 19-30, and August 9-20, 2021. 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 or call 318.245.8955.

Exciting Summer Reading News

We are excited to announce that Wolfner Library is inviting our young Louisiana patrons to an upcoming series of youth summer reading ZOOM events. Beginning June 7, nine ZOOM events related to the summer reading slogan, "Tails and Tales" will be available for our TBBL patrons ages 0-19, their families, caregivers, and teachers.

Visit <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/summer-reading> and scroll down to "ZOOM Events" to find the hosted events for youth and the registration links. This is not only a great way for kids to learn about animals, it's also a great way for them to meet other kids just like them from across the country!

Each summer reading event will be recorded and posted two days after the live event on Wolfner's summer reading website.

For more information, contact Youth Services Librarian Lisa Hellman at 573.526.1144, or email at Lisa.Hellman@sos.mo.gov.

Summer Reading Activities On-Line

Here is a list of websites offering fun and educational activities that go along with the 2021 Summer Reading theme, "Tails & Tales."

- Make your own herb garden. <https://garden.org/learn/library/foodguide/>
- Play interesting and interactive games with **Braille Bug**. <https://braillebug.org/>
- Check out **Bedtime Math** and use the new free app <http://bedtimemath.org/apps/>
- If you have an interest in keeping a Betta fish aquarium, check out *Top Tips for keeping a healthy Betta fish!* by KG Tropicals, available on Youtube.
- 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.
- Try **Scratch**, a free coding language and online community where you can create your own interactive stories, games, and animations—and share your creations with others around the world. Go to <https://scratch.mit.edu/about>

- Love hippos? Watch **The Fiona Show** from the Cincinnati Zoo, now available on Youtube.

2021 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Nominees

The 2021 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice program is a reading enrichment 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 Teen Readers' Choice for grades 9-12.

Students read from the nominated titles during 2021-2022 and vote on their favorite by March 1, 2022.

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:

Animal Stories

BR22693, DB94979 *Because of the Rabbit* by Cynthia Lord

DB97011 *Stay* by Bobbie Pyron

Biography

DB97218 *Just like Beverly* by Vicki Conrad

Fantasy Adventure

DB95482 *Spark* by Sarah Beth Durst

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Humorous Adventure

DB101480 *Max and the MidKnights*
by Lincoln Peirce

DB96177 *Tito the Bonecrusher*
by Melissa Thomson

School Stories

DB93595 *The Friendship War*
by Andrew Clement

DB93862 *Operation Frog Effect*
by Sarah Lynn Scheerger

Grades 6-8:

Family Stories

DB93908 *Genesis Begins Again* by
Alicia D. Williams

DB94721 *The Remarkable Journey of
Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart

Fantasy Adventure

DB94644 *The Strangers*
by Margaret Peterson Haddix

DB97719 *Tristan Strong Punches a
Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia

School Stories

DB94151 *New Kid* by Jerry Craft

DB95019, LP26276 *The Next Great
Paulie Fink* by Ali Benjamin

Social Issues

DB99006 *Maybe He just likes You*
by Barbara Dee

DB96396 *Other Words for Home*
by Jasmine Warga

Teen Readers' Choice:

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

Biography

DB98095 *Ordinary Hazards*
by Nikki Grimes

Family Story

BR22770, DB95376 *With the Fire on
High* by Elizabeth Acevedo

Historical Fiction

DB96993 *The Downstairs Girl*
by Stacey Lee

Mystery

DB93762 *Two Can Keep a Secret*
by Karen M. McManus

Social Issues

DB99185 *Slay* by Brittney Morris

Suspense Thriller

DB96003 *Patron Saints of Nothing*
by Randy Ribay



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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, 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
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Phone numbers

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Braille service: 800.453.4293

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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.

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Audio books and magazines
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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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