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Holiday closings

July 4 Independence Day
Sept. 5 Labor Day

2022 Adult Summer Reading Program Reminder

It's not too late to sign up for the 2022 Adult Summer Reading Program. It started on May 1, 2022, and will run through August 31. The theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities."

To sign up, simply contact your reader advisor! If you would like, we will mail you a reading log to keep track of the books you have read, or we can keep track for you. Once you have read 20 books, call your reader advisor to let them know, and your name will be entered into the drawing.

If you complete the program by reading 20 books, you will be entered into a drawing to win a Handheld 10X Magnifying Glass (4 inches wide) with a non-slip handle.

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. Special thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing the magnifying glasses!

NFB National Convention

The National Federation of the Blind's National Convention is the largest gathering of blind people in the world. The 2022 Convention will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 5 to July 10 at the New Orleans Marriott at 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. If you have questions, please contact NFB at 410.659.9314 or nfb@nfb.org.

Braille scanner app available

Patrons who are early braille learners may be interested in Braille Scanner, a new free app for iOS that can convert images of braille documents to text. Voiceover can then read the text aloud. For more information, find Braille Scanner in the App Store.

New Title for BookTalks

Our BookTalks Summer Book Selection will be:

(DB097650) ***Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain*** by Dr. John Ratey.

Psychiatrist explains how elevating heart rate and breaking a sweat can beat stress, lift mood, fight memory loss, and sharpen intellect by physically remodeling the brain for peak performance. Presents research and case studies to illustrate the mind-body connection.

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.

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. This will make it more convenient to read the book and participate in the discussion.

Hope to hear from you soon!

NLS Patron Corner Event via Zoom

On June 13, at 6:00 p.m., the Patron Engagement Section at the National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Print Disabled at the Library of Congress will hold the first event of their Patron Corner programming. Each quarterly program will provide an opportunity for patrons to learn more about various services directly from NLS staff. **The topic for the June 13 session is Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Collection Selection, but Did Not Have the Vehicle to Ask.** Our guests will be members of the Collections Division at NLS who are responsible for selecting the books in the NLS collection. Bring your questions and your thoughts about the NLS collection.

When you join this Zoom event, you will be in the waiting room until the program starts. Please stay on mute unless you are called on. If you want to ask a question, you may raise your hand by pressing Alt Y on your computer or Star 9 on your phone. Once you are called on, press Alt A on your computer or Star 6 on your phone to unmute yourself. Finally, this meeting will be recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, we ask that you avoid speaking during the session.

Meeting ID: 160 098 3343

Join the meeting at <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600983343?pwd=VW9tRWtwY3BsdHRac0s2MmJkN0RCZz09>

To join by phone, dial: +1 669 254 5252 or +1 646 828 7666 or +1 669 216 1590 or +1 551 285 1373.

Summer Book Recommendations

by Sneha Padumane

DB099724 *Beach Read* by Emily Henry.

January Andrews is a romance writer who no longer believes in love. August 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.

DB067808 *Maisie Dobbs* by Jacqueline Winspear.

Thirteen-year-old Maisie is lucky to be a maid in the home of a wealthy London suffragette who sees to her education. Maisie becomes a private investigator in 1929 after serving as a nurse during the Great War. Her first case involves a shelter for wounded veterans.

DB106540 *Atlas of the Heart* by Brene Brown.

The author looks at eighty-seven of the emotions and experiences that define what it means to be human. As she maps the necessary skills and an actionable framework for meaningful connection, she gives reader's tools to access a universe of new choices.

DB094415 *Summer at Little Beach Street Bakery* by Jenny Colgan.

Polly Waterford has a good life, including a handsome beekeeper boyfriend, a thriving bakery, and a home in a light-

house on a small island off the English coast. However, things start to change when a stranger arrives, threatening her business, and Polly must reconsider her choices.

DB103364 *On Juneteenth* by Annette Gordon-Reed.

A historian reflects on the long and complicated history of Juneteenth, a holiday celebrating the emancipation of America's enslaved. She examines its origins in Texas, the many hardships faced by African Americans in the intervening years, and the integral role of African Americans in Texas history.

DB088295 *The Essex Serpent* by Sarah Perry.

England, 1893. Newly widowed Cora Seaborne retreats from London to the Essex coast with her young son, Francis, and his maid, Martha. There, they encounter the mysterious presence of the Essex Serpent, which is supposedly preying on locals. Cora does not believe in myths and decides to investigate.

DB082438, BR021140 *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery

Naturalist explores the world, intelligence, and consciousness of octopuses. Describes her interactions with captive giant Pacific octopuses at the New England Aquarium in Boston, and her field investigations.

Louisiana Hangout Zoom Meeting

One of our TBBL patrons, Roberta Nevels, wants to invite other TBBL patrons to a scheduled Zoom meeting that she has every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. It's called the Louisiana Hangout Zoom Meeting. Roberta explains, "We are a group of people from Louisiana who like to make new friends or talk to old friends, inviting you to come join us for the hour or part of the hour. We are not part of any organization, nor are we starting one. These chat meetings are informal opportunities to get together in an open chat setting, and have good conversation."

Requirements for Louisiana Hangout:

1. You must be blind or have some kind of vision loss.
- 2 You must live in Louisiana or have lived in Louisiana in the past.
3. Please do not use inappropriate or offensive language while participating in the Zoom meeting.
4. You must have an internet connected phone or computer in order to download the Zoom meeting software.

If you want to attend, please contact Roberta Nevels by email at robnev@bellsouth.net, and she will send you a link to attend the Meeting. Please make sure you put the words "Louisiana Hangout" in the subject line of the email.

BBR to cease large-print publication at end of September 2022

Due to the worldwide paper shortage and declining subscriber numbers, the

last large-print issue of *Braille Book Review (BBR)* will be September–October 2022. This will not affect production of other accessible versions of *BBR*. It will remain available in hardcopy braille, ebraille, and HTML.

To subscribe to *BBR* in hardcopy braille, contact TBBL at 1.800.453.4293.

To subscribe to *BBR* in ebraille, visit BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download service, or BARD Mobile. If you do not already have a BARD account, visit www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/bard-access for instructions on how to sign up.

On the BARD website, select *Braille Book Review* (braille) in the drop-down menu Magazines by Title and then select *Subscribe to Braille Book Review* (braille). Individual issues can also be downloaded.

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To view *BBR* in HTML, visit www.loc.gov/nls/bbr.

Talking Book Topics

The same supply chain issues have also affected *Talking Book Topics (TBT)*, which ceased large-print publication after the January–February 2022 issue. *TBT* remains available in HTML and PDF at www.loc.gov/nls/tbt and in audio from BARD, BARD Mobile, or via by-mail magazine on cartridge subscription.

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

Summer Reading Time 2022

Our Summer Reading Program is currently underway. Packets for children and teens are going out, 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 "Oceans of Possibilities" 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.

From Crib to Crayons

The TBBL Early Literacy Program *From Crib to Crayons* will start in July. Designed for children ages 0-6, six bi-monthly literacy packets will be sent throughout the year to children and their parents. Each bi-monthly kit is focused on one of six early literacy skills. For more information, contact the Children's and Teen Services Librarian, Charlene Moore at 225-342-9563, tbblkids@state.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.

Enjoy Summer Reading Activities On-Line

Here is a list of websites offering fun and educational activities that go along with the 2022 Summer Reading theme, "Oceans of Possibilities."

Go to Dailymotion.com and watch the Reading Rainbow "Seashore Surprises" episode <https://bit.ly/3uq2HgB>

Check out the SciShow Kids "Sink or Float?" episode on YouTube, <https://bit.ly/3vtz1jN>

Visit ich.unesco.org and learn about the women divers of Jeju, <https://bit.ly/2RP9oLU>

Find out about the Top 10 Most Bizarre Deep Sea Creatures Ever Discovered on the Be Amazed YouTube channel, <https://bit.ly/3yFCePo>

Watch the Virtual Tour of the Titanic Wreck Guided Tour on YouTube, <https://bit.ly/2QVFiG2>

Make Mermaid Foot Scrub with this simple recipe from Ruffles and Rain Boots, <https://rufflesandrainboots.com/mermaid-foot-scrub/>

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. <https://braillebug.org/>

Do Your Books Need an Upgrade?

Hey kids! Ms. Charlene Moore, the Children and Teen Services Librarian, would love to hear from you. Whether you read a lot or a little, update your reading profile by letting her know when there are changes in any of the following:

- Grade level in school
- Reading interests or reading level
- Whether you want to select your own books or have us select books for you
- The number of books you would like to receive and how often
- Whether you would like books in a different format such as large print, audio or braille.

She will also be happy to help you find good books based on your favorite authors, subjects, or series. Send Ms. Charlene an email at tbblkids@state.lib.la.us or give her a call.

Books Celebrating Shark Week

Preschool-Grade 2

If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams
BR022024

An exploration of what would potentially happen if sharks disappeared from our planet and the potential repercussions.

Amazing Sharks by Sarah L. Thomson
DB064918

Presents general facts about different kinds of sharks. Explains how and why scientists study sharks.

Grades 2-5

Are You Smarter Than a Shark?
by David George Gordon
DB107557

Sharks have their own way of thinking and it makes them one of the top predators in the ocean. Five “test Your Shark Smarts” activities let you test your senses against a shark’s.

The Great Shark Mystery
by Gertrude Chandler Warner
DB059688

The Alden children travel to Ocean Adventure Park in Florida to swim with the dolphins, see sharks, and solve a mystery.

Grades 4-7

Fossil Fish Found Alive
by Sally M. Walker
DB056423

Describes excitement when a specimen of fish thought to be extinct was discovered off the South African coast in 1938.

Shark Life
by Karen Wojtyla and Peter Benchley
DB060894

Author of *Jaws* relates his sea diving adventures and close encounters with sharks. Companion book to *Shark trouble* (**LP15447**).

Grades 6-9 and YA

Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton
BR019783, DB059485

Autobiography of a Hawaiian junior-champion surfer who lost an arm in a shark attack when she was thirteen. Describes her home life and Christian upbringing. Relates the experiences of consulting a blind psychologist about her disability, and relearning the sport.

Support our TBBL friends organization

The Jones Foundation acknowledges the following donors for their generous contributions:

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To contribute, make checks payable to the Foundation and mail to:

Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation
1131 N. River Road
Port Allen, LA 70767

All donations are tax deductible. Donors receive 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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Braille service: 800.453.4293

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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
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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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