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Holiday Closings

Dec. 24 - 25	Christmas
Dec. 31 - Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 13	Inauguration Day
Jan. 20	Martin L. King Day

Machine shortage

TBBL has a new policy for issuing replacement players. If you need a new player, you must first return your old player. Digital players are in short supply so we must repair and reuse older players so that new patrons may participate. Also for BARD mobile users, if you are not using the player issued to you when you first started the service, please return it so that others may use it. We appreciate your cooperation and know you value this library service. Call your reader advisor if you need instructions on how to return the player. No postage is necessary.

2020 Braille Calendars

TBBL will not be mailing Braille Calendars this year. We received word from American Action Fund, that they no longer supply large quantities of the calendar to organizations, but will mail

an individual a calendar. To order call 410.659.9315 to request your copy.

Important Information about BARD

Recent changes to BARD by NLS may affect your BARD account if you do not download books often. To increase security, NLS will now be making accounts inactive after 180 days of nonuse. In order to keep the account active, patrons must download a book every six months. If your account becomes inactive and you wish to reactivate it, contact TBBL at 800.543.4702 or 225.342.0035 or email at tbbl@state.lib.la.us.

NFBL 2019 Conference

Mark your calendars for the National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana conference which will be held March 13 –15 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, 4728 Constitution Ave., Baton Rouge, LA. For more information contact Pamela Allen at 800.234.4166.

The 2020 Census is accessible for everyone.

It is not too early to start thinking about the 2020 census. This coming April 1 is

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Census Day. As required by the Constitution, the census has been conducted every 10 years since 1790.

Census results play a large part in determining how government entities allocate hundreds of billions of dollars each year for services that communities rely on. But certain groups of people historically have been undercounted in the census. We want to make sure that the people NLS and its network libraries serve—people who are blind or visually impaired, or who have a disability that makes reading regular print difficult—are aware of, and participate in, the 2020 census.

On March 12, the Census Bureau will mail households an invitation to respond to the census. For the first time, households will have three ways to respond: online, by calling a toll-free number, or by mail.

For more information visit <https://www.census.gov/library/fact-sheets/2019/dec/2020-census-accessible.html>.

Celebrating Black History

State Library of Louisiana's Black History Month celebration will feature an Ernest J. Gaines tribute with poets, authors, and others who will read favorite passages from Gaines's work. The event takes place at the State Library of Louisiana in the Seminar Center on Wednesday, February 19, from noon-1:30 pm.

Black History Month Bibliography

DB88904 *The Original Black Elite: Daniel Murray and the Story of a Forgotten Era* by Elizabeth Dowling Taylor. A historian chronicles the life of Daniel Murray (1851-1925), a

descendant of slaves. Daniel rose to become Assistant Librarian at the Library of Congress. Discusses the course of Murray's life as it reflected the fortunes and declines of African Americans in Washington, DC, and elsewhere. 2017.

DB87986 *Thursday Night Lights: The Story of Black High School Football in Texas* by Michael Hurd. Historian chronicles African American high school football in Texas, in particular the Prairie View Interscholastic League. During the decades of segregation in the state, the PVIL nurtured the talent of countless players, many of whom went on to successful NFL careers. 2017.

DB88573 *Thunder at the Gates: The Black Civil War Regiments that Redeemed America* by Douglas R. Egerton. An account of the 54th and 55th Massachusetts Infantry and the 5th Massachusetts Cavalry regiments, which, though led by white officers, were composed of black men. Discusses the importance of these regiments for both the Civil War and the battles being fought on the field of public opinion. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

DB80742 *Slavery's Exiles: The Story of the American Maroons* by Sylviane A. Diouf. Author of *Dreams of Africa in Alabama* (**DB68627**) examines the culture created by escaped slaves and their descendants in rural and hidden places of the American South. Compares different locales and relates the stories of both individuals and groups. Some violence and some strong language. 2014.

DB82886 *One Righteous Man: Samuel Battle and the Shattering of the Color Line in New York* by Arthur Browne.

Pulitzer Prize winner describes the life and career of the first African American New York Police Department officer, Samuel Battle (1883-1966). Using an unpublished autobiography coauthored by Langston Hughes as source, discusses Battle's trials, tribulations, and joys, including mentoring the first African American member of the Fire Department of New York. 2015.

DB81003 *The Bill of the Century: The Epic Battle for the Civil Rights Act* by Clay Risen. Details the development and passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Chronicles the attempts, from the end of World War II through the presidencies of Kennedy and Johnson in the 1960s, to pass legislation to address discrimination against black Americans. 2014

DB80005 *Slave Narratives of the Underground Railroad* by Christine Rudisel. Thirty-one contemporaneous first-hand accounts of men and women who escaped from slavery during the mid-nineteenth century. Includes narratives by Frederick Douglass (c. 1818-1895), Sojourner Truth (c. 1797-1883), and Harriet Tubman (c. 1822-1913). Some violence.

DB80793 *Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad* by Eric Foner. Historian explores primary sources to revisit this largely mysterious aspect of the history of American slavery, including detailed records of slave escapes kept by one of the Underground Railroad's organizers. Introduces many largely unknown figures and discusses the controversy surrounding the sectional crisis of the 1850s. 2015

DB84186 *Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America; from the Age of the Pullman Porters to the Age of Obama* by Ethan Michaeli. Former editor and reporter for the Chicago Defender examines the history of the publication which was founded in 1905 and spoke out on many race issues in the twentieth century. Its writers across the decades included Ida B. Wells, Langston Hughes, and Martin Luther King, Jr. 2016

DB80879 *Blackballed: The Black Vote and U.S. Democracy* by Darryl Pinckney. A meditation on a century and a half of participation by African Americans in U.S. electoral politics. Pinckney investigates the struggle for black voting rights from Reconstruction through the civil rights movement to Barack Obama's two presidential campaigns. Includes the essay "What Black Means Now." 2014

New Title for BookTalks

Our BookTalks Winter Book Selection will be:

DB88903 *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

While reading the manuscript for the latest entry in mystery writer Alan Conway's detective series, Susan Ryeland, head of fiction at Cloverleaf Books, learns that Conway has died. Suspicious, she begins investigating his death--and looks to his book for clues.

How to Join BookTalks

We hold our book discussions via an email discussion list. Members

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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.

Hope you join in the discussion!

Winter Book Recommendations 2020

DB71970 *Fall of Giants* by Ken Follett
A Saga of five interrelated families in the early twentieth century. Welshman Billy Williams enters the coalmines, British Lady Maud Fitzherbert falls for German spy Walter von Ulrich, Russians Grigori and Lev Peshkov endure revolution, and American Gus Dewar becomes a diplomat.

DB87310 *The Bear and the Nightingale* by Katherine Arden. In fourteenth-century Russia, young Vasilisa Petrovna can see and talk to the ancient spirits of the house and the forest. When her stepmother and a new village priest speak out against the old ways, angering the spirits, only Vasilisa can save her people.

DB75862 *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. Still grieving over their stillborn child, middle-aged couple Mabel and Jack left a comfortable Pennsylvania life in 1918 to homestead in Alaska. Two years later, after building a snowchild, they see glimpses of a young girl who appears to live in the woods.

DB72388 *Christmas Eve at Friday Harbor* by Lisa Kleypas. In San Juan Island, Washington. Bachelor Mark Nolan has custody of his late sister's six-year-old daughter Holly, who hasn't spoken since her mother's death. But Holly opens up for toy-store owner Maggie Conroy, a young widow who yearns for companionship, and the three slowly bond.

Books and Beyond: A Section for Children and Teens

NFB Scholarships 2020

To recognize the achievements of blind scholars, the National Federation of the Blind annually offers blind college students the opportunity to win one of seventeen merit-based, national-level scholarships worth \$3,000 to \$12,000. The application deadline is March 31, 2020. All scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, community service and leadership.

Each winner will receive assistance to attend the 2020 National Federation of the Blind Annual Convention in Houston, Texas, July 14 thru July 19. For more information on eligibility, contact Chairperson Cayte Mendez, at: scholarships@nfb.org or call 410.659.9314, extension 2415. Applications can be submitted online at www.nfb.org/programs-services.

NFBL Scholarships

Each year at its state convention, the National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana (NFBL) awards scholarships to recognize the achievements of blind scholars in Louisiana. The four scholarships range from \$750 to \$1,500.

All applications must be in the committee chairperson's office no later than March 15, 2020. For more information and to receive an application contact: Eric Guillory, Chairperson NFBL Scholarship Committee, 101 South Trenton St., Ruston, LA 71270, phone: 800.234.4166, email: eguillory@louisiana-center.org.

LSDVI Kinder Kamp on March 21

Kinder Kamp is designed for families of three to six-year-olds, who are visually impaired/blind, and will be transitioning into Pre-K and school age programs. Parents get first-hand information on what to expect about IEPs, accommodations, and their child's developmental needs as they prepare for school. It also allows parents to network with other families. For more information, contact Outreach Co-coordinator, Blanche Faulk at 225.757.3489, or email bfaulk@lsdvi.org.

Black History Month Titles

Grades Preschool-Grade 2

BR22806, DB96654 *Amazing Scientists* by Julia Finley Mosca.

BR10495, DBC6369 *Boundless Grace* by Mary Hoffman.

Grades 3-6

BR20541, DB80026, LP25802 *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson.
DB54652, LP25531 *Gloria Rising* by Ann Cameron.

BR20808, DB81470 *28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World* by Charles R. Smith.

BR18490, DB69346 *A Good Night for Ghosts* by Mary Pope Osborne.

Grades 5-8

BR12592, DB49311, LP17998 *Bud, not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis.

DB88128, LP25965 *Clayton Byrd goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia.

BR21728, DB4720, LP25964 *As Brave as You* by Jason Reynolds.

BR18681, DB68732 *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip M. Hoose.

Grades 6-9 and YA

DB68396, DB88726, LP23229, LP24235, LP25973 *Seeds of America Trilogy* by Laurie Halse Anderson.

BRC00625, DB68439, DBC15774 *Diamond in the Shadow* by Carolina B. Cooney.

BR22286, DB91181 *Facing Frederick: The Life of Frederick Douglass, a Monumental American Man* by Tonya Bolden.

There is still time to vote

The 2020 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice program is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. To vote, students must have read three titles in their grade category. To cast your vote, call 800.543.4702 before March 1, 2020.

TBBL has copies of these LYRC titles in Braille (BR), digital audiobook (DB), and large print formats (LP):

TBBL has these LYRC and LTRC titles.

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Grades 3-5

DB88663 *A Boy Called Bat*
by Elana K. Arnold

BR22031, DB90685 *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh* by Derrick D. Barnes

DB87431 *Jake the Fake Keeps It Real*
by Craig Robinson

DB87948 *Lemons* by Melissa Savage

D088575 *The Door in the Alley: The Explorers* by Adrienne Kress

DB94847 *Wedgie & Gizmo*
by Suzanne Selfors

DB89315 *Wishtree*
by Katherine Applegate

Grades 5-8

DB94963 *All's Faire in Middle School*
by Victoria Jamieson

DB88054 *Beyond the Bright Sea*
by Lauren Wolk

DB88128, LP25965 *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia

DB88908 *Forget Me Not* by Ellie Terry

DB91203, DBC12771 *Frogkisser!*
by Garth Nix

DB89519 *Greetings from Witness Protection!* by Jake Burt

BR22120, DB89430 *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling

DB88711 *Refugee* by Alan Gratz

BR22132, DB89272 *Slider* by Pete Hautman

DB85595 *The Red Bandanna*
by Tom Rinaldi

Young Adult

BR22221, DB89757 *The 57 Bus*
by Daska Slater

DB90417 *An Enchantment of Ravens*
by Margaret Rogerson

DB87420 *Goodbye Days*
by Jeff Zentner

BR21874, DB87441, D87967
(Spanish) *The Hate U Give*
by Angie Thomas

DB89688 *Long Way Down*
by Jason Reynolds

BR22279, DB89665 *Nyxia*
by Scott Reintgen

DB88357 *One of Us is Lying*
by Karen M. McManus

DB89192 *Warcross* by Marie Lu

DB89350 *You Bring the Distant Near*
by Mitali Perkins

Summer Reading Wrap Up

The theme for both the children's and teen's 2019 programs was, "A Universe of Stories," celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo Moon Landing and all things Space.

Congratulations to our 89 participants who completed the Summer Reading Program. This year, 100% of the teen participants completed the program. The last time all participants in a reading group finished reaching their summer reading goals occurred in 2008.

Everyone who completed the program received a t-shirt and other Space themed prizes.

Many thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing the summer reading program t-shirts and prizes!

Support TBBL's Friends Organization

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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

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