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Holiday closings

Dec. 24-27	Christmas holiday
Dec. 31	New Years holiday
Jan. 17	MLK Day
Mar. 1	Mardi Gras

Braille calendars

Don't forget to get your new calendar! The library no longer sends out the braille calendar; however, you can still get one, free of charge, from the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults. Contact them by email at actionfund@actionfund.org or by phone at 410.659.9315.

TBBL patron Julia Hawkins sets world record

One of our very own TBBL patrons made the news this past November, and not just in America, her story was carried in England, France, New Zealand, Peru, and all over the world.

Southern Living reports: "They don't call Julia Hawkins the 'Hurricane' for nothing. The 105-year-old from Baton Rouge is the oldest competitive female sprinter in the world. At the Louisiana Senior Games at Southeastern Louisiana University earlier this month, Hawkins ran the 100-meter dash in

1:02.95, setting a brand-new world record in the process. And she did it with a flower in her hair."

Mrs. Hawkins is a retired educator and a native Louisianan. She grew up in Ponchatoula and now lives in Baton Rouge.

Congratulations Julia! You are an inspiration to us all!

Want more books for the holidays?

If you would like more audio books for the holidays, please feel free to contact your reader advisor. Christmas and New Year's bring post office closures and delayed mailing, so give us a call and we will make sure you have enough books to last!

IRS accessible tax documents

The Internal Revenue Service offers content in a variety of file formats to accommodate people who use assistive technology such as screen reading software, refreshable Braille displays, and voice recognition software. We have prepared hundreds of tax forms and publications that can be downloaded or viewed online in text-only, Braille ready files, browser-friendly HTML, accessible PDF, and large print.

Our PDF tax forms comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1; however, the IRS does not advise filling out forms on mobile devices.

For more details, visit the *Information About the Alternative Media Center* page. <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/information-about-the-alternative-media-center>

For tax forms, instructions or publications in Braille or large print, call the tax form telephone number at 800.829.3676.

For a copy of your tax notice in Braille or large print, call the tax assistance telephone number at 800.829.1040.

Form 843, *Claim for Refund and Request for Abatement*, is available to claim a refund or abatement of certain overpaid or over-assessed taxes, interest and/or penalties. https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-access/f843_accessible.pdf

If you need assistance completing and filing Form 843, you may view the *Instructions for Form 843* online <https://www.irs.gov/instructions/i843> or contact the IRS at 800.829.1040. If additional assistance is needed, qualifying taxpayers may contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service at 877.777.4778.

How to access multiple books on a cartridge

When you receive a cartridge with multiple books on it, you can access the books in one of two ways: The Easy Way or the Bookshelf Mode.

The Easy Way

1. When you reach the end of the book or initial instructions, press the green, rectangular Play button.
2. The machine will then prompt you to, "Press the Play button again to go to the next book." Go ahead and press the play button again, and the machine will start playing the next book.

Bookshelf Mode

1. Insert the cartridge in the player and turn the power on by pressing the red circular Power Button.
2. Press and hold the green, rectangular Play button for about 3 seconds until the player beeps and says "Bookshelf" and announces the number of books on the cartridge.
3. Tap the Rewind or Fast Forward button, located on each side of the green, rectangular button, to select the next book. The book title will be announced. To advance to the next title, just press the Fast Forward button again, or tap the Rewind button again to go to the previous book.
4. Once you get to the title you want to read, press the green, rectangular Play button. The player will exit Bookshelf Mode and start playing the selected title.

Lighthouse in Baton Rouge

Lighthouse has a new downtown location at One American Place 330 North Street, Suite 150, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

This second Baton Rouge location

features an assistive technology lab, independent living skills classroom, and classroom and training space. It is the only location of its kind in Baton Rouge specifically serving the sensory disability community.

Lighthouse Louisiana offers critical services to individuals who are blind, Deaf, Deaf-Blind, hard of hearing or dealing with low vision.

To reach the new office call 225.529.2749.

New title for BookTalks

Our BookTalks Winter book selection will be:

DB78644 *I've Got You Under My Skin* by Mary Higgins Clark.

Five years ago, someone killed Dr. Greg Moran while he pushed his three-year-old son on a park swing. Now his widow Laurie begins production of a reality television show on the twenty-year-old murder of a socialite, not realizing the two terrifying, unsolved cases will soon merge.

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. I hope that this will make it more convenient to read the book and participate in the discussion.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Winter book recommendations

by Sneha Padumane

DB70410 *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by C. Alan Bradley. England, 1950. Eleven-year-old aspiring chemist Flavia de Luce overhears her father in a heated argument with a stranger, who turns up dead in the garden of the Luces' decaying estate. When Flavia's father is charged with murder, she seeks clues in their village and his past to exonerate him.

DB78978 *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin. When his most prized possession, a rare volume of poetry by Edgar Allan Poe, is stolen, bookstore owner A.J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family, and associates. Then he receives a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life.

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.

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DB82335 *The Hypnotist's Love Story* by Liane Moriarty. Hypnotherapist Ellen O'Farrell runs a successful practice and recently met a great guy named Patrick. The only snag comes when Patrick tells Ellen that he is being stalked by his ex-girlfriend. Ellen is intrigued until she realizes his stalker is one of her patients.

DB86665 *The Bookshop on the Corner* by Jenny Colgan. 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.

DB78389 *The Martian* by Andy Weir. Six days after becoming the first man to walk on Mars, astronaut Mark Watney is caught in a windstorm. Though his support crew thinks he died, Mark survived and now faces abandonment, failed machinery, and a hostile environment.

DB79693 *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel. On the eve of civilization's collapse due to pandemic, actor Arthur Leander dies on stage while performing King Lear. Eight-year-old Kirsten Raymonde is also in the play, and as she grows older, she discovers secrets of their new dystopia link back to Arthur.

DB90711 *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Circe grows up in the court of her father, the sun god Helios. Despised by her parents and others, she falls in love with a mortal who shuns her. When she takes revenge, she is banished. Those who wish her and others harm are transformed into pigs.

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.

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.

New publication:
Foreign Language Quarterly

Patrons seeking foreign language materials may now find them more easily. The recently launched *Foreign Language Quarterly (FLQ)*, available at www.loc.gov/nls/flq, lists popular foreign language books recently added to the NLS collection and available through our network of cooperating libraries. Many of these books come to us from other countries via the Marrakesh Treaty, but patrons will also find books produced by NLS and converted from cassette tapes. All books listed in *FLQ* are available for immediate download from BARD. The new publication also provides directions on how to use new BARD features that allow users to search for materials in a specific language.

Books and Beyond

A section for children and teens

2022 scholarship opportunities

The National Federation of the Blind annually offers blind college students in the U.S. and Puerto Rico an opportunity to win one of thirty merit-based, national-level scholarships worth between \$3,000 and \$12,000. All scholarships awarded are based on academic excellence, community service and leadership.

Each winner will receive assistance to attend the 2022 National Federation of the Blind Annual Convention. The convention is scheduled for July 5-10 in New Orleans. Applications will be available starting December 1, 2021. For more information, email scholarships@nfb.org or call 410.659.9314, at extension 2415, or write to:

NFB Scholarship Program,
National Federation of the Blind,
200 East Wells St. at Jernigan Place,
Baltimore, MD 21230.

Family Resource Fair at Harrison Curriculum Center

The date for the 2022 Annual St. Tammany Family Information Fair for children with special needs is currently pending. For more information, contact Susie Hughes at the Harrison Curriculum Center at 985.898.3300.

Statewide Braille Challenge

Dates for the statewide Braille Challenge are currently pending. Louisiana – Accessible Educational Materials (AEM) partners with the

Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired to host the yearly event. Students from all over Louisiana compete and test on fundamental Braille skills such as reading comprehension, spelling, speed and accuracy, proofreading, and charts and graphs. The five score categories include Apprentice, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Varsity, and Varsity. For more information contact La-AEM Director, Robin King at robin@ssdla-aem.org or call 225.757.3477.

LSDVI Kinder Kamp

The Louisiana Schools for the Deaf and Visually Impaired are tentatively planning to host the 2022 Family Learning and Fun Weekend in person. Programs will be Saturday, April 2, from 8:30 am until 2:30 pm on the LSVI campus. This event is designed for families of three to six-year-olds, who are deaf, visually impaired or 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 reads

Grades Preschool and K-3

BR23186, DB102284, LP26428

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o

When five-year-old Sulwe worries

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about the darkness of her skin, a shooting star's folktale of the sisters Night and Day helps her understand there is beauty and worth in every shade.

BR22340, DB91759 *Counting on Katherine* by Helaine Becker
Introduces the boundary-breaking mathematician Katherine Johnson, whose passion for numbers at a young age led to a position at NASA.

BR22512, DB93652 *Let the Children March* by Monica Clark-Robinson
A story about the young people in the Children's Crusade, who marched against segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, during 1963.

Grades 2-5

BR07824, DB29894, LP25534 *Julian, Secret Agent* by Ann Cameron
Julian, Huey, and Gloria decide to become "crimebusters." But they are in for a very big surprise!

BR20808, DB81470 *28 Days: In Black History* by Charles R. Smith
In tribute to Black History Month, the author retells the events of twenty-eight extraordinary days throughout history.

BR21842, DB86629 *Freedom Over Me* by Ashley Bryan
Eleven enslaved people narrate their experiences and talk about personal dreams and desires that could never be taken away from them.

Grades 4-9

BR11509, DB50326; LP25976 *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
Nine-year-old Cassie Logan recalls a turbulent time in Mississippi during the

Great Depression--a year of night riders, burnings, and threats. Some strong language.

BR21728, DB84720, LP25964 *As Brave as You* by Jason Reynolds
Eleven-year-old Genie develops a special bond with his blind grandfather when he and his brother visit for a summer.

BR22254, DB90412, LP26242 *Hurricane Child* by Kheryn Callender
Born on Water Island in the Virgin Islands, twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl, and together they set out in a terrible storm to find Caroline's missing mother.

DB80878 *African American History Series* by Darice Bailer
Six titles focus on the African American experience throughout history.

BR22286, DB91181 *Facing Frederick* by Tonya Bolden
Chronicles the life of Frederick Douglass (1818-1895), and discusses his shortcomings and low points in his life as well as his victories.

YA

DB85862 *Black Lives Matter* by Sue Bradford Edwards
Highlights the origins of the Black Lives Matter movement, and a call for change. Some violence.

DB99185 *Slay* by Brittney Morris
Seventeen-year-old Kiera enjoys developing and playing SLAY, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until a troll emerges threatening Kiera's creation. Strong language and some descriptions of sex.

Support our TBBL friends organization

Since 1981, the Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation has acted as a friends group for the Talking Books and Braille Library in the State Library of Louisiana.

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
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.

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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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