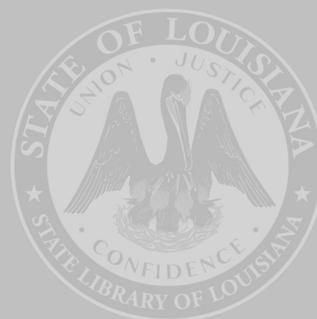


Louisiana Hotlines



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Holiday closings

Nov. 8 Election Day
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 24, 25 Thanksgiving

Web address change

The TBBL online catalog has a new web address: <https://www.state.lib.la.us/klasweb/login.jsf>. Please update your bookmark.

Flood damage

If you were affected by the recent flooding in Louisiana and your books or player were damaged or you are in a temporary location, contact your reader adviser. Let us know if you want to receive material at a different address or put your service on hold.

In Remembrance... Carolyn Green

We are very sorry to tell you that Carolyn Green passed away on September 6, 2016, of complications of an illness. Carolyn worked at the State Library of Louisiana for nearly 15 years. She was a Reader Advisor who enjoyed sharing her knowledge of books with a number of Talking Books and Braille Library patrons. Her patrons and coworkers

admired her positive attitude. She was a dedicated employee who worked hard and touched many hearts.

TBT to ship with order form

NLS will resume circulating the Talking Book Topics (TBT) magazine cartridge and the order form in the same package. This will begin with the September–October 2016 issue.

Longtime subscribers may remember that the order form used to come in the same package as the cassette magazine. This changed in August 2012 with the launch of the Magazines on Cartridge (MOC) program and cartridges and order forms were mailed separately. However, this change was not well-received by TBT subscribers.

The TBT magazine cartridges and order forms will need to be returned separately. The cartridge goes back to the producer in its red container and the order form should be sealed and mailed to TBBL.

Hi, Readers!

Moving? Phone number changed?
Please be sure to let us know.

TBBL reader lands in a book!

One of our Louisiana TBBL readers is the inspiration for a character found in a recent book entitled *Postmark Bayou Chene* by Gwen Roland. We have been in contact with author Gwen Roland, and she says that the character named Loyce Snellgrove was inspired by one of her relatives. Here is what Gwen Roland told us:

The sassy, opinionated Loyce Snellgrove was inspired by my blind aunt who was born after my family moved from Bayou Chene in the 1920s. As a young woman, she babysat for her many nieces and nephews. Being one of the kids who tried to outwit her, I grew up in awe of her keen senses, astounding memory and intellect that foiled us at every turn. I've often wondered what her life would have been like if she had been born before the family moved from that watery wilderness, so I explored it in this book.

If you are interested in reading *Postmark Bayou Chene*, order:

DB 84304 *Postmark Bayou Chene* by Gwen Roland, Atchafalaya Basin, Louisiana, 1907. A letter addressed to Hautes-Pyrénées, France, marked undeliverable, arrives at the Bayou Chene post office. That same day locals find a dog, nearly dead, tethered to an empty skiff. The lives of the postmaster's blind daughter and her two friends will soon change dramatically.

Mark your calendars!

The 13th annual Louisiana Book Festival will be held on Saturday, October 29th, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. in downtown Baton Rouge at the State Library of Louisiana, the State Capitol, the Capitol Park Museum and nearby locations. The festival is a celebration of readers, writers and their books and it is free and open to the public! For more information visit: <https://www.louisianabookfestival.org/index.html>

TBBL books by Louisiana Book Festival authors

The TBBL collection has these books written by authors that are participating in this year's Louisiana Book Festival:

Large print books

LP 18563 *Ya-Yas in Bloom*
by Rebecca Wells

LP 25396 *Louisiana Saves the Library*
by Emily Cogburn

Digital audio books

DB 60065 *Ya-Yas in Bloom*
by Rebecca Wells

DB 82475 *The Gates of Evangeline*
by Hester Young

DB 82875 *Lords of the Empty Land*
by Randy Denmon

DB 84857 *Constance Fenimore Woolson: Portrait of a Lady Novelist*
by Anne Boyd Rioux

DB 81548 *Gone Crazy in Alabama*
by Rita Williams-Garcia (Middle Grade)

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DB 84720 *As Brave as You*
by Jason Reynolds (Middle Grade)

DB 83151 *Shadowshaper*
by Daniel Jose' Older (Young Adult)

DB 83397 *Midnight Taxi Tango*
by Daniel Jose' Older

DB 83370 *All American Boys*
by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely
(Young Adult)

DB 83873 *The Serpent King*
by Jeff Zentner (Young Adult)

BookTalks discussion group

BookTalks, the email-based TBBL adult book discussion group, has just finished reading and discussing Anthony Doerr's *All the Light We Cannot See*.

Since the 2016 Louisiana Book Festival is coming very soon, we picked the 2016 One Book, One Festival selection as our next book. The title is *Creole Belle: A Dave Robicheaux Novel* by James Lee Burke.

Come participate in the scholar-led discussion at the Book Festival. If you are interested in reading this book:

DB 75164 *Creole Belle: A Dave Robicheaux Novel*

Heavily-medicated deputy Dave Robicheaux lies in a New Orleans hospital recovering from gunshot wounds he suffered in *The Glass Rainbow* (DB 71706), when troubled Creole singer Tee Jolie Melton visits him. Dave learns later that Tee Jolie has been a missing person for weeks. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

How to Join BookTalks

Even if you do not make it to the Book Festival, you can still join our discussion group! Our book discussions are held via an email discussion list. Members comment on the book by sending an email to the discussion list. All members will see the comments and have the ability to respond by email to the group. If you want to join our discussion group, then create an account by entering your email address and make up a password at: <http://pelican.state.lib.la.us/mailman/listinfo/tbblbooktalks> or call your reader adviser.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Five new network produced digital audio books

DBC 8157 *Pathway to Independence a Guide for People with Vision Loss*
by Rita Thomas Kirsch

A book that offers both advice and techniques to assist the blind and visually impaired in approaching day to day tasks. Also has a section for sighted people who work with friends or acquaintances who are blind.

DBC 0802 *A Vote of Confidence*
by Robin Lee Hatcher

Who says a woman can't do a man's job? Put up or shut up! Complaining about Bethlehem Springs' dissolute mayoral candidate, Gwen Arlington is challenged to take on the role herself. For seven years, she's carved out an independent life in the bustling mountain town of Bethlehem Springs, Idaho teaching piano and writing for the

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local newspaper. But now she's a single woman running for mayor—and in 1915 this decision is bound to stir up trouble.

DBC 0788 *Fit to be Tied*

by Robin Lee Hatcher

Cleo Arlington dresses like a cowboy, is fearless and fun loving, and can ride, rope and wrangle a horse as well as any man. In 1916, Cleo isn't most women. Twenty-nine years old and single, Cleo loves life on her father's Idaho ranch. Still, she hopes someday to marry and have children.

DBC 1597 *Made in America*

by Bill Bryson

Subtitle: an informal history of the English language in the United States. A playfully anecdotal account of the etymology of distinctive words and phrases that help to create a distinctly American English.

DBC 7219 *Black Plumes*

by Margery Allingham

Written by one of the "Golden Age" Queens of Crime, this cozy mystery centers on the death of a noted art dealer.

Affiliated Blind of Louisiana 2016 State Convention

You are invited to join Affiliated Blind of Louisiana for their annual convention to be held on Saturday, October 8 at the ABL Training Center at 409 W. St. Mary Blvd. in Lafayette from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. If you have questions or need more information, call the ABL State Office

at 800.319.4444 or visit www.affiliatedblind.org. There will be a representative from TBBL present at the convention.

Adult Summer Reading Program

Thank you for helping to make the 2016 Adult Summer Reading Program a success! Twenty-five participants read 20 or more books. Each will receive a free set of headphones to use with the NLS digital book player. The program ended Wednesday, August 31.

The Blind and Visually Impaired Voter's Guide

The National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute has prepared a guide entitled *The Blind and Visually Impaired Voter's Guide*. Here are some excerpts from that guide:

The Help America Vote Act

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was signed into law on October 29, 2002, to address the problems that occurred during the 2000 presidential election. One of the goals of HAVA is to provide all American voters, including those who are blind or visually impaired, with the opportunity to vote both privately and independently. Therefore, HAVA requires that by January 1, 2006, all voting jurisdictions must provide at least one accessible voting machine per polling place and that any voting machines purchased with federal funds provided under HAVA on or after January 1, 2007, must be accessible.

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Why Blind Americans Should Vote

The right of blind Americans to vote is guaranteed by the United States Constitution. It is a right that many American citizens have demonstrated for, fought for, and died for so that present and future generations can continue to exercise their right to vote. Therefore, every blind or visually impaired citizen who is of voting age has a responsibility to exercise the right to vote.

Voting in any election, local or national, provides blind and visually impaired citizens with the opportunity to voice their opinion about elected leaders and policies and to help shape the future by electing candidates who share their views.

To read the complete guide, go to: <https://nfb.org/hava-legislation>.

This website has the guide in various formats including MS Word, formatted Braille, and audio format (mp3).

The best tool for voters is information!

In an effort to help subscribers become more informed voters, NFB-NEWSLINE has added candidate information for the upcoming 2016 presidential election. After dialing in, press five on the main menu for "Newspapers in a Different State", then five for 2016 "Presidential Election". From there you can choose search results for either candidate from "Breaking News", "Daily Newspaper", "International", or "Magazine."

If you would like to sign up for NFB-

Newsline service call your reader adviser. Don't forget to get out and vote!

Free mobile apps from American Printing House

Draw2Measure Protractor app

This app which can be downloaded from the App Store for iOS devices allows blind and visually impaired students to measure angles in two ways.

Visual Braille app

Visual Braille is a braillewriter for the iPad that can be used for NLS certification exercises or to practice UEB.

Nearby Explorer Online

Nearby Explorer Online, is available free-of-charge on Google Play. It is a GPS that uses online maps and Google Places to help blind travelers with navigation.

Find your reader adviser

In an effort to better serve you, the chart below will help you reach your assigned reader adviser directly.

If your last name

starts with:	Reader Adviser
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A H I K L.....	Bonnie
D G P T.....	Ray
C E F J U V X Y Z.....	Gussie
M N O Q S.....	Skye
B.....	Shelia
W, Children, Teens.....	Charlene
R, Nursing homes, Institutions ..	David

Need help with:	Contact
Machines, Accessories.....	Kevin

Books and Beyond

A Section for Children and Teens

White Cane Day

The Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired will be celebrating the 52nd annual White Cane Safety Day on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. Events will be held in the downtown Baton Rouge area. White Cane Day, created by an annual presidential proclamation, will commemorate the freedom, independence, and mobility symbolized by the use of the long white cane. A variety of activities will include a picnic, route travel, awareness education, and a scavenger hunt. Mayor-President Kip Holden is scheduled to speak again this year. For further information contact LSVI Outreach Coordinator Blanche Faulk at 225.757.3489.

Do You Need an Upgrade?

Will you be turning 19 this year? Are you ready for more adult reading? During September, Young Adult Librarian, Ms. Charlene, will be contacting patrons to help make the transition to Adult Services.

Visit the Young Readers Pavilion!

Don't miss the fun events and activities taking place at the 13th Annual Louisiana Book Festival on Saturday October 29, 2016 in downtown Baton Rouge. Amid crafts, fun temporary tattoos, and book-related activities there will be storytellers and entertainers. The 2016 Louisiana Young Reader's Choice Award winners W.C. Mack, author of *Athlete vs. Mathlete*, and William Joyce, author of *The Mischievians*, will be in

attendance. The Young Readers Pavilion will be located in front of the State Library on North 4th Street during the Festival from 10 a.m. til 5 p.m. and will include the Children's Activities Tent.

Summer Reading Update

Summer Reading Logs are due now. The Summer Reading Program concluded August 30, 2016. Due to library closures and patron displacement during the historic flooding of 2016, late logs will be accepted. Final numbers for this year's SRP will be available in the Winter newsletter.

After School Reads

DB 31512, BR 8240, and LP 22917

Julian, Dream Doctor By Ann Cameron
Julian wants to give his dad a special gift for his birthday. So he enlists the help of his baby brother Huey and his best friend Gloria to find out just what that might be. Grades 2-4.

DB 84372 *A Clatter of Jars* by Lisa Graff

The magical Camp Atropos is a place to sing campfire songs and swim in the cool lake. But when a talent jar that has been dropped to the bottom of the lake springs a leak, strange things begin to happen. Grades 4-7.

DB 83662 *Iron Rails, Iron Men, and the Race to Link the Nation: The Story of the Transcontinental Railroad*

by Martin W. Sandler

Discusses the daring feats of tens of thousands of railroad workers, the dangers they encountered, their challenges, and their successes. Grades 6-9.

Support our TBBL friends organization

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

David Faucheaux and
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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, and descriptive video collection and it supports volunteer efforts in the area.

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 Foundation.

For meeting information, call Shelia Coleman at 225.342.4942.

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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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Fax: 225.342.6817

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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 hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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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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