

Louisiana Hotlines

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Holiday closings

May 25 Memorial Day
July 3 Independence Day

New library hours

Due to budget cuts, the State Library of Louisiana hours are now Mondays through Thursdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Staff will continue to be available via email and phone 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Have you ordered your iBill currency reader?

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing began handling all currency reader requests and technical support on January 2. Please contact the BEP directly at 1.844.815.9388 to request an application or print one from their website at: www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderform.html. U.S. residents who are blind or visually impaired are eligible to receive this free product.

25th anniversary of the ADA

It has been 25 years since President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26, 1990.

The ADA National Network says that "the ADA was the world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities. It was a collaborative effort of Democrats, Republicans, the legislative and the executive branches, federal and state agencies and people with and without disabilities.

"The ADA Anniversary is a time that we can reflect positively on a law that has made a great impact on the lives of people with disabilities and our country over the past 25 years. The message within the Preamble and history is powerful because it clearly states the Congressional intent that the law is intended 'to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities.' "

The 2010 Survey of Income and Program Participation estimates that there are 56.7

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million people with disabilities in America which is almost 19 percent of the population.

For more information about the ADA and ways to celebrate the ADA's 25th Anniversary, visit www.ada.anniversary.org/.

Adult summer reading 2015 – Escape the ordinary and enter to win!

It is getting warmer and it is almost time for summer reading program! Track your reading from Friday, May 1 through Friday, August 28. If you complete the program by reading 20 books you will be entered into a drawing to win a digital cartridge loaded with ten books of your choice!

To sign up, contact your reader advisor at 1.800.543.4702 and we will mail you a reading log. Once you have read 20 books, return the completed reading log to us by mail or call to give us the list. Audio, Braille, large print and magazines all count. If you need any reading suggestions please ask us; we are happy to help! One entry per person; 15 winners will receive digital cartridges.

NFBL 2015 State Convention

National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana will host its 2015 state convention April 17 – 19 at Holiday Inn Shreveport West, 5555 Financial Plaza. For further information contact Pam Allen, NFBL president at 1.800.234.4166.

A staff member of the Talking Books and Braille Library will attend the convention.

NFBL Baton Rouge Chapter calendar

The Baton Rouge chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana is announcing upcoming meetings. Meetings address topics of interest to blind and visually impaired members, families and friends. On occasion, guest speakers from the community are invited to make presentations on programs or services. Members discuss proposed and pending legislation on both the state and national fronts. Meetings usually last an hour and take place at the East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library, 7711 Goodwood Blvd. at 10:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. The meeting and event schedule for this year is as follows:

- May 9 - Monthly Meeting
- June 13 - Monthly Meeting
- July 5 – 11 - NFB National Convention -
Orlando, FL
- August 8 - Monthly Meeting
- September 12 - Monthly Meeting
- October 3 - Main Street Market
(8 a.m. – noon)
- October 10 - Monthly Meeting
- October 31 - LA Book Festival
(10 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- November 14 - Holiday Luncheon
- December 5 - Main Street Market
(8 a.m. – noon)

Keep magazines longer

NLS increased the loan period on magazines circulated on cartridge to allow subscribers more time to enjoy publications. Subscribers' allotted reading time for weekly cartridges (those containing weekly magazines only) has increased from one week to three weeks and reading time for monthly cartridges (those containing monthly and weekly magazines) has increased from four weeks to seven weeks.

Free narrated TV programming on your TV and on the web

Since 1988, The Narrative Television Network has been a leader in making television, movies and educational programming accessible to our nation's 13 million people who are blind and visually impaired and their families.

NTN unobtrusively adds the voice of a narrator to the existing programming sound track without interfering with any of the original audio and video.

NTN has received top honors from the American Council of the Blind, as well as the American Foundation for the Blind, for its pioneering work in making the world of television accessible to visually impaired people.

NTN has more than two decades of experience in narrating programming for broadcast, cable and satellite and has narrated thousands of hours of programming, as well as hundreds of movies.

How do I turn description on for my TV?

All televisions 19 inches or larger that were manufactured in the last several years are equipped with a Second Audio Program or SAP option. Some newer televisions have a SAP or MTS button on the remote, but most are still menu driven on the TV screen. If this function is turned on, and if the program is described, you will be able to hear the description. Not all programming is described and for those programs that aren't, you may not be able to hear any audio at all when you turn on the SAP, so it is important to be able to switch back and forth from SAP-on to SAP-off.

Currently not all cable companies have the equipment required to pass the description through, but if you subscribe to a satellite service you should be able to receive it.

If you are not receiving the description via the SAP option for a program that is listed in the guide as described, you may need to contact your satellite or cable provider to request they pass through the SAP signal.

How do I watch free narrated videos on the web?

This page has links to dozens of popular movies and educational videos that you can watch on demand for free at www.narrativetv.com/programming.html.

For more information call the toll free number 1.800.801.8184, or visit the Narrative Television Network's website at www.narrativetv.com/.

Books and beyond – A section for children and teens

Summer Reading Program 2015

You are invited!

The 2015 Summer Reading Program for children and young adults will start this year Friday, May 1 and end on Friday, August 28. Invitations and registration forms were recently mailed out. This year's theme is *Every hero has a story*.

Each child and young adult who complete the program will receive a free t-shirt and other fun prizes! More details are included in the invitation. If you have any questions, please call the Children's and Young Adult Librarian, David Rainey at 225.342.9563.



New Audiobooks for Children and Teens

DB78309 *Eruption! Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives* by Elizabeth Rusch. Explores the dangers of living near volcanoes and details past deadly eruptions around the world. For grades 5 – 8 and older readers.

DB78544 *Frozen: The Junior Novelization* by Sarah Nathan. Princess Elsa runs away after she accidentally unleashes her powers and traps the kingdom of Arendelle in an eternal winter. For grades 2 – 4 and older readers.

DB78607 *Clifford Takes a Trip* by Norman Bridwell. Summer vacation means more time for Emily Elizabeth to play with Clifford. But this summer her family is going far away — so far that Clifford cannot come. Clifford follows them anyway and finds Emily Elizabeth just in the nick of time. For preschool to second grade.

DB78725 *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. The adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III as he tries to pass the initiation test of his Viking clan by catching and training a dragon. For grades 3 – 6 and older readers.

DB78895 *Alliance: The Paladin prophecy* by Mark Frost. After exposing the sinister underground society of students known as the Knights of Charlemagne, Will West stays at the Center over the summer to explore his newly developing physical and mental abilities. For grades 6 – 9.

DB79862 *Star Wars: A New Hope; The Empire Strikes Back; Return of the Jedi* by Ryder Windham. Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, Han Solo, Chewbacca, androids and friends in the Rebel Alliance embark on a daring plan to defeat the Empire. For grades 3 – 6 and older readers.

BOOK ORDER FORM - Carefully tear out this page and return it with your order.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Put a check next to the titles you wish to order. Fold so that the return address on the reverse side is visible. Secure with tape and drop in the mail.

New digital books

Fiction

- _____ **DB79912** *Unnatural Habits: A Phryne Fisher Mystery* by Kerry Greenwood
- _____ **DB79947** *Massacre at Powder River; The Eyes of Texas; Torture Town* by William Johnstone
- _____ **DB79134** *Unprintable: A Book-lover's Mystery* by Julie Kaewert
- _____ **DB79622** *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty
- _____ **DB78457** *The Wives of Los Alamos* by TaraShea Nesbit
- _____ **DB79294** *Compromised* by Kate Noble
- _____ **DB79625** *Festive in Death* by J.D. Robb
- _____ **DB79742** *The Heist* by Daniel Silva
- _____ **DB78923** *The Rip-Off* by Jim Thompson
- _____ **DB79941** *The Care and Management of Lies: A Novel of the Great War* by Jacqueline Winspear

Nonfiction

- _____ **DB79948** *What I Know For Sure* by Oprah Winfrey

- _____ **DB79297** *The Greatest Come-back: How Richard Nixon Rose from Defeat to Create the New Majority* by Patrick J. Buchanan
- _____ **DB79700** *Good Hunting: An American Spymaster's Story* by Jack Devine and Vernon Loeb
- _____ **DB79868** *Beginner's Guide to Echolocation for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Learning to See with Your Ears* by Tim Johnson and Justin Louchart
- _____ **DB78458** *Why I Read: The Serious Pleasure of Books* by Wendy Lesser
- _____ **DB79636** *Man from Essence: Creating a Magazine for Black Women* by Edward Lewis
- _____ **DB79630** *Brando's Smile: His Life, Thought, and Work* by Susan Mizruchi
- _____ **DB79293** *Are You Smart Enough to Work at Google?* by William Poundstone
- _____ **DB79632** *Do Fathers Matter?* by Paul Raeburn
- _____ **DB79756** *The Romanov Sisters: The Lost Lives of the Daughters of Nicholas and Alexandra* by Helen Rappaport
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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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The Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation acknowledges the following donors for their generous contributions:

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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 supports volunteer efforts in the area.

To contribute, make checks payable to the Jones 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.

Library address

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Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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Hours

Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Email and phone hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Library services

Recorded Books and Magazines
Braille Books and Magazines
Large Print Books and Big Books
Descriptive Videos
Online Catalog
BARD Download 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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