

# Louisiana Hotlines



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## Holiday closings

July 4 Independence Day  
September 3 Labor Day

## 2018 Louisiana Book Festival

Mark your calendars! The 15th annual Louisiana Book Festival will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free to all. There will be hundreds of authors and exhibitors as well as food, music, lectures and activities for kids and teens. The Louisiana Book Festival will be held in Capitol Park, the State Library, the State Museum and the State Capitol. The Book Festival schedule will be available in Braille and large print. For more information visit [www.louisianabookfestival.org/](http://www.louisianabookfestival.org/).

## Sign up for the 2018 Adult Summer Reading Program

It's not too late to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program. The program runs from May 1, 2018, through August 31, 2018. If you complete the program by reading 20 books, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of 25 flash

drives. These 16GB flash drives can be loaded with audio books from the NLS Bard service and played on the NLS digital book player.



Many thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing this year's summer reading program prizes! To sign up, simply contact your reader adviser and start reading! If you would like, we will mail you a reading log to keep track of the books you have read. Once you have read 20 books, call your reader adviser to let them know, and your name will be entered into the drawing for a 16 GB flash drive that will work with your NLS digital book player. If you have a reading

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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 allowed per person. We will choose 25 lucky winners from the list of those who have read at least 20 books. Happy reading!

### **ABL 2018 State Convention**

The Affiliated Blind of Louisiana convention will be held September 14 – 15, 2018. This year's event will take place at the ABL Training Center, 409 West St. Mary Boulevard, Lafayette, LA. The mission of the ABL organization is to educate communities about blindness, to support the ABL training center and to serve as mentors for others who are visually impaired, blind, and deaf-blind.

Register online at [www.affiliatedblind.org](http://www.affiliatedblind.org). Pre-registration through Wednesday, August 15 is \$40.00. On-site registration is \$50.00. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

A special room rate of \$79.00 per night is available at the Wingate by Wyndham Lafayette Airport Hotel, 702 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd., Lafayette, LA. For hotel reservations call 337.234.3700.

Convention activities will include:

- Special sessions giving tips to family, friends, and volunteers
- ABL Family Reunion
- ABL Family Feud
- Great vendors and exhibitors
- Low vision exams and product demonstrations

If you have any questions, or to request a registration packet, call the ABL state office at 337.234.6492 or 800.319.4444.

A representative from TBBL will attend this year's ABL convention.

### **Recent Bestsellers**

**DB89921** *Enemy of the State: A Mitch Rapp novel* by Kyle Mills and Vince Flynn

The president wishes Mitch Rapp to secretly send a message to the Saudis after the king's nephew is discovered contributing funds to ISIS. When the plot is discovered, the president turns against Rapp. Soon both America and the Saudis are hunting him down. Sequel to *Order to Kill* (DB87024). Violence. Bestseller. 2017.

**DB89846** *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson  
Author of *Merlin's Tour of the Universe* (DB85038) explains astrophysics concepts in a condensed and easily digestible manner intended for people with limited time to read about the subject. Topics covered include the big bang, light, the space between galaxies, dark matter, the solar system, and more. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2017.

**DB89819** *Typhoon Fury*  
by Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison  
While searching for a valuable painting collection, Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon find themselves in much deeper water. A Filipino insurgency's vicious leader is not only using the paintings to finance his attacks, he has

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stumbled upon one of the most lethal secrets of World War II. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2017.

**DB90647** *The Last Jedi* by Jason Fry  
Rey's epic journey with Finn, Poe, and Luke Skywalker continues. Novelization of the movie *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2018.

**DB90471** *Fall from Grace*  
by Danielle Steel

When her husband dies in an accident, forty-nine-year-old widow Sydney Wells is appalled to find he left her out of his will. She finds a job but is soon out of her depth, in trouble with the law, and having to start over, yet again. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2018.

**DB90012** *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*  
by Mark T. Sullivan  
Milan, 1943. Teenager Pino Lella becomes involved in the resistance movement to ferry Jews out of Italy. To save him, Pino's family enlists him in the German army. When he is assigned as a driver for General Hans Leyers, Pino begins spying. Violence and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2017.

### **BARD's five-device limit**

Patrons who use purchased players or Android or Apple devices for downloading books are limited to five devices. All of your devices will be listed in your BARD account. If you have stopped using a device, you must call your reader advisor and ask for the device to be deleted from your account.

You must also delete the BARD mobile app from any device before you sell or give it away because you are the only authorized user of the service.

### **Increase number of books**

If you have been using the TBBL service for at least a year and you are interested in increasing the number of books sent to you, contact your reader advisor at 225.342.0035 or toll free at 800.543.4702.

### **Using Bookshelf feature of your digital book player**

If you have multiple books or magazines on a single digital book cartridge, then you need to use the **Bookshelf** feature of your digital book player in order to navigate from book to book or magazine issue to magazine issue. It is easy! Here's how:

1. Insert the cartridge into the digital player.
2. Hold down the green, rectangular shaped Play/Stop button until you hear the word, "**Bookshelf.**"
3. Release the Play/Stop button and tap the white arrow-shaped **Fast Forward** button to the right of the Play/Stop button to move through the titles on the cartridge until you hear the title of the magazine or book you want to read. Use the white, arrow-shaped **Rewind** button to the left of the Play/Stop button to move back the other way through the list of titles.

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## **Books and Beyond**

### **A section for children and teens**

#### **Summer reading update**

Our Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens started May 1<sup>st</sup>, but there is still time to sign up. Just read six books or magazines by Friday, August 31, and turn in your reading log to receive a free recorder flute, thumb drum, and sky blue “Libraries Rock!” t-shirt. Send in your summer reading invitation, or contact Charlene Moore at 225.342.9563, or email [tbblkids@state.lib.la.us](mailto:tbblkids@state.lib.la.us) to register. Many thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing this year’s summer reading program prizes!

#### **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:

- Reading interests or reading level
- The number of books you receive
- Favorite authors, subjects, or series

Send Ms. Charlene an email or give her a call.

#### **White Cane Safety Day, October 10th**

The Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired will be celebrating the 54<sup>th</sup> annual White Cane Safety Day on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Events will be held in the downtown Baton Rouge area. White Cane Day commemorates the freedom, independence, and mobility symbolized by the use of the long white cane. Activities will include a picnic, route travel, awareness educa-

tion, and a scavenger hunt. The State Library will be a stop on the scavenger hunt. For further information contact LSVI Outreach Coordinator Blanche Faulk at 225.757.3489.

#### **Check out TumbleBookLibrary**

TumbleBookLibrary is an online, interactive collection of storybooks, chapter books, nonfiction, language learning, puzzles, and games provided at no cost to you by the State Library of Louisiana for those in kindergarten through sixth grade. The collection includes several read along tiles, and for those who read large print, the text can easily be enlarged. You can also change the background color if needed. To access these resources, go to the Louisiana Library Connection suite of statewide electronic resources at [lalibcon.state.lib.la.us/](http://lalibcon.state.lib.la.us/) and scroll down to find the TumbleBookLibrary link. If asked, enter your public library card number.

#### **2019 Louisiana Readers’ Choice nominees**

The 2019 Louisiana Readers’ Choice program is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. There are three categories: grades 3-5, grades 6-8, and Teen Readers’ Choice for grades 9-12. Students read from the nominated titles during 2018 and vote on their favorite by February 1, 2019. To qualify, students must be from Louisiana and have read three of the titles in the appropriate grade category. You can help decide who will win! To cast your vote, call 800.543.4702.

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TBBL has copies of these LYRC titles.

**Grades 3-5:**

**DB85304** *Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay* by Susan Hood. Ada's dream is to play music in Cateura, a small town built on a landfill in Paraguay. Favio Chávez, an engineer and musician, recycled garbage into musical instruments and taught the kids to play, earning him global recognition.

**DB89176, LP25817** *Seven and a Half Tons of Steel* by Janet Nolan and Thomas Gonzalez. Following the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, a steel beam from the World Trade Center was given to the Navy and subsequently used to create the bow for the warship USS New York.

**BARD BR21759, DB83449** *Soar* by Joan Bauer. Jeremiah is determined to coach his middle school's baseball team. As a heart transplant recipient, he can't play, but Jeremiah doesn't let that slow him down in pursuing his coaching dreams.

**DB88368** *Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World about Kindness* by Donna Janell Bowman. Recounts how William "Doc" Key, a former slave and self-trained veterinarian, taught his horse Jim to read and write and, together with Jim, became one of the most famous traveling performance acts around the turn of the twentieth century.

**DB86072** *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor. When ten-year-old Charlie's dad goes to jail and her mom spends all day on the couch, Charlie reluctantly moves to the

country to live with her kin. There, with the help of a stray dog and a new friend, she discovers the true meaning of family.

**DB86858** *Word of Mouse* by James Patterson. After a dramatic escape from a mysterious laboratory, Isaiah is separated from his mouse family and has to use his special skills to survive in the dangerous outdoors and, hopefully, find his missing family.

**LP25812** *My Life in Pictures* by Deborah Zemke. Bea Garcia's best friend moves to Australia. When a rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends.

**Grades 6-8:**

**DB84472** *Booked* by Kwame Alexander. When Princess Harriet climbs an enormous beanstalk, she finds a giant rabbit is keeping a goose and a half-harp, half-hamster as prisoners. It's up to Harriet to save the day.

**DB85754** *Fuzzy* by Tom Angleberger. When Max befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.

**BARD BR21669, DB85921** *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds. Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on his city's elite track team, gifted runner Ghost finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with an abusive, alcoholic father.

**BARD BR21836, DB85739, LP25796** *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Regan Barnhill. Every year a community leaves a baby as an offering to a powerful witch. One infant--now a young girl--

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is being raised by the witch and must unlock the magic buried deep inside her.

**DB86730** *Projekt 1065* by Alan Gratz. 1943. Michael, son of the Irish ambassador to Nazi Germany, is also a spy for the British Secret Service. After joining the Hitler Youth, Michael stumbles on Projekt 1065. Suddenly, his situation becomes a lot more dangerous.

**DBC08424** *The Thing about Leftovers* by C.C. Payne. After her parents divorce, Fizzy feels like a leftover from their marriage. Dad has remarried and is expecting a baby with his new wife, while Mom is marrying a man Fizzy doesn't like. She sets her sights on winning the Southern Living Cook-off.

**DB90156** *Top Prospect* by Paul Volponi. Travis gets the opportunity of a lifetime when the coach of the Gainesville University him a scholarship before he even starts high school. Suddenly, Travis is facing mounting pressure to succeed.

#### **Teen Readers' Choice:**

Teens must read two selections from the nominated title list in order to vote.

**DB87030** *The Female of the Species* by Mindy McGinnis. Loner Alex Craft embraces the darkness after her sister's killer walks free. Circumstances force her to befriend two teens at a local animal shelter. Alex confronts new evil in her small town.

**DB83752** *Riders* by Veronica Rossi. Eighteen-year-old Army Ranger Gideon Blake discovers that he is War, one of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. Together with Conquest, Famine, and Death, he must save humanity.

**DB86810** *Scythe* by Neal Shusterman. In a future where natural death has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be gleaned by reapers known as scythes. Teens Citra and Rowan are chosen for a scythe apprenticeship--a position neither of them wants.

**DB86277, LP25797** *Heartless* by Marissa Meyer. Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester.

**DB84363** *Highly Illogical Behavior* by John Corey Whaley. Agoraphobic Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that and get into a top psychology school based on the results.

**DB83873** *The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner. Musician Dill and his two friends contemplate their futures during their final year of high school.

**BARD BR21806, DB86028** *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon. Natasha and Daniel meet at the worst possible time, but they believe there is something extraordinary in store for them.

**DB87022** *This is Our Story* by Ashley Elston. When a hunting accident claims a boy's life, his best friends come under suspicion. Kate, a fellow student and intern at the district attorney's office, helps investigate the case.

**DB86706** *Three Dark Crowns* by Kendare Blake. Triplets Mirabella, Katharine and Arsinoe possess unique magical abilities. Once they turn sixteen, they must battle each other for the throne.

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## **Support our TBBL friends organization**

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

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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.

## **Library address**

Talking Books & Braille Library  
701 N. Fourth St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

## **Phone numbers**

Baton Rouge: 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](mailto:tbbl@state.lib.la.us)  
[tbblkids@state.lib.la.us](mailto: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.

## **Library services**

Audio books and magazines  
Braille books and magazines  
Large print books and big books  
Descriptive videos  
Online catalog  
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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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