

# Louisiana Hotlines

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## Sarah Nelson joins TBBL staff

Sarah Nelson is our new supervisor for the reader advisors. She just moved to Baton Rouge from the Houston area and started at the Talking Books and Braille Library in mid-October. Sarah earned a master's degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas in 2007 and graduated summa cum laude from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2000. Before coming to TBBL she worked for the Harris County Public Library system and the Grand Prairie Public Library. Her favorite books are mysteries and some of her favorite authors are Anne Perry, J.K. Rowling and Rick Riordan.

## Still time to complete survey

Thanks to the patrons who have completed the 2013 TBBL survey, which appeared in the fall newsletter. If you have not completed the survey please contact your reader advisor at 1-800-543-4702 or 225-342-0035 and they will assist you.

## BARD downloads growing

More than 700 Louisiana residents have registered for BARD and are downloading digital books. Of those registered for BARD, 13 percent are using the BARD Mobile App to download and listen to books on their iPod, iPad or iPhone. The BARD website has more than 50,000 digital books and magazines available for download 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A friend, relative or caretaker can assist you with downloading books from BARD. You can register for BARD at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/NLS>. If you are already a BARD user, you can visit the iTunes store to download the BARD Mobile App at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bard-mobile/id705229586>.

### Library Closings

**Martin Luther King Day**  
Monday, January 20, 2014

**Mardi Gras**  
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

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## National Federation of the Blind 2014 Scholarship Program

To recognize achievement by blind scholars, the National Federation of the Blind annually offers blind college students in the United States and Puerto Rico the opportunity to win one of 30 merit-based, national-level scholarships worth from \$3,000 to \$12,000. All scholarships awarded are based on academic excellence, community service and leadership.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants for these scholarships:

1. Must be legally blind in both eyes;
2. Must reside in the United States, the District of Columbia or Puerto Rico;
3. Must be pursuing or planning to pursue a full-time, postsecondary course of study in a degree program at a United States institution in the 2014 scholastic year, except that one scholarship may be given to a person employed full-time while attending school part-time; and
4. Must participate in the entire NFB national convention and in all of its scheduled scholarship program activities.

In addition to a scholarship, each winner will receive assistance to

attend the 2014 National Federation of the Blind Annual Convention at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Florida, July 1-6 (departing July 7), providing an excellent opportunity for high-level networking with active blind persons in many different professions and occupations.

**The application deadline is March 31, 2014.**

For more information, please contact Chairperson Patti Chang, Esq., at [scholarships@nfb.org](mailto:scholarships@nfb.org) or 410-659-9314, extension 2415.

Here is the mailing address:  
NFB Scholarship Program  
National Federation of the Blind  
200 East Wells St. at Jernigan Place  
Baltimore, Maryland 21230

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## Upcoming conferences

Mark your calendars for two exciting National Federation for the Blind conferences in 2014! The NFB of Louisiana convention is March 14-16, 2014 in Baton Rouge. Please visit this link for more details: <http://www.nfb-la.org/pages/stateconvention.html>

The NFB's national convention is July 1-6 in Orlando, Florida. Follow the link for complete details: <https://nfb.org/national-convention>.

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## Tech tips

Here are the latest suggestions from NLS on how to get the optimum battery life out of your digital player:

1. DO leave your player plugged in, if you can.
2. DO NOT completely run down the battery of the digital player.
3. DO NOT leave your player unused for long periods of time without having it plugged in.
4. DO NOT expect the battery to always recharge to the original 29+ hours it reported when new (anything greater than 12 hours is considered acceptable).
5. DO NOT be surprised if the charging time drops dramatically from one time to the next – especially if you have been using a flash drive instead of a cartridge.

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## Blind Americans Equality Day

President Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring October 15, 2013 as Blind Americans Equality Day. In the proclamation, Obama said: "Blind and visually impaired persons have always played an important role in American life and culture, and today we recommit to our goals of full access and opportunity."

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## First audio book available on GPO's Federal Digital System

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has made an audio book available for the first time on the agency's Federal Digital System (FDsys). Published by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the audio book, *Getting to Know the President: Intelligence Briefings of Presidential Candidates, 1952-2004*, is a historical account of the information sharing process between the intelligence community and presidential candidates and presidents-elect during campaigns and administration transitions.

The audio book is available in an .mp3 format on FDsys, a one-stop site to authentic, published Government information. The print version of the book is also available through GPO's bookstore.

"This audio book is another milestone for GPO in carrying out our mission of Keeping America Informed," said Public Printer Davita Vance-Cooks. "New and compelling titles are constantly added to FDsys and this audio book is the latest example of how GPO is making Government information available in different formats to the public."

Visit the FDsys website at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>.

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## Louisiana teacher in national magazine

Krystal Guillory is a teacher of blind students here in Louisiana. She published an article in a recent issue of *Future Reflections*, which is a national magazine for parents and teachers of blind children. It is published quarterly by the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults in partnership with the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children.

Krystal is an advocate for Braille as a literacy tool for blind and visually impaired students. In her article she discusses recent developments concerning Braille literacy on the national stage. You can read her article in the Summer 2013 edition of *Future Reflections*. Here is the web address: <https://nfb.org/images/nfb/publications/fr/fr32/3/fr320301.htm>.

*Future Reflections* covers the many topics surrounding blind children as they grow from birth through college. Each issue provides resources and information for parents and teachers as well as a positive philosophy about blindness.

*Future Reflections* is available free of charge to subscriber addresses in the U.S. in regular print, on USB thumb drive, via e-mail, or online on the NFB Web site. To subscribe to *Future Reflections* in print or on USB thumb drive, send an e-mail

to [nfbpublications@nfb.org](mailto:nfbpublications@nfb.org). Include your preferred medium in the body. Please include your address, whether you are a parent of a blind child (and, if so, include your child's name and birth date), a teacher or other subscriber.

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## Television listings available on NFB Newsline®

Subscribers can now access television listings over this free phone and secure website service. This feature gives the subscriber the local channel scheduling information. Users can also customize the channel lineup to find out what is on their favorite channels. This information has not been readily available to the blind and visually impaired in a usable format in the past.

Call The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) toll free at 866-504-7300 for more information about the TV listings. If you are not signed up for NFB-Newsline, contact your reader advisor at the Talking Books and Braille Library at 1-800-543-4702.

**BOOK ORDER FORM – Carefully tear out page and return with your order.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Bestsellers: Fiction**

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76417 *Life After Life: A Novel* by Kate Atkinson

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76456 *The Hit* by David Baldacci

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76576 *Whiskey Beach* by Nora Roberts

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76605 *NOS4A2: A Novel* by Joe Hill

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76634 *The Wanderer* by Robyn Carr

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76784 *Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76311 *The Storyteller: A Novel* by Jodi Picoult

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76375 *The Burgess Boys: A Novel* by Elizabeth Strout

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76675 *All That Is: A Novel* by James Salter

**Bestsellers: Nonfiction**

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76383 *The Soundtrack of My Life* by Clive Davis

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76392 *The Secrets of Happy Families: Improve Your Mornings, Rethink Family Dinner, Fight Smarter, Go Out and Play, and Much More* by Bruce Feiler

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76467 *The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend* by Glenn Frankel

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76471 *Out of Order: Stories from the History of the Supreme Court* by Sandra Day O'Connor

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76616 *Mom & Me & Mom* by Maya Angelou

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76714 *Unsinkable: A Memoir* by Debbie Reynolds

\_\_\_\_\_ DB77054 *Ava Gardner: The Secret Conversations* by Peter Evans

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76532 *Escape from Camp: 14 One Man's Remarkable Odyssey from North Korea to Freedom in the West* by Blaine Harden

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76516 *The Virgin Diet: Drop 7 Foods, Lose 7 Pounds, Just 7 Days* by J.J. Virgin

\_\_\_\_\_ DB76257 *The Future Six Drivers of Global Change* by Al Gore

## New children and teens digital books

- \_\_\_\_\_ DB75301 *The Hardy Boys Mystery of the Whale Tattoo* by Franklin W. Dixon.
- \_\_\_\_\_ DB76165 *The Apothecary* by Maile Meloy
- \_\_\_\_\_ DB76453 *Strike Three, You're Dead* by Josh Berk
- \_\_\_\_\_ DB75786 *Julie Andrews' Treasury for All Seasons: Poems and Songs to Celebrate the Year*
- \_\_\_\_\_ DB76334 *Just Joking 3,300 Hilarious Jokes About Everything, Including Tongue Twisters, Riddles, and More!*

## Books for Black History Month

- \_\_\_\_\_ DB076788 *Hand Me My Travelin' Shoes: In Search of Blind Willie McTell* by Michael Gray
- \_\_\_\_\_ DB071033 *The Ballad of Blind Tom* by Deirdre O'Connell
- \_\_\_\_\_ DB076678 *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* by Jeanne Theoharis
- \_\_\_\_\_ DB071032 *Lift Every Voice: The NAACP and the Making of the Civil Rights Movement* by Patricia Sullivan

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FREE MATTER FOR THE  
BLIND OR HANDICAPPED

TALKING BOOKS AND BRAILLE LIBRARY  
701 N. FOURTH STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

## Donations for Talking Books and Braille Library

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

- Kirk and Serena Jones, Don and Marilyn Hardy, and Beverly Jones in memory of Mary Jane Fly Kahao
- Joe and Jennifer Anjier
- George W. Pugh
- Joyce Weber
- Jane K. Wheelahan

The Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation, since 1981, has acted as a friends group for the Talking Books and Braille Library Division of the State Library. 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 the Talking Books and Braille Library (TBBL) within the State Library of Louisiana. It is a primary sponsor of the State Library's large print collection, TBBL's summer reading program, descriptive video collection and supports volunteer efforts in this area.

To make a tax-deductible donation, make checks payable to the Jones Foundation and mail your check to:

Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation  
1131 N. River Road  
Port Allen, LA 70767

### Talking Books and Braille Library 701 North Fourth Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802

#### Telephone Numbers

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Phone: 225-342-0035

Fax: 225-342-6817

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)

#### Hours Open to the Public

Monday - Thursday;

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday by telephone and email only.

#### Library Services

Recorded Books & Magazines

Braille Books & Magazines

Large Print Books and Big Books

Descriptive Videos

Online Catalog and 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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