

Louisiana Hotlines



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Holiday closings

Dec. 23, 26	Christmas
Jan 2	New Year's Day
Jan 16	MLK Day

BARD Express

NLS has released BARD Express. BARD Express is a Windows-based application that simplifies the process of searching for, downloading, and transferring audio materials to a cartridge or USB flash drive (no more having to "unzip" files). BARD Express is designed for use on personal computers running Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, and 10. It does not run on Macintosh computers.

NLS has posted some helpful how-to videos for BARD Express that you can find at the State Library of Louisiana's TBBL website: www.state.lib.la.us/special-services/talking-books-and-braille-library/videos-about-tbbl-services.

Please call your reader adviser if you would like more information about this computer application.

Braille calendars

The 2017 Braille calendars were recently mailed to patrons who received them in

the past. Call your reader adviser if you would like to start receiving a Braille calendar.

Returning *Talking Book Topics*

NLS is aware that some patrons are having difficulty with the change in returning the September/October *Talking Book Topics* cartridge to the producer. The mailing container has the return address printed on a label affixed to the mailing container so there is no need to insert or flip a mailing card. Simply return the cartridge in the mailing container. The order form is mailed separately and also pre-addressed.

2017 NFBL convention

The 2017 National Federation of the Blind Louisiana annual convention will be held March 24-26 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Shreveport located at 1419 East 70th Street. Contact Pam Allen if you are interested in attending at 318.251.2891.

Attention alumni!

If you attended the Louisiana School for the Blind at Southern University in Baton Rouge please, contact Ronald Daniels at:

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985.271.9366 or Shirley Barber Colbert at 318.458.4911. They have important information to share with you and would appreciate your prompt reply.

E-Mail address changes and BARD

If you change e-mail address reason, you do not need to create a new BARD account. Instead, log into your BARD account and choose the Update Account Settings on the BARD Main Page. This will take you to a page of options, including a link to Change Your E-Mail Address. Once you change your e-mail address/user ID, you will receive an email with a temporary password. Login with the new email address and temporary password and create a new password to protect the security of your account.

WRBH Reading Radio - 88.3 FM

The mission of WRBH Reading Radio is "to turn the printed word into the spoken word so that the blind and print handicapped can receive the same ease of access to current information as their sighted peers."

WRBH offers a wide variety of programming including local and national news, best-selling fiction and non-fiction books, magazine articles, children's books, event calendars, interview segments, health programs, cooking shows, and grocery store ads, as well as shows geared toward Spanish, Haitian, and Vietnamese communities. This programming is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

WRBH's FM signal is available across the following Louisiana parishes: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Charles, St. John, Terrebonne, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines. WRBH is the United States' only 24-hour reading radio is one of only three such stations in the world.

WRBH is available on the internet via live audio streaming and podcasts. This means that anyone in the world can listen to WRBH's internet content.

For more information, contact WRBH Reading Radio by phone at 504.899.1144 or on the web at www.wrbh.org.

New selection for BookTalks discussion group

BookTalks, the email-based TBBL adult book discussion group, has just finished reading and discussing *Creole Belle: A Dave Robicheaux Novel* by James Lee Burke.

Our new book will be a selection from classic literature: *Middlemarch* by George Eliot.

DB20078 *Middlemarch* by George Eliot. Reading time: 33 hours, 51 minutes. Read by Patricia Beaudry. Penguin Classics describes *Middlemarch* as "One of the most accomplished and prominent novels of the Victorian era, *Middlemarch* is an unsurpassed portrait of nineteenth-century English provincial life. Dorothea Brooke is a young woman of fervent ideals who yearns to effect social change yet faces resistance from the society she inhabits. In this epic in a

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small landscape, Eliot's large cast of precisely delineated characters and the rich tapestry of their stories result in a wise, compassionate, and astute vision of human nature. As Virginia Woolf declared, George Eliot 'was one of the first English novelists to discover that men and women think as well as feel, and the discovery was of great artistic moment.' "

George Eliot is the pen name for Mary Ann Evans Cross, who was born on November 22, 1819 at Arbury Farm, Warwickshire, England. She is also the author of *Adam Bede*, *The Mill on the Floss*, and *Silas Marner*.

How to join BookTalks

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!

African American History Month

Call your reader adviser to order any of the following books.

DB84186 *Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America; from the Age of the Pullman Porters to the Age of Obama* by Ethan Michaeli. Former editor and reporter for the *Chicago Defender* examines the

history of the publication which was founded in 1905 and spoke out on many race issues in the twentieth century. Its writers included Ida B. Wells, Langston Hughes, and Martin Luther King, Jr. 2016

DB84057 *Face That Changed It All: A Memoir* by Beverly Johnson. Autobiography of a woman who, in August 1974, became the first African American model to be featured on the cover of American Vogue magazine. Details her personal life, her modeling career, drug addiction issues, and other challenges she faced. 2015

DB82469 *The Wind in the Reeds: A Storm and the City That Would Not Be Broken* by Wendell Pierce. Ten years after Hurricane Katrina destroyed his family home in New Orleans, actor Wendell Pierce reflects on the storm. Interspersing stories of his own family with New Orleans history, he stresses the role that art and music played in the city's recovery. 2015.

DB82886 *One Righteous Man: Samuel Battle and the Shattering of the Color Line in New York* by Arthur Browne. Pulitzer Prize winner describes the life and career of the first African American New York Police Department officer, Samuel Battle (1883-1966). Using an unpublished autobiography coauthored by Langston Hughes as source, discusses Battle's trials, tribulations, and joys, including mentoring the first African American member of the Fire Department of New York. 2015.

DB81859 *We could not fail: The first African Americans in the Space*

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Program by Paul Richard. Profiles ten African Americans who contributed to the early development of the space program. Discusses the impact of their presence at facilities often located in the segregated South. 2015

10 new digital books

DB84302 *Painter's Daughter* by Julie Klasssen. Sophie Dupont is stunned when Wesley, the man she loves, abruptly sails off to Italy. His brother Stephen, offers to marry Sophie to save her from a scandal. But then Wesley returns, determined to win Sophie back. 2015

DB84499 *If My Heart Could Talk: A Story of Family, Faith, and Miracles* by Dodie Osteen. Wife and mother of ministers reflects on her life. Discusses dealing with polio as a child, raising her own children and running of Lakewood Church with her husband.

DB84071 *War Room: Prayer Is a Powerful Weapon* by Chris Fabry. Elizabeth, a real estate agent, and Tony, a pharmaceutical sales representative, are experiencing problems with their seemingly perfect marriage and life.

DB85071 *Charcoal Joe: An Easy Rawlins Mystery* by Walter Mosley. Easy Rawlins meets Charcoal Joe. Joe's friend's son, a bright physics major at Stanford, has been charged with murdering a man from Redondo Beach.

DB84402 *Wedding Cake Murder* by Joanne Fluke. Minnesota baker Hannah Swensen's plans for a simple wedding to Ross are overruled when she finds the nasty judge of the New

York City Food Channel's dessert competition murdered. 2016.

DB85078 *Trials of the Earth: The True Story of a Pioneer Woman* by Mary Hamilton. An account by Mary Mann Hamilton (1866-1936) of her life as a pioneer in the South. She describes facing natural disasters, dangerous wildlife, managing a boarding house for settlers in Arkansas, and running a logging camp in Mississippi. 2016.

DB84345 *Family Jewels* by Stuart Woods. Stone Barrington's newest client—a wealthy lady—first needs Stone's help discouraging a tenacious gentleman. Stone discovers that the heart of the mystery may be a famous missing piece of history. Unrated. 2016.

DB83918 *Kurland St. Mary, Books 1-3* by Catherine Lloyd. Three mysteries, are set in Regency England and feature the sleuthing army major Robert Kurland and childhood friend Lucy Harrington.

DB84717 *The Longevity Book: The Science of Aging, the Biology of Strength, and the Privilege of Time* by Cameron Diaz. Forty-three-year-old actress and her coauthor examine the current science on aging in women. Bestseller. 2016.

DB84924 *Bill O'Reilly's Legends and Lies: The Patriots* by David Fisher. Companion to O'Reilly's historical docudrama *Legends and Lies: The Patriots*. Examines the American Revolutionary War through the lives of its leaders. Details the arguments that led the country to war and the birth of a new nation. 2016.

Books and Beyond

A section for children and teens

Summer reading wrap up 2016

Congratulations to this year's *On Your Mark, Get Set... Reading winners* who read 479 books. 69 young patrons completed the Summer Reading Program. Those who completed the program received a t-shirt, sports wallet/keychain set, and a certificate of achievement.

Family resource fair

The date for the 2017 Annual St. Tammany Family Information Fair for children with special needs is currently pending. For more information contact Anne Dardis at the Harrison Curriculum Center at 985.898.3300.

Look at this! Scholarship opportunities available in 2017

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 \$3,000 to \$12,000. All scholarships awarded are based on academic excellence, community service and leadership.

Each winner will receive assistance to attend the 2017 National Federation of the Blind Annual Convention which will take place July 10 – 15, 2017, in Orlando, Florida. Application deadline is March 31, 2017. For more information, contact Chairperson Patti Chang, Esq., at: scholarships@nfb.org or call 410.659.9314, extension 2415, or:

NFB Scholarship Program, National Federation of the Blind, 200 East Wells

St. at Jernigan Place, Baltimore, MD 21230

Each year at its state convention, the National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana (NFBL) awards four scholarships to recognize the achievement of blind scholars in Louisiana. Scholarships range from \$750 to \$1,500.

All applications must be received no later than March 25, 2017. For more information and to receive an application contact: Eric Guillory, Chairperson NFBL Scholarship Committee, 101 South Trenton St. Ruston, LA 71270, phone: 800.234.4166, email: eguillory@louisianacenter.org.

The following College guidebooks available online, provide a review of scholarships available in 2017 for students with disabilities. Scholarships are listed by disability and reviews contain information on award amounts, deadlines, qualifications, and contact information. In addition, the guides offer tips on selecting the right college, setting academic goals, and assistive technology.

The two guides are "College Scholarships and Financial Aid for Students with Disabilities" at <http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/college-resource-center/affordable-colleges-for-students-with-disabilities/> and "Helping Students with Visual Impairments" online at <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/helping-students-with-visual-impairments/>.

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AER Technology Workshop at LSVI

The Louisiana Chapter of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired is sponsoring a two day technology workshop on January 12-13, 2017 at the Louisiana School for the Deaf and Visually Impaired, located at 2888 Brightside Lane in Baton Rouge. Presenters will provide an overview of the newest technologies. For information contact Blanche Faulk, O&M/Outreach Coordinator at 225.757.3489 or BFaulk@lsdvi.org.

There is still time to vote for the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award

The 2017 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice program is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. To vote, students must have read three titles in their grade category. To cast your vote, call 1.800.543.4702 before Feb. 1, 2017.

TBBL has copies of these LYRC titles in Braille (BR), digital audiobook (DB), and large print formats (LP):

Grades 3-5 nominated title list:

DB83032 *The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond* by Brenda Woods

DB80803 *Eddie Red Undercover #1: Mystery on Museum Mile*
by Marcia Wells

DB79746 *Lindbergh: The Tale of a Flying Mouse* by Torben Kuhlmann

DB80018 *I Survived Series, Books 1-10* by Lauren Tarshis. Includes *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic 1912*, and *I Survived the Japanese Tsunami 2011*.

DBC6846 *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone* by Katheryn Russell-Brown

DBC6492 *Pack of Dorks* by Beth Vrabel

Grades 6-8 nominated title list:

DB79528 *The Crossover*
by Kwame Alexander

DB79655 *The Fourteenth Goldfish*
by Jennifer Holm

DBC6468 *Loot: How to Steal a Fortune*
by Jude Watson

DB79649 *The Night Gardener*
by Jonathan Auxier

BR20539 and **DB79921** *Rain Reign*
by Ann M. Martin

Teen Readers' Choice

Grades 9-12 nominated title list:

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

DB79140 *Don't Even Think About It*
by Sarah Mlynowski

BR20789 and **DB81557** *Fake ID*
by Lamar Giles

BR20666 and **DB80691** *How It Went Down* by Kekla Magoon

BR20707 and **DB79944** *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson

BR20699 and **DB80941** *Nearly Gone*
by Elle Cosimano

DB78253 *Red Rising* by Pierce Brown

DB83132 *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* by Jenny Han

BR20594 and **DB79109** *We Were Liars*
by E. Lockhart

DB80631 *When I Was the Greatest*
by Jason Reynolds

Support our TBBL friends organization

The 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 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
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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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Braille service: 800.453.4293

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Walk-in hours

Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Phone hours

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8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Library services

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Braille books and magazines
Large print books and big books
Descriptive videos
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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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