

Louisiana Hotlines

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New adult summer reading program

This year TBBL is starting an adult summer reading program! The theme is:



How do I register for this program?

Use the registration form on Page 5 of this newsletter to sign up. When you turn in your registration form, we will mail you a reading log. If you are one of the first 400 patrons to sign up, you will also receive a "Groundbreaking READS" bookmark.

How many books do I need to read to complete the program?

We set the goal at 20 books. Write down the books you read on your reading log and mail the log back to us, or call us to list the books by phone.

When does the program begin and end?

The adult summer reading program begins May 22 and ends August 31. This is the last day to turn in your reading log.

Which books qualify?

Any of our digital or cassette audio books or magazines qualify. Large print books also qualify.

Is there a prize for completing the program?

Yes. The first 250 readers who complete the program by mailing back their reading logs will receive a tote bag with the logo "Groundbreaking READS" printed on the side. The top three readers will have their names printed in our fall 2013 Hotlines newsletter.

Library Closings

Memorial Day – May 27

Independence Day – July 4

Children's and teen summer reading programs

We are pleased to announce the 2013 Children's and Teen Summer Reading Programs will begin on May 22, 2013. This year we have several fabulous prizes for the children and teens who participate. TBBL will mail invitation/registration forms in April. The theme for the Children's Program this year is "Dig Into Reading." The theme for the Teen Program is "Beneath the Surface."

TBBL news

Sheila Coleman, who has been a librarian with the Talking Books and Braille Library for almost six years, has been promoted into the position of Coordinator in charge of TBBL. She will serve as the director of the regional library. Along with her staff, she is continuing to provide great service to TBBL users.



Audio textbooks for students

Learning Ally is the world's largest audio textbook library. They also have a large selection of popular titles. Learning Ally is formerly known as Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic - RFB&D.

A membership to Learning Ally will

give you unlimited book downloads and you can choose from 75,000 titles. Learning Ally has human-read audio books. Membership is \$119 per year but if you sign up through TBBL, you will get a 20 percent discount. Also, Learning Ally will not deny service to any individual who can demonstrate serious financial need.

Contact TBBL at 1-800-543-4702 for a referral discount or Learning Ally directly at 1-800-221-4792.

New for magazine subscribers

We have been notified by NLS that our patrons who have subscriptions to audio magazines and Talking Book Topics catalogs will begin receiving them on cartridge soon. The mailing containers will be red in color and contain the Library of Congress book flag logo and the words "Audio Magazines" in print and Braille.

There are two types of cartridges: weekly cartridges, which hold only weekly magazines, and monthly cartridges, which hold monthly/bimonthly/quarterly (and sometimes weekly) magazines.

Weekly cartridges will be designated as overdue when they are more than three weeks old. The weekly cartridge has a week to get to the patron. The patron has a week to read it. The cartridge has the third week to get back to the contractor.

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Magazine subscribers, continued

Monthly cartridges will be designated as overdue when they are more than six weeks old. A monthly cartridge has a week to reach the patron.

The patron has a month to read the magazines on it. The cartridge then has a week to get back to the contractor.

Patrons will be designated as delinquent and their magazine service will be deferred when they have a total of three or more overdue cartridges.

Audio magazine readers may find more than one magazine title on a cartridge. They will need to use the bookshelf mode in the digital player to access their magazines. Cartridges containing more than one magazine will include an initial message giving instructions on using the bookshelf.

Instructions for using the bookshelf:

1. To access the bookshelf mode, press and hold the play/stop button until you hear "bookshelf."
2. Use the fast-forward button to scroll to the next magazine in the list.
3. Use the rewind button to scroll to the previous magazine in the list.
4. Once you hear the title of the magazine you want to read, press the play/stop button.

Audio magazine readers may receive different magazines on a cartridge each month depending on the scheduled release of each magazine.

Audio magazine readers must return cartridges to the contractor by flipping the mailing card affixed to the outside of the red magazine mailing container and dropping it in the mail.

Reminder to return players

Playback machines, both cassette and digital, are U.S. government property. If you wish to cancel service, please remember to return the players to TBBL. A broken player should also be returned so we can issue a replacement player.

Call for return of ILL items

Return multistate or other state libraries' interlibrary loaned materials or borrowing privileges will be suspended. We are being held accountable for items that are not being returned. Please return these items as soon as possible.

Free Bible on cartridge

A free digital Bible on cartridge is available from the Assemblies of God Church at www.blind.ag.org. You may also call to request a copy at 1-417-831-1964.

Take the NLS survey

The Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is conducting a survey to understand how to better serve the needs of readers of talking books and Braille. Take the survey now to let your opinions be heard and help us better serve you! To take the survey online or to learn more about it, go to www.LibraryOfCongressSurvey.com or call 1-866-545-1618 to schedule a time to take the survey over the phone. You do not have to be a current NLS reader to take the survey.

The 25-minute survey is designed to learn more about your experiences with talking books and Braille, what types of talking book and Braille materials and services you are looking for, and what NLS can do to get you interested in the free Library of Congress talking book and Braille program. Your answers to the survey questions will be kept confidential.

Future mobile device apps

NLS is in the process of developing applications to enable the download and reading of its books using commercial mobile devices. Two versions are being developed independently — one for Apple iOS devices (iPhone, iPod touch and iPad) and one for Google Android devices.

The applications will:

- play NLS digital talking books (ANSI/NISO Z39.96-2002)
- communicate with Bluetooth-connected refreshable Braille displays for reading NLS Braille (BRF) files
- download books directly from BARD
- accept books loaded from a connected computer (e.g., iTunes files)
- be free, but require a BARD account to be activated and to download books
- employ the accessibility features native to the devices, such as Talkback and Brailleback on Android and Voiceover on iOS

The iOS application is at the internal testing stage. The NLS Engineering Section is evaluating this working version without all of its final features. NLS plans to have the beta version, with corrections and enhanced functionality, available for selected beta testers to evaluate in several weeks. The iOS version is expected to be available to patrons in late spring. The Android application will only be available on Android 4.2 "Jelly Bean" and later versions because of poor accessibility support on earlier versions. The application is expected to be available to patrons on the Android market in late summer. The NLS Materials Development Division will provide more precise dates when they are available.

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: Nonfiction

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| _____ DB 74165 <i>The Obamas</i> by Jodi Kantor | _____ DB 74489 <i>Full Service: My Adventures in Hollywood and the Secret Sex Lives of the Stars</i> by Scotty Bowers and Lionel Friedberg |
| _____ DB 74307 <i>Quiet: the Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking</i> by Susan Cain | _____ DB 74530 <i>The Blood Sugar Solution: the Ultrahealthy Program for Losing Weight, Preventing Disease, and Feeling Great Now</i> by Mark Hyman |
| _____ DB 74313 <i>Ameritopia: the Unmaking of America</i> by Mark R. Levin | _____ DB 74545 <i>Why be Happy When You Could be Normal</i> by Jeanette Winterson |
| _____ DB 74411 <i>Once Upon a Secret: My Affair with President John F. Kennedy and Its Aftermath</i> by Mimi Alford | _____ DB 74736 <i>Prague Winter: a Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948</i> by Madeleine Korbel Albright and William Woodward |
| _____ DB 74440 <i>Coming Apart: the State of White America, 1960-2010</i> by Charles A. Murray | |

I want to participate in the 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program.



Send program material to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

_____ DB 74855 *Service: a Navy SEAL at War* by Marcus Luttrell and James D. Hornfischer

Bestsellers: Fiction

_____ DB 74075 *The Christmas Wedding* by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo

_____ DB 74105 *Explosive Eighteen: A Stephanie Plum Novel* by Janet Evanovich

_____ DB 74125 *Hidden Summit (Virgin River)* by Robyn Carr

_____ DB 74127 *Private #1 Suspect* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

_____ DB 74224 *Catch Me* by Lisa Gardner

_____ DB 74229 *The Jaguar* by Jefferson T. Parker and David Colacci

_____ DB 74282 *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson

_____ DB 74424 *Celebrity in Death* by J.D. Robb and Susan Ericksen

_____ DB 74490 *The Beginner's Goodbye* by Anne Tyler

_____ DB 74582 *The Witness* by Nora Roberts and Julia Whelan

FREE MATTER FOR THE
BLIND OR HANDICAPPED

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

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- Wednesday Volunteers for Family and Community in memory of MaryAnn St. Amant Scarle
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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 contribute, make checks payable to the Jones Foundation and mail to the following address:

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1131 N. River Road
Port Allen, LA 70767

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Phone: 225-342-0035

Fax: 225-342-6817

Braille Service:

1-800-453-4293

Email

tbbl@state.lib.la.us

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Hours open to the public

Monday to Thursday

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Friday by telephone and email only.

Library services

Recorded books and magazines

Braille books and 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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