

Louisiana Hotlines

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Adult Summer Reading Program
Spark a Reaction is the theme for this year's Adult Summer Reading Program. The first 50 readers who complete the program will receive a free electronics case that can hold a cell phone, PDA, MP3 player, etc. The program starts Thursday, May 1, and ends on Friday, August 29.

If you are interested in participating, contact your reader advisor at 1.800.543.4702. When you call to sign up, we will mail you a reading log. After reading 20 books, return the completed reading log to us by mail or call to tell us the list. Audio, Braille, large print and magazines count. If you are one of the first 50 readers to complete the program, you will get the free prize!

A Few Reminders:

Include your name and address when returning the order form for books.

If you leave a message on the answering machine, leave your name (spelling out the last name) and phone number so that we will know which account is yours and we can call you back if necessary.

When you start your spring cleaning, please be on the lookout for any overdue books. If you haven't had a chance to listen to them yet, please let us know so we can renew them, or you may send them back. Thank you!

Holiday Closings

April 18 – Good Friday

May 26 – Memorial Day

July 4 – Independence Day

Have you gone digital?

As of January 2015 we will no longer loan cassettes — they are in the process of being phased out. If you do not already have a digital player, please call us at 800.543.4702 or write and we will send one to you. They are very easy to use, and each book fits on one cartridge instead of several tapes.

Accessible movies for everyone

Did you know that many movie theaters offer descriptive video headsets for visually impaired guests? Viewers wearing the headsets can hear a narration of the events, actions and scene changes throughout the movie. Some theaters also offer an assistive listening device for those with a hearing impairment. The device clarifies and intensifies the movie's audio. Call your local theater and ask if these options are available in your area.

Joining in

Did you know that there are a variety of organizations for those who are blind? These vary from local to national groups, and several of them hold conferences so you can meet other members and take part in lectures and workshops. They also advocate for blind individuals and offer valuable information on

a variety of resources. Below is the contact information for a few of these organizations in Louisiana:

Affiliated Blind of Louisiana
409 West St. Mary Boulevard
Lafayette, LA 70506
337.234.6492
337.232.6492 (fax)
800.319.4444 (toll-free)
337.264.9259 (TDD/TTY)
<http://affiliatedblind.org>

Louisiana Association for the Blind
1750 Claiborne Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71270
318.251.2891
318.251.0109 (fax)
877.913.6471 (toll-free)
<http://www.lablind.com>

Louisiana Center for the Blind
101 South Trenton Street
Ruston, LA 71270
318.251.2891
318.251.0109 (fax)
800.234.4166 (toll-free)
<http://www.lcb-ruston.com/>

Digital talking book cartridge cable

This cable allows you to copy a book from BARD onto your blank cartridge. Your cartridge plugs into one side of the cable, and there is a standard USB plug on the other end to plug into your computer. You must be a registered BARD user and purchase your own cartridge to borrow a cable. You can find a

list of cartridge vendors: <http://www.state.lib.la.us/special-services/talking-books/nls-type-digital-cartridge>

Thou shalt return thy Bible

Please check to see if you have one of the library copies of the Bible (DB 68777). We used to have fifty copies but most of them are missing or very overdue. If you would like an audio copy of the King James Version (KJV) Bible to keep, they are available through Aurora Ministries for a donation of \$15 at 941.748.3031 or <http://audiobiblesfortheblind.org/>. Or your reader advisor can request a free KJV or New Living Translation Bible on cartridge from Braille Bible International or the Assemblies of God Church.

Windows Eyes for Office free download

Are you running a licensed version of Office 2010 or later on your computer? If so you may want to take advantage of the free Windows Eyes for Office screen reader download offered by GW Micro and Microsoft. You may download it at www.windoweyesforoffice.com. If you don't have an Internet connection and would like a physical copy, you may purchase one from GW Micro at 260.489.3671.

Free software

Kurzweil 3000 is an integrated scan and read software program that provides access to reading material with optical character recognition. With Kurzweil 3000 and its cloud-based partner, Firefly, you can upload text-based documents like Microsoft Word or PDF files and have the software read and or enlarge the text. Translation and dictionary features are also available and it works with the Firefox Internet browser.

This software is available for free if you live in East Baton Rouge or Pointe Coupee Parish. If you live in one of these parishes, contact your local library to get a license number to use this helpful software. If you are in another parish in Louisiana, call your local public library and ask about the JAWS workstation. The State Library placed one in every parish.

Books and Beyond A section for children and teens

You are invited: *FIZZ, BOOM, READ!*

The 2014 Summer Reading Program for children and young adults will start on Thursday, May 1, and it will end Friday, August 29.

Check your mail box because invitations and registration forms have been mailed. This year's theme is *Fizz, Boom, Read!*

Each child and young adult who completes the program will receive a free sports bag and t-shirt! More details are included in the invitation that has been mailed to you. If you have any questions, call the children's and young adult librarian, David Rainey at 225.342.9563.

ReadBooks! program

ReadBooks! is a national children's Braille literacy program that encourages families of children who are blind to read print/Braille books together.

National Braille Press, along with Seedlings Braille Books for Children, is distributing Braille book bags to families with children who are blind or visually impaired, up to age seven, throughout the U.S. and Canada. The distribution process is a collaborative effort with educators and early intervention professionals. The bags are limited to one Braille book bag per child who is blind.

Braille bags contain:

- an age-appropriate print/Braille book in English or Spanish for three age groups: birth to three, four to five, and six to seven
- a Braille primer for sighted parents entitled *Just Enough to Know Better*

- a tactile ball (red bags only)
- a print/Braille bookmark
- a print/Braille alphabet card
- *Because Books Matter*, a guide for parents about why and how to read books with their young blind child
- *Because Pictures Matter*, a guide for parents on the importance of tactile pictures for their blind child
- tactile maze or flag
- Wikki Stix, a product that allows a child to make tactile pictures (green or blue bags only)
- gift coupon redeemable for another print/Braille book or Braille/large print playing cards
- print/Braille magnetic letters or numbers (blue or green bags only)
- Braille Caravan block
- description of the program on DVD.

Parents or caregivers can find more information at this website:

http://www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/programs/readbooks/parent_info.html

Teachers or agency professionals can find more information at this website:

http://www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/programs/readbooks/educator_info.html

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.

Grades K-2

_____ DB077103 *Splat the Cat Storybook Collection*
by Annie Auerbach

_____ DB075409 *How Rocket Learned to Read* by Tad Hills

_____ DB072631 *The Pirate of Kindergarten* by George Ella Lyon

_____ DB072458 *Pearl and Wagner Four Eyes* by Kate McMullan

Grades 3-5

_____ DB076665 *The Adventures of a South Pole Pig* by Chris Kurtz

_____ DB076222 *Mr. and Mrs. Bunny – Detectives Extraordinaire!*
by Polly Horvath

_____ DB075687 *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

_____ DB074950 *Charlotte's Web*
by E.B. White

Grades 6-8

_____ DB075147 *The Hardy Boys: The Yellow Feather Mystery*
by Franklin W. Dixon

_____ DB070439 *Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence* by Denise Kiernan

_____ DB073476 *Theodore Boone: The Abduction* by John Grisham

Grades 9-12

_____ DB072779 *Hero* by Mike Lupica

_____ DB074719 *Rebel Fire: Sherlock Holmes, the Legend Begins*
by Andy Lane

_____ DB075100 *Between the Lines: A Novel* by Jodi Picoult

_____ DB076313 *Nevermore: The Final Maximum Ride Adventure*
by James Patterson

New Fiction

_____ DB077487 *MaddAddam*
by Margaret Atwood

_____ DB077346 *Never Go Back: A Jack Reacher Novel* by Lee Child

_____ DB077216 *The Family Corleone* by Edward Falco

_____ DB077099 *Crazy Rich Asians*
by Kevin Kwan

_____ DB077485 *Pug Hill* by Alison Pace

_____ DB077114 *Second Honeymoon*
by James Patterson and Howard Roughan

_____ DB077251 *Secret Obsession*
by Kimberla Lawson Roby

_____ DB077265 *The English Girl*
by Daniel Silva

_____ DB077171 *Too Many Cooks*
by Rex Stout

New Non-Fiction

_____ DB077202 *A Street Cat
Named Bob* by James Bowen

_____ DB077138 *The Boys in the
Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic
Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin
Olympics* by Daniel Brown

_____ DB077244 *William
Shakespeare's Star Wars: Verily, a
New Hope* by Ian Doescher

_____ DB077565 *Killing Jesus: A History*
by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard

_____ DB077018 *Gettysburg: The
Last Invasion* by Allen C. Guelzo

_____ DB077605 *Johnny Cash: The
Life* by Robert Hilburn

_____ DB077168 *Eleven Rings: The
Soul of Success* by Phil Jackson

_____ DB077110 *Astronaut Wives
Club* by Lily Koppel

_____ DB077600 *Simple dreams: A
Musical Memoir* by Linda Ronstadt

_____ DB077241 *Collapse of
Dignity: The Story of a Mining
Tragedy and the Fight Against Greed
and Corruption in Mexico*
by Napoleón Gómez Urrutia

FREE MATTER FOR THE
BLIND OR HANDICAPPED

TALKING BOOKS AND BRAILLE LIBRARY
701 N. FOURTH STREET
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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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:

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

All donations are tax deductible. Anyone who donates receives a year membership to the Jones Foundation. For more information call Shelia Coleman at 225.342.4942.

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Braille Service: 800.453.4293

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tbblkids@state.lib.la.us

Hours Open to the Public

Monday - Thursday;
8 - 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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