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Welcome to BookTalks!

We are excited to announce our new book club, TBBL BookTalks! It will be held through an email discussion list so participants may interact by posting their comments and viewing other members' comments. Our first book is *I am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai (DB 77454). If you are interested in joining, please email Sarah Nelson at snelson@slol.lib.la.us, your full name and email address. Stay tuned for future titles!

Holiday Closings

September 1, Labor Day

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We hope you will enjoy these new magazine features.

ABL 2014 State Convention

Affiliated Blind of Louisiana will host its 2014 state convention Oct. 2 – 5 at the Ramada Lafayette Conference Center, 2032 NE Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette.

ABL provides rehabilitation services through its Training Center. ABL was formed by a few individuals who were blind and visually handicapped. They believed achieving one’s dreams should not be hindered by a disability. For more information about ABL or the upcoming convention, call 337.234.6492.

On Saturday, a Talking Books and Braille Library staff member will be available at the TBBL booth.

Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network

The Louisiana Assistive Technology Access Network is a statewide nonprofit organization that connects seniors and individuals with disabilities to assistive technology that enables independence in employment, school and community living. LATAN serves Louisiana citizens of all ages with disabilities as well as limitations due to aging who need assistive technology and daily living aids, such as canes, wheelchairs, communication devices, hearing aids, keyboard alternatives, learning software and vision aids.

Assistive technology demonstrations are provided for individuals so that they can try out devices before making a final purchase. Device demonstrations increase consumers’ ability to make an informed decision about the benefits, usefulness and appropriateness of the devices. LATAN serves all consumers by **appointment only**. To make an appointment, contact LATAN at 800.270.6185, cpourciau@latan.org or visit their website at latan.org.

New publication added to Newslines

The Verge is a new publication available through Newslines. If you

enjoy technology, science, art or culture you may be interested in this magazine that includes elements of each. If you want to subscribe to Newsline and already have a Newsline account, call 800.234.4166 and select option 5, Newspapers in a Different State, in the main menu. Next select option 1, Breaking News Online. You may also visit theverge.com/. To sign up for Newsline service, call your reader advisor.

Talking prescription labels

Avoid mistakes by asking for talking prescription labels at your drugstore. These free labels are available at major retailers such as CVS, Walmart and Walgreens. Check with your pharmacy for details. You may need to order a free reader that will decode the label.

Maya Angelou, lyrical witness of the Jim Crow south, dies at 86

Maya Angelou died on Wednesday, May 28 in her home Winston-Salem, N.C. The memoirist and poet's 1969 landmark book "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" describes in lyrical, unsparing prose the author's girlhood in the Jim Crow South. It was among the first autobiographies by a 20th century black woman to reach a wide general readership.

TBBL has many of her works in its collection. Call your Reader Advisor for information or check the TBBL web catalog.

Books and beyond – a section for children and teens

Summer reading update

The last day of the Children's and Teen Summer Reading Program 2014 is Friday, August 29. This is the deadline to turn in your reading log and claim your free prizes! This year, everyone who turns in their completed reading log, by mail, fax, phone or email gets a free T-Shirt and a sports bag with this year's theme and logo. The minimum number of books required to complete the program is four. This includes audio books, large print books, Braille books and magazines. Call David Rainey, the Children and Young Adult Librarian, if you have any questions or would like to complete your reading log over the phone: 1.800.543.4702.

Math Melodies: a new iOS app to help blind or low vision children learn mathematics

EveryWare Technologies has announced the release of the first complete version of Math Melodies, a new app for the iPad that helps visually impaired children learn mathematics!

The app is now downloadable for free from the App Store at the following link: <https://itunes.apple.com/en/app/math-melodies/id713705958?mt=8>

Math Melodies is designed to overcome some of the challenges that children who are blind and sight impaired have to face in learning mathematics.

Math Melodies is aimed both at students who are blind or visually impaired: the audio feedback assists the child in practicing arithmetic exercises while sliding the finger over the tablet.

This first release is designed for first to the third grade (five - year - old to eight - year - old children), and includes six chapters of a tale, music, sounds and 12 different types of exercises.

If you have any questions please email EveryWare Technologies: accessibility@ew-tech.it

Free Seedlings Braille Books for Children's 2014 Book Angel Program for Visually Impaired Children

Register your child for two free books per year! This program was originally called "Anna's Book Angel Project" and named in memory of a 19-year-old girl who was killed by a drunk driver in 2001. Each year, registered children who are blind receive one free book in Anna's name. Now thanks to Seedlings' generous donors, blind children in the U.S. and Canada can receive two free Braille books per year! Just register your child or student by

filling out the form at seedlings.org/bkangel2009.php. Call Seedlings Braille Books at: 1.800.777.8552 if you have questions about the Book Angel Program.

New audio books for children and teens

Grades K-3

DB078128 *Big Cats: Explorers* by Claire Llewellyn

Guide to wild cats from around the world, including cheetahs, jaguars, leopards, margays, tigers and African lions. Discusses their bodies, habitats, behaviors and family structures.

DB077400. *Maybelle in the Soup and Maybelle Goes to Tea* by Katie Speck

Two stories of Maybelle the cockroach. Maybelle is sick of crumbs and leftovers and wants to eat off of a plate. When the Peabodys host a dinner party, she decides this is her chance. But will Maybelle get caught?

Grades 3-6

DB076668 *Ivy Takes Care* by Rosemary Wells

Nevada, 1949. When Ivy's best friend Annie leaves town to go to summer camp, Ivy resolves to earn money to buy her a Tru-Friendship ring. She chooses to care for people's pets and farm animals for a fee and for fun.

DB078034 *Parrots over Puerto Rico*

by Susan Roth

This combined history of the Puerto Rican parrot and the island of Puerto Rico highlights efforts to protect and manage the endangered bird.

Grades 5-9

DB076337 *Wild Horse Scientists* by Kay Frydenborg

Discusses wild horses that reside on Assateague Island National Seashore, a barrier island between Virginia and Maryland. Details their diet, physical characteristics, life cycles and behavior and their interactions with humans.

DB077609 *Will in Scarlet* by Matthew Cody

Late 1100s. Thirteen-year-old Will, the future Lord of Shackley, is exiled to Sherwood Forest. He meets Robin Hood and the Merry Men and bands with them to try to retake Shackley Castle.

Grades 9-12

DB077909 *Fire Storm* by Andy Lane
Teenaged Sherlock Holmes is disturbed to discover that the housekeeper, Mrs. Eglantine, is blackmailing his aunt and uncle to get a treasure hidden within their manor.

DB076347. *Grace, Gold & Glory: My Leap of Faith* by Gabrielle Douglas
Autobiography of Olympic gold-medal gymnast Gabrielle Douglas. Recounts her early life in Virginia,

her professional training in Iowa and the sacrifices she and her family made to support her dream.

New Large Print at TBBL

LP25228 *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham

LP25236 *The Blood of Renegades: The Loner* by J.A. Johnstone

LP25237 *Breaking Point* by C. J. Box

LP25243 *It Happened at the Fair* by Deeanne Gist

LP25240 *Destiny's Surrender* by Beverly Jenkins

LP25252 *Protector* by Diana Palmer

LP25253 *Reflections of Yesterday* by Debbie Macomber

LP25255 *Shirley Jones: A Memoir* by Shirley Jones

LP25257 *Storm Front* by John Sandford

LP25263 *Backfire* by Catherine Coulter

New Digital Books

Fiction:

DB 77920 *The Omaha Trail: A Ralph Compton Novel* by Jory Sherman

DB78006 *The Passion of the Purple Plumeria: A Pink Carnation Novel* by Lauren Willig

DB 78059 *Twilight* by Sherryl Woods

DB 78074 *Standup Guy* by Stuart Woods

DB78079 *Invention of Wings* by Susan Monk Kidd

DB 78150 *The Rosie Project: A Novel* by Graeme C. Simsion

DB 78156 *How to Entice an Enchantress* by Karen Hawkins

DB 78177 *Marriage Between Friends* by Debbie Macomber

DB 78271 *The Cleaner: A Thriller* by Paul Cleave

DB 78272 *The Chase* (sequel to *The Heist*, DB 76803) by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg

Non-Fiction:

DB 77905 *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit

DB 77914 *Philomena: A Mother, Her Son, and a Fifty-Year Search* by Martin Sixsmith

DB 78243 *The Four Doors: A Guide to Joy, Freedom, and a Meaningful Life* by Richard Paul Evans

DB 78115 *Autobiography* by Morrissey

DB078175 *Chicken Soup for the Unsinkable Soul: Inspirational Stories of Overcoming Life's Challenges* by Jack Canfield

DB 78195 *You Herd Me! I'll Say It If Nobody Else Will* by Colin Cowherd

DB 78201 *Grace Coolidge: The People's Lady in Silent Cal's White House* by Robert H. Ferrell

DB 78232 *Why? Answers to Everyday Scientific Questions* by Joel Levy

DB078247 *When the School Says No, How to Get the Yes! Securing Special Education Services for Your Child* by Vaughn Lauer

DB 78248 *The Brothers John Foster Dulles, Allen Dulles, and Their Secret World War* by Stephen Kinzer

Jones Foundation elects new officers and board

The Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation for the Blind and Physically Handicapped elected and installed officers and board members April 15 at the State Library.

Officers are: Philip K. Jones Jr., president, John Hill, treasurer and Shelia Coleman, secretary. Other board members are George Pugh, Frank Bains, Judy Najolia, Smitty Bolner, Grace Moore Scoggin and Jennifer Anjier.

Since the State Library budget has no money for books, the board voted to donate \$2,000 for large print books. These books circulate to any Louisiana resident who is registered with the Louisiana Talking Books and Braille Library.

Support our TBBL Friends Organization

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, and TBBL's summer reading program and descriptive video collection. It

also supports volunteer efforts in the area.

To contribute, make checks payable to the Jones 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 in the Jones Foundation. For meeting information call Shelia Coleman at: 225.342.4942.

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