

Louisiana Hotlines



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Holiday closings

July 4 Independence Day
September 5 Labor Day

Emergency preparedness

TBBL received Braille copies of the emergency preparedness booklet, *Preparing Makes Sense—for People with Disabilities, Others with Access and Functional Needs and the Whole Community*, from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Administration. If you would like a copy, call your reader adviser.

Only one digital player

We recently sent notices to patrons who have more than one digital player. If you received a replacement player, you must return the one that needs repair. If you were sent more than one player by mistake, you must return one of the players. And last, players must be returned if you no longer want the service. If you have questions or concerns about how to return the extra player, call your reader adviser.

Three videos about TBBL services

The National Library Service has created three short videos on the benefits of NLS services. These videos cover new services and are recommended for current users and friends and family.

The first video covers the benefits of receiving free Braille and talking books, magazines and music materials in the mail. The second video introduces the NLS BARD and BARD Mobile services. The third video shows patrons speaking about the benefits of receiving free audio, Braille and large-print music scores, texts, and other instructional materials and recordings in the mail or downloading them through BARD.

These videos are on the State Library's website at www.state.lib.la.us. Find the Talking Books & Braille heading. Then choose Videos about TBBL Services.

Magazines on cartridge

In February, the National Library Service increased the loan period on magazines circulated on cartridge to allow subscribers more time to enjoy their publications.

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The loan period for weekly cartridges (those containing weekly magazines only) has increased from one week to three weeks and the loan period for monthly cartridges (those containing monthly and weekly magazines) has increased from four to seven weeks.

Remember to return your magazines on cartridge promptly when you are finished; otherwise your subscriptions will be canceled.

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Adult Summer Reading Program started in May, but it is not too late to sign up. If you complete the program by reading 20 books or more, you will be entered into a drawing to win a free set of headphones to use with the NLS Digital Book Player. Fifty names will be drawn. The program ends on August 31. Call your reader adviser today to sign up!

Affiliated Blind of Louisiana 2016 State Convention

You are invited to join Affiliated Blind of Louisiana for their annual convention to be held on Saturday, October 8 at the ABL Training Center at 409 W. St. Mary Blvd. in Lafayette from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This one day event will be filled with many fun and exciting meetings and social gatherings such as:

More than meets the eye

Join us for a presentation on the innovative programs and services provided by the ABL Training Center. Ask questions and get tips on living independently.

Affiliated Blind is out of sight

This social hosted by the ABL Acadiana Chapter will include an incredible array of activities. Visit with ABL friends and make new ones while mingling outside on the beautiful training center grounds. This event includes a delicious meal and music! You will also have the opportunity to win door prizes!

All eyes on low vision!!

This session by low vision specialists features the latest in technology and visual aids to enhance your low vision. Learn about programs that can help you gain independence at home, school, and your work environments.

Other fun and educational activities include:

- Annual ABL Bingo Games
- Great Vendors and Exhibitors
- ABL Training Center Tours
- Technology Workshops

If you have questions or need more information, call the ABL State Office at 800.319.4444 or visit the website at www.affiliatedblind.org. There will be a representative from TBBL present at the convention.

Downloading your favorite series from BARD

To find all the books on BARD that are in a particular series:

Start by searching for keywords that can help you find at least one book in the series. Keywords can be the author's name, consecutive words from the title of a book in the series or

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consecutive words from the series title. If you enter an author's name, type the last name followed by a comma, then first name. Put titles or series titles in quotes.

On the results page, look for the books you want. To see only the books in the series, select one of the titles from the series. This opens a page with details about that book.

Use your screen reader's search command to find the word "Series" on this page. Following that word is a link to the series. All of the books in the series that are available from BARD should be listed on that page, making it easy to download the ones you want.

Note that not all series are listed, and it is possible that not all books from a series will be listed on the series page. Over time, series information should become more complete.

For assistance, call your reader advisor.

Five new network produced digital audio books

DBC 04948 *Hard Country*
by William W. Johnstone

Jason Fury reluctantly becomes the marshal of a new town in the Arizona Territory. It is not an easy job to keep everyone safe, and trouble is brewing between headstrong Matt MacDonald, the suitor of Jason's sister, and a rugged old rancher by the name of Ezra Dixon. The men will need to put their differences aside after bandits pillage the town and kidnap four women. Contains some violence.

DBC 05588 *President Lincoln's Spy*
by Steven Wilson

In 1861, during the Battle of Bull Run, Union Captain Fitz Dunaway defies his commanding officer's order to retreat. He faces a court martial as a result. His only chance to redeem himself is to become a spy, posing as a conspirator in a plot to assassinate President Lincoln. Some violence and some strong language. 2008.

DBC 04963 *Gunsight Crossing*
by William W. Johnstone

Blood brothers Matt Bodine and Sam Two Wolves stay a while in Texas to assist a beleaguered rancher in a range war. Violence and some strong language.

DBC 04892 *Heartwood: A Novel*
by James Lee Burke

Texas attorney Billy Bob Holland, last seen in Cimarron Rose, is defending hapless cowboy Wilbur Pickett, accused of stealing bonds from his wealthy employer, Earl Deitrich. Wilbur's blind wife kills an intruder, while Billy Bob focuses suspicion on Earl's wife and son. Contains explicit descriptions of sex, strong language, and violence.

DBC 06545 *Back to School*
by Wanda E. Brunstetter

Ten-year-old Rachel Yoder is an Amish girl who lives in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. She is back in school, and this year the new face of trouble is a boy named Orlie. He seems determined to humiliate her at every turn. For grades 4-7. 2007.

Book and Beyond

A Section for Children and Teens

On your mark, get set ...
great summer reads



Nonfiction

DB83294 *Earmuffs for Everyone! How Chester Greenwood Became Known as the Inventor of Earmuffs* by Meghan McCarthy. Short biography of Chester Greenwood and his popular winter wear ear-warming patented invention of earmuffs. Grades K-3.

DB83297 *Mocha Dick: The Legend and Fury* by Brian Heinz. The original great white whale, first spied off the coast of Chile in 1810, becomes a prime target for whalers as he thrashes about the Pacific and achieves legendary status. Grades 2-4.

DB83328 *You Have a Pet What?! Books 1-6* by Cristie Reed and others. Guides for kids to select and own unusual pets, including pet-care tips and quick facts about ferrets, hedgehogs, mini-horses, mini-pigs, rats, and sugar gliders. Grades 3-6.

DB83364 *Ancient Maya* by Sue Bradford Edwards. Overview of the history and accomplishments of Mayan

civilization, including their feats of mathematics and the construction of massive stone cities. Provides details of their carvings, religion, culture, warfare, and the eventual collapse of their thriving civilization. Grades 6-9.

DB83419 *Ten Ships That Rocked the World* by Gillian Richardson. Explores the maritime adventures of ten ships that influenced human history, from the voyages led by Commander Zheng He's Chinese treasure ships in the fifteenth century to the twenty-first century Somali pirate hijacking of the Saudi Arabian supertanker *Sirius Star*. Grades 4-7 and older readers.

DB83456 *The Care and Keeping of You 2: The Body Book for Older Girls* by Cara Natterson. Guide for tween and teenage girls to understand the changes taking place in their bodies, brains, and emotions. Grades 5-8 and older readers.

Fiction

DB83408 *Miracle on 133rd Street* by Sonia Manzano. It is the day before Christmas, and everyone in José's neighborhood seems grumpy about the holiday, including his mami, who is homesick for Puerto Rico. But when he and his papi ask for a favor from the local pizzeria, something amazing happens in their community. Preschool-grade 2.

DB83449 *Soar* by Joan Bauer. When his adoptive father accepts a temporary job in Hillcrest, Ohio, twelve-year-old Jeremiah is determined to coach his middle school's baseball team. As a heart transplant recipient, he cannot

play, but Jeremiah does not let that slow him down in pursuing his coaching dreams. Grades 5-8.

DB83487 *Three Bird Summer* by Sara St. Antoine. At his grandmother's cabin on Three Bird Lake, Adam plans for this summer to be peaceful for once. However, after he meets the adventurous girl next door, the duo explore the area and turn up a few surprising mysteries—including hints of a buried treasure. Grades 5-8.

DB83509 *Maximum Ride Forever* by James Patterson. Maximum Ride and her broken flock return to roam a post-apocalyptic world, searching for answers to what happened. Sequel to *Nevermore* (DB 76313). Grades 6-9 and older readers.

DB83614 *Secrets of the Dragon Tomb* by Patrick Samphire. While dreaming of being a spy like those in his favorite magazine, twelve-year-old Edward has been stuck holding his eccentric family together. But when his parents are kidnapped, Edward leads his sisters and cousin in a rescue effort across the danger-filled landscape of nineteenth-century Mars. Grades 4-7.

DB83621 *Junie B. Jones Is a Beauty Shop Guy* by Barbara Park. After Junie B. goes with her father for his haircut, she decides she wants to be a beauty-shop guy when she grows up. She practices on her bunny slippers, her dog, and herself—with terrible results. Grades K-3.

DB83766 *Percy Jackson's Greek Gods* by Rick Riordan. Percy Jackson, the son of Poseidon, explains how the world

was created and then provides a who's who of ancients, from Apollo to Zeus. Grades 3-6.

DB83875 *Sweet Home Alaska* by Carole Estby Dagg. When eleven-year-old Terpsichore's father signs up for President Roosevelt's Palmer Colony project in 1934, the family is uprooted from Wisconsin and heads to Alaska. Terpsichore refuses to let the rough conditions and first impressions of being a pioneer get in the way of her grand adventure. Grades 4-7.

DB83912 *The Dastardly Deed: The League of Beastly Dreadfuls, Book 2* by Holly Grant. After escaping the lunatic asylum in *The League of Beastly Dreadfuls* (DB 81743), Anastasia learns that she is royalty and her family figures in a centuries-old scandal that began with the disappearance of her grandfather. Grades 3-6.

DB84015 *A Bandit's Tale: The Muddled Misadventures of a Pickpocket* by Deborah Hopkinson. Living in New York City during the late 1800s, eleven-year-old Rocco is sold to a padrone. He meets a group of kids who teach him the art of pickpocketing. But when Meddlin' Mary catches his interest, he reevaluates his future. Grades 4-7.

DB83615 *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat. An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally he does the unimaginable—he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world. Grades K-3.

Cloudy with a Chance of Reading

TumbleBookLibrary is a FREE online interactive collection of storybooks, chapter books, nonfiction, language learning, puzzles, and games provided by the State Library of Louisiana for those n kindergarten through sixth grade. For those who can read large print, the text can easily be enlarged. You can also change the background color if needed.

To access these resources, go to the Louisiana Library Connection service at lilibcon.state.lib.la.us/ and scroll down to find the TumbleBookLibrary link. If asked, enter your public library card number.

Do your books need an upgrade?

Hey kids! Ms. Charlene Moore, the Children and Teen Services Librarian, would love to hear from you. Whether you read a lot or a little, update your reading profile by letting her know when there are changes in any of the following:

- Grade level in school
- Reading interests or reading level
- Whether you want to select your own books or have us select books for you
- The number of books you would like to receive and how often
- Whether you would like books in a different format such as large print, audio or braille.

She will also be happy to help you find good books based on your favorite authors, subjects, or series. Send Ms. Charlene an email at tbblkids@state.lib.la.us or give her a call.

Support our TBBL friends organization

The Jones Foundation acknowledges the following donors for their generous contributions:

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. LeBlanc Jr.

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
Port Allen, LA 70767

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.

Find your reader adviser

In an effort to better serve you, the chart below will help you reach your assigned reader adviser directly.

If your last name starts with: **Then your Reader Adviser is:**

A H I K L Bonnie

D G P T Ray

C E F J U V X Y Z Gussie

M N O Q S..... Skye

W..... Charlene

B..... Shelia

R..... David

If you need help for: **Then contact:**

Children & Teens
Elementary & High Schools Charlene

Retirement Communities
Nursing Homes & Institutions David

If you have trouble with: **Then contact:**

Digital players Machines Department
Accessories 225.342.2259

Library address

Talking Books & Braille Library
701 N. Fourth St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Phone numbers

Baton Rouge: 342.0035
Statewide: 1.800.543.4702
Fax: 225.342.6817

Special services

Music section: 800.424.8567
Braille service: 800.453.4293

Email

tbbl@state.lib.la.us
tbblkids@state.lib.la.us

Walk-in hours

Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Phone hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Library services

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