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Holiday closings

November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 24—25	Thanksgiving
December 26	Christmas

Book Festival Returns Oct. 29th

The Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana is excited to announce the return of the live, in-person Louisiana Book Festival on Saturday, October 29, 2022. The 18th annual Louisiana Book Festival will again be FREE and held in downtown Baton Rouge, at the Louisiana State Capitol, and surrounding area. The Friday before the festival, October 28, will also see the return of WordShops, writing workshops with major authors as instructors. For more information about the 2022 festival, see www.LouisianaBookFestival.org

2022 Adult Summer Reading Program was a success!

The 2022 TBBL Adult Summer Reading Program is now complete. Thanks to you, our TBBL readers, it was a success! Over 150 TBBL patrons completed the program by reading 20 or more books. From these, 25 names were

drawn to win one of our prizes: a 10x handheld magnifying glass. These prizes have been mailed to the home addresses of the winners. Special thanks to the Jones Foundation who generously paid for the Adult Summer Reading Program prizes.

Welcome Aboard, Alyssa!

Alyssa Sanchez is our newest reader advisor; she will help patrons whose last names begin with A, H, I, K, and L. Here are a few words of introduction from Alyssa herself:

“Hi, my name is Alyssa and I’m the new team member of TBBL! I’m from Plaquemine, La and I’m 24 years old. I have four dogs, and I love spending time with my family and friends. I love



going karaoke-ing on the weekends and relaxing at home with a good show. My favorite authors are Diana Galbaldon, J.K. Rowling, and Peggy L. Henderson.”

Sneha Announces New Title for BookTalks

Our BookTalks Fall Book Selection will be

(DB 106298) *The Maid* by Nita Prose.

Twenty-five-year-old Molly Gray doesn't interact well with the world and misses her gran who codified it for her. She has gotten a job as a hotel maid and revels in her orderly duties. When she discovers a dead body in a room, Molly must unravel the real killer's identity.



How to Join BookTalks

We hold our book discussions via an email discussion list. Members comment on the book by sending an email to the discussion list. All members then see the comments and have the ability to respond by email to the group. If you want to join our discussion group, go to: <http://pelican.state.lib.la.us/mailman/listinfo/tbblbooktalks> and create an account by entering your name (make sure to put your name so we can verify you), email address, and make up a password or; as always, you can call your reader adviser.

BookTalks Book Club

If you join BookTalks, we will add you to our mailing list and automatically send you a digital book copy of the newest selection. I hope that this will make it more convenient to read the book and participate in the discussion.

Hope to hear from you soon!

NLS Patron Corner Event via Zoom

Join NLS for the next NLS Patron Corner, which will be held at 6 p.m. December 12, 2022. Patron Corner is held quarterly and is an opportunity for patrons to learn more about various services directly from NLS staff. The programs are interactive, last for one hour, and have a designated topic of discussion. Nearly 200 patrons participated in the first Patron Corner. Bring your questions and your thoughts!

Meeting ID: 160 098 3343

Join the meeting at <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600983343?pwd=VW9tRWtwY3BsdHRac0s2MmJkN0RCZz09>

To join by phone, dial: +1 669 254 5252 or +1 646 828 7666 or +1 669 216 1590 or +1 551 285 1373.

ABL State Convention 2022

The Affiliated Blind of Louisiana are excited to announce that you are now able to pre-register for the ABL State Convention. The theme this year is "Treasuring Our Success!" The conference will be held from October 28th to October 30th at the Baton Rouge Marriott hotel. You can register online at: <https://abltc.wufoo.com/forms/z1tlt53b1eth2fy/>

For Hotel Reservations, contact the Baton Rouge Marriott at 1.800.228-9290.

When making your reservation, please identify yourself as an ABL Convention participant. Reservations must be made no later than Monday, October 10, 2022.

Fall Book Recommendations

by Sneha Padumane

Still Life by Sarah Winman

DB105510

Tuscany, 1944. As Allied troops advance and bombs fall around deserted villages, a young English soldier, Ulysses Temper, finds himself in the wine cellar of a deserted villa. There he meets Evelyn Skinner, a middle-aged art historian who has come to Italy to salvage paintings from the ruins. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Honor by Thrity Umrigar

DB106610

Indian-American journalist Smita has reluctantly returned to India to cover a story. As she follows the case of Meena—a Hindu woman attacked for marrying a Muslim man—Smita comes face-to-face with a society where tradition carries more weight than one's own heart. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan

DB102780

In an effort to help housewives with World War Two food rationing, a BBC radio program is holding a cooking contest. For four very different women, winning the competition would present a crucial chance to change their lives. Includes supplement with recipes. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

The Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak

DB106690

Two teenagers, a Greek Cypriot and a Turkish Cypriot, meet at a taverna on

the island they both call home. In the taverna, hidden beneath garlands of garlic, chili peppers, and creeping honeysuckle, Kostas and Defne grow in their forbidden love for each other. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

The Arctic Fury by Greer Macallister

DB102412

1854. Adventurer Virginia Reeve stands trial for kidnapping and murder. Five of the survivors of the expedition to the Arctic sit in the courtroom. As the trial unfolds, so does the fate of the others on the expedition—one filled with women in search of a lost man. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Rescuing Finley: A Forever Home Novel, Book 1 by Dan Walsh

DB106390

Finley is a mostly golden retriever rescue dog who powerfully impacts three tragic lives and puts all of them on a road toward redemption and healing. They include Amy, a young woman sent to prison, and Chris, a veteran dealing with PTSD. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

The Lost Village by Camilla Sten

DB102752

Documentary filmmaker Alice Lindstedt obsesses over the history of "The Lost Village" and the residents who suddenly vanished. When her small crew begins filming in the remote mining town, terrifying events unfold. Translated from the 2019 Swedish edition. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

The Mountain Series, Books 1-3 by Misty M. Beller

DB105242

Three novels of Christian fiction set in 1870s Montana Territory, published in 2014 and 2015. In *The Lady and the Mountain Man*, an orphaned heiress travels to Montana to wed, only to find her betrothed has died. Also includes *The Lady and the Mountain Doctor* and *The Lady and the Mountain Fire*. 2015.

Five Tuesdays in Winter: Stories by Lily King

DB106197

Short stories both fresh and previously published from the author of *Writers & Lovers* (**DB98766**) and *Euforia* (**DB103589**). Explores themes of desire and heartache, loss and discovery, moments of jolting violence, and the inexorable tug toward love. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro

DB102764

Klara, an Artificial Friend, possesses great observational skills and loves to watch the humans around her. When she is purchased to act as a companion for an ill girl, she studies the emotions of her new family closely and tries to learn from them. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2021.

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley

DB102762

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother. When Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, she reluctantly agrees to go undercover, drawing on

her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source of a new drug. Unrated. 2021.

Blind Ambition: How to Go from Victim to Visionary by Chad E. Foster

DB106461

Tech industry executive reflects on the challenges he faced after losing his vision as a child. Describes how he overcame hurdles and his own perceived limitations to become the first blind person to graduate from the Harvard Business School leadership program and then climbed the corporate ladder. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Estate Planning 101: From Avoiding Probate and Assessing Assets to Establishing Directives and Understanding Taxes, Your Essential Primer to Estate Planning by Vicki Cook & Amy Blacklock

DB104993

Personal finance bloggers present a guide to preparing an estate plan. Topics include why an estate plan may be needed, whom to consider when developing a plan, determining what constitutes your estate, powers of attorney, advance health directives, end-of-life wishes, taxes, and special considerations such as blended families. 2021.

The Code Breaker by Walter Isaacson

DB102772

Author profiles the life and work of biochemist Jennifer Doudna, a co-recipient of the 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her work on developing CRISPR technology, which allows for editing of genes. Unrated. Bestseller. 2021.

Books and Beyond **A Section for Children and Teens**

Two TBBL Patrons Honored for Commitment to Education in the Blind Community

Congratulations to Narjis Karimipour, who won the Louisiana Braille Challenge and was a finalist in the 2022 National Braille Challenge. An avid reader, Narjis won 2nd place in the Braille Readers Are Leaders national contest.



We also extend congratulations to Gail Perrin, retired teacher and long-time patron of NLS, for winning Officer of the Year for her commitment and passion to education, music, science, and

of course, Star Trek.

LCB White Cane Awareness Day

The Louisiana Council of the Blind will be hosting a White Cane Awareness Day celebration from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022. The event location will be at 940 Parc Helene Drive in Marrero. There will be food, drinks, and activities for everyone to participate in, including White Cane Blindfold Travel. For more information, please call 504.348.0003 or 1.800.467.5299 statewide.

White Cane Safety Day, October 12th

The Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired will be celebrating White Cane

Safety Day on Wednesday, October 12, 2022. A variety of family inclusive activities will take place on the school campus. For further information, contact the school office at 225.757.3481.

LA-AEM Annual Conference

Louisiana Accessible Educational Materials (LA-AEM) is hosting its fourth annual conference at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, October 18th through Wednesday, October 19th! Topics include Early Intervention, Braille, Tactile Communication, and more. For more information call 225.757.3477, or visit <https://www.ssdla-aem.org/aemingforsuccess2022/aeming-for-success-registration-tickets/>

Jefferson Parish Resource Fair

Families Helping Families of Greater New Orleans and the Jefferson Parish Human Services Authority are excited to announce that they are once again holding the annual Jefferson Parish Community Resource Fair for individuals with disabilities and their families. The event will be Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 10:00 am til 2:00 pm at Lakeside Shopping Center, located at 3301 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Metairie. To learn more, call 1.800.766.7736.

Summer Reading 2022 Wrap-up

69 young people participated in this year's successful program. Special thanks to Robyn King and her dedicated staff and volunteers at LA-AEM for providing Braille service for our young patrons. Our most gracious thanks goes out to the Jones Foundation for their generous support in providing Summer Reading incentives.

Need Homework Help? Check out HomeworkLA

Homework Louisiana provides live tutoring for grades K-12, college and adult education, AP, ACT/SAT, and GED test preparation, and job search assistance to all Louisiana residents. In addition, there is a “connect with voice” option for the visually impaired. Visit the website at www.homeworkla.org.

2022-2023 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Nominees

This is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. Students read from the nominated titles during 2022 and vote on their favorite by May 1, 2023. To qualify, students must be from Louisiana and have read three of the titles in the appropriate grade category for grades 3 through 8. Teens must read two titles from the LTRC nominated list. You can help decide who will win! To cast your vote, call 1.800.543.4702.

Grades 3-5

DB104007 *All the Way to the Top* by Annette Bay Pimentel

DB100143 *The Arabic Quilt* by Aya Khalil

DB097976 *The Best of Iggy* by Annie Barrows

DB103575 *Dinosaur Lady* by Linda Skeers,

DB099986 *The Great Pet Heist* by Emily Ecton

BR023392, **DB101421** *The Messy Life of Blue* by Shawna Railey

DB100640 *Midnight at the Barclay Hotel* by Fleur Bradley

DB104716 *The Polio Pioneer:*

Dr. Jonas Salk by Linda Elovitz Marshall

DB103948 *Shirley Chisholm Is a Verb* by Veronica Chambers

BR023707, **DB100929** *The Silver Arrow* by Lev Grossman

DB107903 *Swish! The slam-dunking, alley-ooping, high-flying Harlem Globetrotters* by Suzanne Slade

Grades 6-8

DB099009 *96 Miles* by J.L. Esplin

DB099218 *Bloom* by Kenneth Oppel

DB099825 *City Spies* by James Ponti

DB098099 *Clean Getaway* by Nic Stone

DB100086, **LP026847** *Dress Coded* by Carrie Firestone

BR023873, **DB098670**, **LP026824**

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks

DB101375 *When Life Gives You Mangos* by Kereen Getten

DB099879 *When Stars Are Scattered* by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

DB106476 *Wink* by Rob Harrell

DB099991 *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat

Teen Choice

DB099889 *Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender

DB103532 *I'll Be the One* by Lyla Lee

DB101605 *The Light in Hidden Places* by Sharon Cameron

DB102069 *Not So Pure and Simple* by Lamar Giles

DB102501 *Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

DB100194 *This Is My America* by Kim Johnson

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, TBBL's summer reading program, staff enrichment, and early literacy program.

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 Jones Foundation. For meeting information, call Shelia Coleman at 225.342.4942.

The Jones Foundation is seeking board members. The board meets three times a year in Baton Rouge. Call Shelia Coleman if you would like to be considered for a board position.

TBBL Directory

Library address

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Walk-in hours

Monday – Thursday
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Phone and email hours

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Eligibility

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