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Introducing Duplication on Demand – A New Way to Serve TBBL Patrons

The Talking Books and Braille Library is now serving patrons with a new system called Duplication on Demand (DoD). This new system allows us to do two things. First, it allows us to load multiple books onto just one cartridge. This means that five or ten or even 15 books can be loaded onto each cartridge. You will be receiving fewer cartridges in the mail, but each cartridge will come loaded with multiple audio books. Second, this new system gives us access to all audio titles available on BARD, so we are not limited by the physical copies we have in stock; Therefore, we no longer have to rely on interlibrary loan to get out-of-stock book titles. Duplication on Demand means that all books are always available.

We are starting the process of moving all of our established audio readers to DoD. This will take a while, as each reader must be set up individually. DoD

settings will be based on your current account profile, but these settings can be changed at your request. If you would like to switch to DoD right away, please contact us, and we'll set you up.

Here's what to expect when you start getting DoD cartridges. Our general guidelines are:

- Each cartridge may have as many as 8 to 15 books on it.
- Each reader can have up to three cartridges checked out at once.
- To return cartridges, simply flip the mailing card over as before.
- Once a cartridge gets back to us, we'll send you another one. It's important to send cartridges back right away to prevent gaps in service.
- If you want to reread a book or cartridge, we can send it again.

Questions? Please contact us!

Bookshelf Feature

When the audio cartridge you are listening to has multiple books loaded onto it, you can use the Bookshelf feature of the audiobook player to find out how many

books are on your cartridge, to hear a list of the titles, and to select which book you would like to listen to next.

To enter the bookshelf feature, press and hold the large green rectangular play/stop button near the player's front edge for three seconds. When you enter the bookshelf, the player will announce the number of books on the cartridge and the title of the currently selected book. Press the rewind or fast forward buttons on either side of the play/stop button to locate the book you wish to read. When you hear the entire title of the book you wish to read, press the play/stop button and that book will be selected and start playing.

When you are ready to read another book, return to the bookshelf by pressing and holding the play/stop button for three seconds. Use the rewind or fast forward to find the book you'd like to read, and then press the play/stop button to select it.

NEW Braille Calendars

NLS will be producing two new Braille calendars for 2023. The first is a wall-sized Braille calendar, and the second is a pocket-sized Braille calendar.

Calendars for 2023 are expected to be available by mid-July. Those calendars will extend through January 2024. Going forward, subscribers will automatically receive new annual calendars when they are published.

Contact your reader advisor if you would like to subscribe to one of these two Braille calendars.

2023 Adult Summer Reading Program

The TBBL 2023 Adult Summer Reading Program will start May 1, 2023, and will run through August 31. The theme this year is "All Together Now". If you complete the program by reading 20 books, you will be entered into a drawing to win a Tel-Time Talking Key Chain that gives an audio time report along with an alarm, hourly time announcements, and an LCD black number display.

If you participated last year, then you will automatically be signed up for this year's program. If you are not already signed up, please contact your reader advisor! All you have to do to complete the program is to read 20 books. Audio books, Braille books, large print books and audio magazines all count. We will keep track of your reading history. Or, if you would like, we will mail you a reading log. If you complete the program by reading 20 books, then your name will be entered into the drawing for one of the prizes. If you have a reading log, you can return it to us by mail or call to give us the list over the phone.

If you need any reading suggestions, please ask us; we are happy to help! One entry per person. We will choose 18 lucky winners from the list of those who have read at least 20 books. A big thank you goes to the Jones Foundation for providing the prizes!

NFB National Convention

This summer, thousands of the nation's blind will be heading to Houston, Texas to attend the 2023 NFB National Annual Convention from Sunday, July 1st to Thursday, July 6th. You can visit

www.nfb.org to pre-register for the convention beginning March 1st to May 31st, or you may register on-site starting July 2nd.

NLS New Spanish Language Website

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) has launched a Spanish-language website to help connect Spanish speakers to our large and growing collection of books and magazines in Spanish. Readers can now get general information about NLS, apply for service, and find resources and library materials in Spanish with ease. Go take a look and share with your favorite Spanish-language readers at www.loc.gov/nls/es.

New Online Catalog from the National Library Service

Finding your next great read is easier than ever with the new NLS Catalog search features! NLS Catalog boasts a new, clean design and advanced search functionality, direct links to BARD from catalog listings for quick downloads, and for the first time, patrons can directly request books to add to our collection! Start exploring the catalog here: <https://nlscatalog.loc.gov>.

Sneha Announces New Title for BookTalks

Our BookTalks Spring Book Selection will be:

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams.
DB 104434

Teenage library worker Aleisha discovers a list of novels that she has never heard of. Reading the books helps transport Aleisha from the painful realities at home. When elderly widower Mukesh arrives at the library, desperate to forge a connection with his book-worm granddaughter, Aleisha passes along the reading list.

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 Advisor.

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!

Spring 2023 Book Recommendations by Sneha Padumane

(DB 107455) *Jewel of the Nile* by Tessa Afshar

While her dark skin is proof that her father was Cushite, Chariline knows nothing else about her parents. While visiting her grandfather before his retirement as the Roman official in the queen's court, Chariline overhears that her father is still alive.

(DB 102900) *When the Stars Go Dark* by Paula McLain

When tragedy strikes seasoned missing persons detective Anna Hart's personal life, she flees to the northern California village of Mendocino to grieve. But when she arrives, it's to find out a local teenager is missing and the circumstances are reminiscent of a murder in Anna's childhood.

(DB 102822) *How to Think Like a Roman Emperor: The Stoic Philosophy of Marcus Aurelius* by Donald Robertson

An exploration of the life and philosophy of Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, the final famous Stoic philosopher of the ancient world. Examines Aurelius' progression from a young noble through his reign as emperor, laying out how he applied his philosophical doctrines and therapeutic practices in his own life.

(DB 107435) *The 22 Murders of Madison May* by Max Barry

While investigating a murder, journalist Felicity Staples spots the killer just before he vanishes. Felicity's universe seems to have shifted slightly--many small details are wrong. She soon learns that the killer is pursuing every version of his victim across time and space.

(DB 103114) *Love in Catalina Cove* by Brenda Jackson

After a devastating teen pregnancy, Vashti Alcindor left Catalina Cove, Louisiana, with no plans to return. Now, over a decade later, Vashti reluctantly finds herself back in her hometown after inheriting her aunt's B&B. Her homecoming gets off to a rocky start with the new sheriff, Sawyer Grisham.

(DB 102941) *Hooked: Food, Free Will, and How the Food Giants Exploit Our Addictions* by Michael Moss

Author of *Salt, Sugar, Fat* (DB 77208) examines the food industry and the ways foods have been developed to trigger addiction responses.

(DB 102832) *Our Team: The Epic Story of Four Men and the World Series That Changed Baseball* by Luke Epplin

A sportswriter looks at four legends of baseball. Trailblazing African American players Larry Doby and Satchel Paige joined star pitcher Bob Feller and team owner Bill Veeck on the 1940s Cleveland Indians team, shaping the immediate postwar era of Major League Baseball and beyond.

(DB 103004) *Piece of Cake Mysteries, Books 1-3* by Jacklyn Brady

Three mysteries, written between 2011 and 2012, starring pastry chef Rita Lucero, who has recently inherited her husband's New Orleans bakery. Includes *A Sheetcake Named Desire*, *Cake on a Hot Tin Roof*, and *Arsenic and Old Cake*. Includes recipes.

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

Summer Reading Program 2023



The 2023 Summer Reading Slogan is “All Together Now” and the theme is all about friendship, kindness, and unity. TBBL will offer four youth programs: Children’s, Teen’s, STEM, and Read-To-Me. Invitations will be mailed out April 20, and the program begins June 1, 2023. A gracious thank you to the Jones Foundation for providing this year’s Summer Reading Program prizes!

From Crib to Crayons

The TBBL Early Literacy Program *From Crib to Crayons* will start on July 1, 2023. Designed for children ages 0-6, six literacy packets will be sent throughout the year to children and their parents. Each bi-monthly kit will be themed to focus on one of six early literacy skills: print awareness, phonological awareness, print/play motivation, letter knowledge, narrative skills, and vocabulary. Invitations will be mailed out May 30, 2023. For more information, contact the Children’s and Teen Services Librarian, Charlene Moore at 225-342-9563, tbblkids@slol.lib.la.us. This program is made possible through the generous support of the Jones foundation. Braille services provided this year

through the Louisiana Accessible Educational Materials Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

BELL Academy 2023

The National Federation of the Blind Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (NFB BELL Academy) helps blind and low-vision children, ages four through twelve, develop the literacy skills that will empower them to achieve their academic goals and live the lives they want.

The NFB BELL Academy will be offered in person at the Louisiana Center for the Blind June 4-10, 2023. The virtual session will be offered July 24-August 11, 2023. For registration information, visit www.nfbla.org/nfb-bell-of-louisiana, or email the Louisiana BELL Academy Coordinator Krystal Guillory at kguillory@louisianacenter.org or call 318.245.8955.

Exceptional Lives New Podcast

The disability information platform, Exceptional Lives, has a new podcast. *Just Needs*, hosted by specialist Christina Kozik, provides real talk about advocacy, friendships, developmental delays, evaluations, IEPs, sensory meltdowns, autism, and family life. Geared to families, particularly those of color, and caregivers of both children and young adults with disabilities, a broad range of topics are covered. Hear from providers and educators on topics like building life skills, addressing mental health, and becoming a great parent advocate. Check out the podcast at <https://www.exceptionallives.org>.

Earth Day Reads

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22. The theme this year is *Invest in Our Planet*.

Preschool-Grade 2

BR21753, DB86754, LP25819 *The Princess and the Warrior* by Duncan Tonatiuh

Re-imagining of one of Mexico's cherished legends about an eternally sleeping princess who becomes a volcano.

BRC01830, DBC06726, LP25166

Compost Stew by Mary McKenna Siddals

Learn how to make the earth-friendly food called compost with this fun, rhyming recipe.

BR18033, DBC16083 *Wangari's trees of peace* by Jeanette Winter

Realizing that trees are disappearing from her homeland, Wangari Maathai starts a farm for baby trees and encourages the women of Kenya to plant trees to renew their land.

Grades 2-4

BRC00744, DB60569, LP21762 *Judy Moody saves the world* by Megan McDonald

When Judy Moody gets serious about protecting the environment, she inspires her third-grade classmates to undertake an environment-saving project.

BR008721, DB34054 *Bartholomew and the Oobleck* by Dr. Seuss

Angry about the same four things always falling from the sky, the king of of Didd orders his royal magicians to create something new to fall from the sky.

BR22281, DB91507 *Plant, cook, eat!* by Joe Archer

A garden-to-kitchen cookbook that is part lesson in gardening and part collection of healthy, delicious, kid-friendly recipes.

Grades 4-7

BR023026, DB099084 *The Newspaper Club* by Beth Vrabel

When residents of their small town report strange crimes in the local park, Nellie and her friends seek answers for an investigative newspaper called the Cub Report.

BR23532, DB101818 *All Thirteen* by Christina Soontornvat

The author chronicles the 2018 events, leading to the dramatic rescue of the Wild Boars soccer team trapped for days in a flooded cave in northern Thailand.

BR23068, DB99361 *Back from the Brink* by Nancy F. Castaldo

Notable nature author explores the scientific and political efforts to coax endangered animals back from the brink of extinction.

Grades 6-9 and YA

BR22176, DB89932 *Total Cat Mojo* by Jackson Galaxy

The star of TV's *My Cat from Hell* provides a comprehensive guide to cat care.

DB66251, LP21292 *Steve & Me* by Terri Irwin

Wildlife rehabilitator, Terri Irwin, describes her late husband Steve Irwin's work rescuing endangered animals.

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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.

TBBL Directory

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Eligibility

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