

# Louisiana Hotlines



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## Holiday Closings

July 4 Independence Day  
September 3 Labor Day

## NLS Name Changes October 1

NLS is pleased to announce that it has received final approval from the Librarian of Congress to change its name. This move will help address the use of outdated language in the current name and more clearly communicate the breadth of those it serves.

Beginning on October 1, the name will change officially to "National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled," though it will continue to be referred to by the abbreviation "NLS."

Both NLS and Library of Congress sought input on this change from stakeholder groups and gathered data through various public channels. In keeping with the strategic plan of the LOC, the new name is patron-centric. Visit <https://www.loc.gov/strategic-plan/> to learn more about the LOC's "user-centered" goal in the strategic plan.

## Affiliated Blind of Louisiana 2019 State Convention

This year Affiliated Blind of Louisiana, an organization for blind, visually

impaired, and deaf-blind citizens of our state, is celebrating 36 years of support services to this underserved population. ABL was formed by blind and visually impaired individuals who believed achieving your dreams should not be hindered by a disability. It provides rehabilitation services through the ABL Training Center and hosts support groups throughout the state of Louisiana.

The convention will be held on September 20 through September 22, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Hotel at 1800 Martin Luther King Blvd. in Houma, Louisiana. The exhibit area will be open on Friday, September 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Participation as a vendor will be a great benefit to ABL members. Vendors begin set up at 12:00 p.m. in the exhibit area. One table and two chairs will be provided for each vendor. There will also be standard 110 outlets available. Bring your own extension cords and power sources if needed. There is a minimal charge of \$35.00 for each vendor to provide hotel set up. Set up fees are due by August 21, 2019.

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A representative from the Talking Books and Braille Library will be there.

Find all of the convention registration information on the web site or to reserve vendor space, visit [www.affiliatedblind.org](http://www.affiliatedblind.org) to fill out an application.

If you have any questions, please call 337.234.6492 or e-mail [chyvonneb@affiliatedblind.org](mailto:chyvonneb@affiliatedblind.org).

### **Finding Commercial and BARD-only Books**

For the first eight decades of its existence, NLS almost always used its own recording studio staff or outside studios to record books. That changed in 2013, when NLS began partnerships with commercial publishers to obtain their audio files, free of charge.

“By taking advantage of commercial recordings when we can, we’re getting more books into the talking-book program and doing it in a more timely fashion,” NLS Director Karen Keninger said. “This helps us focus our efforts on producing books that don’t have commercial audio counterparts.”

It’s a money-saver, too. There are still costs for converting a commercial file into a format that can be read by NLS talking-book machines and downloaded from BARD, but the narration costs for such titles are eliminated.

The titles that NLS produces are generally available on digital talking-book cartridges as well as on BARD. Those titles are also listed in *Talking Book Topics*.

The collection also includes many “BARD-exclusive” titles—most of which are commercial audiobooks—and aren’t listed in *TBT*.

To easily find commercial audiobook titles in the collection, patrons can use the select “Voyager Search” at <https://www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/online-catalog-search/>. Once you’re on Voyager’s “Basic Search” screen, type “commercial audiobook” (with the quote marks) under step one; leave the default option of “None” under step two; and select the first option, “Keyword (match ALL words),” under step three. That will give you more than 8,500 commercial titles currently in the collection.

### **Free Accessible Touch Typing Tutor Available Online**

Patrons wishing to learn to touch type or improve their skills may find Rocky’s Audio Typing TutorV2 of interest. The program, which is free to download online, features finger exercises, word exercises, and whole sentence exercises and offers the ability to adjust audio speeds, audio voice, audio volumes, color contrast, and font size. It supports screen readers and is designed for blind and visually impaired computer users. For information, visit [www.rockywaters.co.uk/softwarePage.php](http://www.rockywaters.co.uk/softwarePage.php)

### **Magazine Changes**

Several magazines have discontinued print publication and will no longer be available as subscriptions to NLS patrons in audio and Braille format. These magazines include *Seventeen* (previously available in audio and Braille), *Vanidades* (previously available in audio), and *Cooking Light* (previously available in Braille). Back issues will continue to be downloadable from BARD. All three magazines will continue to exist in the form of online publications

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and can be accessed respectively at <https://www.seventeen.com>, <https://www.vanidades.com>, and <https://www.cookinglight.com>. NLS will begin producing *Catster* and *Eating Well* in Braille in the near future as a replacement for these discontinued offerings. Please contact your local network library if you would like to subscribe to these magazines in hardcopy Braille.

### **2019 Louisiana Book Festival**

Mark your calendars! The 16th annual Louisiana Book Festival will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free to all. There will be hundreds of authors and exhibitors as well as food, music, lectures and activities for kids and teens. The Louisiana Book Festival will be held in Capitol Park, the State Library, the State Museum and the State Capitol. The Book Festival schedule will be available in Braille and large print. For more information, visit [www.louisianabookfestival.org](http://www.louisianabookfestival.org).

### **Sign Up for the 2019 Adult Summer Reading Program**

It's not too late to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program. The program runs from May 1, 2019, through August 31, 2019. If you complete the program by reading 20 books, you will be entered into a drawing to win one of 25 digital talking alarm watches.

Many thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing this year's summer reading program prizes! To sign up, simply contact your reader adviser and start reading! If you would like, we will mail you a reading log to keep track of the

books you have read. Once you have read 20 books, call your reader adviser to let them know, and your name will be entered into the drawing to win one of 25 digital talking alarm watches.

If you have a reading log, you can return it to us by mail or call to give us the list over the phone. Audio books, Braille, large print books and audio magazines all count. If you need any reading suggestions, please ask us; we are happy to help! One entry allowed per person. We will choose 25 lucky winners from the list of those who have read at least 20 books. Happy reading!

### **Books About Our Solar System, Space, and Space Exploration**

Here are some books that match this year's theme for the Adult Summer Reading Program.

#### **NONFICTION**

**DB92406** *The Penguin Book of Outer Space Exploration* by John Logsdon. Space historian presents the story of America's journey to space. Chronicles the creation of NASA, and the future of space exploration in the twenty-first century.

**DB85352** *No Dream Is Too High: Life Lessons From a Man Who Walked on the Moon* by Buzz Aldrin. Author shares thirteen lessons he learned over the course of his life. He discusses his support of future manned space exploration programs, particularly to Mars.

**DB81687** *Beyond: Our Future in Space* by Chris Impey. Author

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speculates on possible future modes of transportation through outer space. Examines the likelihood of various transportation options.

**DB77759** *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth* by Chris Hadfield. Former commander of the International Space Station discusses the ways his training and experiences in engineering, and space exploration prepared him to deal with worst-case scenarios. Provides details about day-to-day life in space, the physical effects on the body, and the return to Earth.

**DB85625** *Copernicus: A Very Short Introduction* by Owen Gingerich. Leading authority discusses the ways Copernicus built on Ptolemy's ideas, and the author's search for original copies of *Copernicus's De revolutionibus*.

**DB87061** *A space traveler's guide to the Solar System* by Mark Thompson. Astronomer presents an exploration of the solar system as if it were possible to fly between planets as you would between cities on Earth.

**DB85038** *Merlin's Tour of the Universe: A Skywatcher's Guide to Everything From Mars and Quasars to Comets, Planets, Blue Moons, and Werewolves* by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Astrophysicist uses the construct of Merlin--an ancient visitor from the planet Omnicia in the Andromeda galaxy--to answer questions about human understanding of the universe.

**DB89846** *Astrophysics for people in a hurry* by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Author explains astrophysics concepts in a condensed and easily digestible manner intended for people with limited time to

read about the subject. Topics covered include the big bang, light, the space between galaxies, dark matter, the solar system, and more. Bestseller.

## FICTION

**DB78389** *The Martian* by Andy Weir. Six days after becoming the first man to walk on Mars, astronaut Mark Watney is caught in a windstorm. Though his support crew thinks he died, Mark survived and now faces abandonment, failed machinery, and a hostile environment. Strong language. Bestseller.

**DB90647** *The last Jedi* by Jason Fry. Rey's epic journey with Finn, Poe, and Luke Skywalker continues. Novelization of the movie *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*. Bestseller.

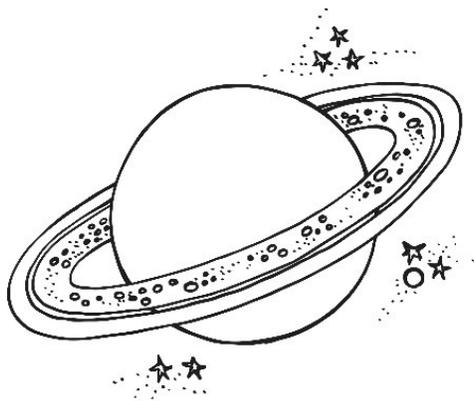
**DB82021** *Aurora* by Kim Stanley Robinson. Humanity embarked on its first voyage outside the solar system generations ago. Now it approaches its new home. Commercial audiobook.

**DB88595** *The complete short fiction of Greg Bear*. Topics include interstellar war, human evolution, intelligent bacteria, international terrorism, exploration of deep space, and more. Includes *Just over the Horizon*, *Far Thoughts* and *Pale Gods*, and *Beyond the Farthest Suns*.

**DB85476** *Mission: Tomorrow* by Bryan Thomas Schmidt. An anthology of short-form science fiction stories that focus on space exploration, travel, and adventure. Some violence and some strong language.

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## Books and Beyond: A Section for Children and Teens



### Still Time for Summer Reading

Our Summer Reading Program for Children and Teens started May 1, but there is still time to sign up. There are three reading programs this year. To complete the **Children's** and **Read to Me Program**, just read six books or magazines and turn in your reading log. To finish the **Teen Program**, just read two books or magazines and turn in your reading log. Prizes include a navy blue, "A Universe of Stories" t-shirt, a space shuttle glider, and space station sticker playset.

For **Teen STEM**, read your chosen STEM book and complete up to four activities and mark them on the Activity log. Turn in your **Teen STEM** Activity Log in order to receive extra incentive prizes. The first 25 to turn in their Activity Logs receive a talking watch. Additional prizes include t-shirts, star and moon wall stickers, alien keychains, and 3-in-1 desk cube.

Send in your summer reading invitation, contact Charlene Moore at 225.342.

9563, or email [tbbkids@state.lib.la.us](mailto:tbbkids@state.lib.la.us) to register.

Special thanks to the Jones Foundation for providing this year's summer reading prizes.

### Summer Reading Activities On-Line

Here is a list of websites offering fun and educational activities that go along with the 2019 Summer Reading theme, "**Space:**"

- Hatch Your Own Pokémon Eggs. [www.sciencekiddo.com/hatch-pokemon-eggs](http://www.sciencekiddo.com/hatch-pokemon-eggs)
- Play interesting and interactive games with Braille Bug. <http://braillebug.afb.org>
- Amazing Superhero Handprint Crafts for Kids. [www.craftymorning.com/amazing-superhero-handprintcrafts-for-kids](http://www.craftymorning.com/amazing-superhero-handprintcrafts-for-kids)
- Don't miss out on **Tumble Books Library** Read-Alongs. To access these resources, go to the Louisiana Library Connection service at <http://lplibcon.state.lib.la.us/> and scroll down to find the **TumbleBookLibrary** link. If asked, enter your public library card number.
- DIY Fabric Scraps Memory Game. [www.skiptomylou.org/fabric-scraps-memory-game](http://www.skiptomylou.org/fabric-scraps-memory-game)
- Make your own herb garden. <https://garden.org/learn/library/foodguide/>

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- Web Master Exploratorium  
<http://www.exploratorium.edu/ronh/>
- Check out **Bedtime Math** and use the new free app <http://bedtimemath.org/apps/>

### Do your books need an upgrade?

Whether you read a lot or a little, updating your reading profile provides a more challenging and fulfilling summer experience. Let the Children's and YA Librarian, Ms. Charlene Moore, 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 [tbbkids@state.lib.la.us](mailto:tbbkids@state.lib.la.us) or give her a call.

### Great Space Reads!

All titles are available in BARD.

#### Grades Preschool-Grade 2

DB85357 *Galaxy Zack* by Ray O'Ryan  
Join a space boy as he explores the galaxy. First book in this series.

DB55280 *Zathura* by Chris Van Allsburg  
Twenty years after *Jumanji* (DB50700),

the story continues when Danny and Walter discover an oblong box that unleashes a new series of reckless characters.

#### Grades 2-4

BR22214, DB88222 *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly. The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands a shy boy and his guinea pig at the bottom of a well.

DB29175 *They Dance in the Sky: Native American Star Myths*. by Jean Guard Monroe and Ray Williamson. A collection of star legends from many North American Indian cultures.

#### Grades 4-7

DB77918 *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. Twelve kids are invited to a sleepover at the new library, but they must solve every clue and puzzle to find the hidden escape route. First book in series.

DB83213 *The Princess, the Scoundrel, and the Farm Boy: Star Wars; A New Hope* by Alexandra Bracken. Although the Rebel Alliance has won a few battles against the Empire, hope is fading. The Rebels' only chance lies in unlikely hands. First book in series.

#### Grades 5-8 and YA

LP11990, DB51297, BR15631  
*Gathering Blue* by Lois Lowry. When Kira is suddenly orphaned, the neighbors try to expel her because of her lame leg. Kira's talent for embroidery saves her life, but places her under the Council of Guardians.

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## **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 Foundation. For meeting information, call Shelia Coleman at 225.342.4942.

## **Library address**

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

## **Phone numbers**

Baton Rouge: 225.342.0035  
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](mailto:tbbl@state.lib.la.us)  
[tbblkids@state.lib.la.us](mailto:tbblkids@state.lib.la.us)

## **Walk-in hours**

Monday – Thursday  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## **Phone and email 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  
Online catalog  
BARD download service  
BARD mobile apps  
Newspaper reading 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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