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Welcome Gussie Armstead!

Gussie Armstead is our new reader adviser. She joined us in August and has worked for the State Library for seven years. Her favorite authors include Catherine Coulter, Lisa Jackson, Tammy Hoag, Iris Johansen, Lisa Gardner, Victoria Holt, Phyllis A. Whitney, Mary Higgins Clark and Erica Spindler. We are so pleased that she could join our team!



Gordon Loyd at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.!

Gordon Loyd, of the Machines and Materials Department at the Talking Books and Braille Library,

Holidays closings

Nov. 4	Election Day
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 27 and 28	Thanksgiving
Dec. 25	Christmas
Jan. 1	New Year's Day

represented the State Library of Louisiana at the National Book Festival on Aug. 30. He handed out information about the library along with Mardi Gras beads. He is pictured here with Reference Librarian Michael Golrick (right), also of the State Library, and Susan Hildreth (center), Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

NOBLE - North Carolina BARD Local

NOBLE is a North Carolina service similar to BARD through which users can download locally produced or locally distributed digital Braille books, digital talking books and magazines. No application is

necessary to download them. Volumes will be added to BARD quarterly as they become available. All digital talking books available from NOBLE are produced in a format that can only be read on an NLS approved player. Downloaded audio files are zipped and need to be unzipped onto a flash drive to play. To download NOBLE books visit <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/lbph/noble.html>.

Religious organizations offering talking books

Did you know that several different religious organizations offer their own library services? If you are interested you must apply with them directly to borrow books free of charge. The American Council of the Blind has a compilation posted at <http://acb.org/node/1640>. Some of the choices available are:

JBI International in New York, NY provides materials of Jewish interest. You may reach at 800.433.1531 or <http://www.jbilibrary.org/library>

Audiobook Ministries in Seattle, WA offers a variety of Christian books on tape and digital cartridge. You may reach them at 206.243.7377, tmnw@tapeministries.org or <http://www.tapeministries.org/>

Christian Record Services for the Blind in Lincoln, NE loans Christian materials such as the Bible and select magazines. You may reach

them at 402.488.0981, info@christianrecord.org or www.christianrecord.org.

Digi Talk Audiobook Ministries in Seattle, WA has been adding new Christian digital books to their collection. You may reach them at 206.243.7377 or tmnw@tapeministries.org and find the application at <http://www.tapeministries.org/>

Xavier Society for the Blind in New York, NY provides materials of Roman Catholic interest. You may reach them at 800.637.9193, info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org, or <http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org/index.php>

Braille calendars

2015 Braille calendars are now available. If you are not currently on the list to receive the calendar, call your reader adviser to request one.

Digital check out limit

The new limit of 25 has been established as the maximum number of digital books a person may have checked out at any one time. Once this limit is reached, no new books will be sent until others are returned. Although our collection has continued to grow, and there are more digital books available, the cartridge medium is still expensive and there is a limit to what can be

replaced. Keep in mind that others would like to read the books that you have enjoyed. To receive new books, return books within the 30-day loan period.

Reader's Handbook 2014

TBBL Reader's Handbook has been updated and is available now on the TBBL website. The handbook describes the services offered by TBBL and provides information for new patrons of the service. All new patrons will receive a copy. Others can obtain the handbook by calling a reader adviser.

There's still time!

You may still join our email book club. To sign up, call TBBL and ask for Sarah Nelson. December is reader's choice; choose your own holiday book.

iBill currency readers

The iBill currency readers will be widely available to all U.S. citizens or persons legally residing in the U.S. who are blind or visually impaired, starting January 2, 2015. Individuals who are not NLS patrons must submit an application, signed by a competent authority who can certify eligibility. Applications will be available on the Bureau of Printing and Engraving website for non-NLS patrons beginning January 2, 2015. TBBL patrons can contact their

reader adviser for information on how to sign up earlier.

Spread the word!

If you would like to receive a packet with brochures, applications and general information about TBBL for your organization, please let us know. For example, over the past year we have sent packets to optometrists and nursing homes and have handed them out at health fairs.

End of annual catalogs

Because of the recent changes in the formats of *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review*, specifically the listing of books by category, both *Digital Talking Books Plus* and *Braille Books* will cease publication. NLS will continue to produce *For Younger Readers* in Braille and in large print. It may be borrowed in audio.

New adult digital books

Fiction:

DB 78218 *Goodness and Mercy* by Vanessa Griggs Davis

DB 78482 *Lexicon* by Max Barry

DB 78430 *Confessions of a Wild Child: Lucky: The Early Years* by Jackie Collins

DB 78623 *Wallflower Gone Wild* by Maya Rodale

DB 78708 *Waiting on You* by Kristan

Higgins

DB 78738 *Trail to Cottonwood Falls: A Ralph Compton Novel* by Dusty Richards

DB 78768 *Murder Simply Brewed: An Amish Village Mystery* by Vannetta Chapman

DB 78393 *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan

DB 78144 *Dangerous Women* edited by George R.R. Martin and Gardner Dozois

DB 78237 *Carthage* by Joyce Carol Oates

Non-Fiction:

DB 78263 *Love and War: Twenty Years, Three Presidents, Two Daughters, and One Louisiana Home* by James Carville and Mary Matalin (authors are coming to the Louisiana Book Festival!)

DB 78244 *Louis Armstrong: Master of Modernism* by Bob Moore

DB 78636 *Ten Percent Happier* by Dan Harris

DB 78379 *Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam* by Fredrik Logevall

DB 78463 *The Sixth Extinction* by Elizabeth Kolbert

DB 78705 *Decoding Your Dog*

edited by Debra F. Horwitz and John Ciribassi

DB 78788 *The Broken and the Whole: Discovering Joy After Heartbreak* by Charles S. Sherman

DB 78070 *A House in the Sky: A Memoir* by Amanda Lindhout and Sara Corbett

DB 78670 *Roadmap for the Rest of Your Life* by Bart Astor

DB 78315 *The System: The Glory and Scandal of Big-Time College Football* by Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian

Books and beyond: a section for children and teens

2015 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award

The 2015 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Program is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. There are three categories: grades 3-5, grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Students read from the nominated titles during 2014 and vote by February 2015. To qualify, students must be from Louisiana and have read three of the titles in the appropriate grade category. Your child can help decide who will win! To vote, call 800.543.4702.

Here are the titles that TBBL has

digital audiobook copies of:

Grades 3-5 nominated title list

DB 78972 *Eye of the Storm* by Kate Messner.

DB 78371 *The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Nielsen.

DB 75502 *Liar & Spy* by Rebecca Stead.

Grades 6-8 Nominated Title List

DB 75682 *Bully* by Patricia Polacco

DB 74785 *The Humming Room* by Ellen Potter

DB 75687 *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

DB 74228 *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio

Grades 9-12 Nominated Title List

DB 75966 *Code Name Verity* by Elizabeth Wein

DB 74112 *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

DB 74623 *I Hunt Killers* by Barry Lyga

DB 76170 *Seraphina* by Rachel Hartman

For a full list of the LYRC titles, please visit: <http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice>

Letters About Literature contest for kids and young adults!

Letters About Literature is a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and then write to that author (living

or dead) describing how the book affected them personally.

Letters are judged at state and national levels. Tens of thousands of students from throughout the country enter Letters About Literature each year. If you are in grades 4-12, you are eligible to enter. To find out more, please visit this website: <http://read.gov/letters/>.

Tech tips

BARD mobile device

When registering a new mobile device, please call your reader adviser to ask for removal of the mobile device that is no longer in use. This will prevent future rejections when registering new mobile devices.

Battery vs plugged in

The digital player is portable but it should remain plugged into an outlet much of the time. The player uses the battery power even when you are not listening to a book. If the player is unplugged for an extended period of time the battery level will become low and never fully recharge. If you are experiencing low battery levels of less than 10 hours you may need a new battery. Call the TBBL and ask to speak to Pete Gagliano if your battery keeps running low.

Navigating the book

Both the advanced and standard players have a feature that will take you to either the beginning or the end of the book.

If you are using the standard player, press and hold the rewind button until you hear "beginning of book." Similarly, press and hold the fast forward button until you hear "end of book."

If you are using the advanced player, select the bookmark level by pressing the menu button until you hear "bookmark jump." Press and hold the previous button to move the reading position to the beginning of the book. Similarly, press and hold the next button to move to the end of the book.

We have received calls from some readers who reported hearing the "end of book" message when they first started to play a digital book or halfway through the book. If this happens, read the next section. A player reset may fix the problem. If this does not work, put a rubber band around the cartridge and check "defective" on the mail card when you return it. Call your reader adviser to request another copy.

Two ways to reset the digital player

A hardware reset can be used if the player stops responding to commands. With the power off, press and hold the power button more than seven seconds until a beep is heard. The player will reboot and should respond to commands.

Resetting the player to factory defaults may eliminate problems you are experiencing with your player. The reset will erase the saved current positions of the book's history, erase all bookmarks, restore the default values for volume, tone and speed, and erase the history of button presses. To reset the player to factory default settings, turn off the player. Press and hold the tone up, speed up and volume up buttons while pressing the power button. The player will announce "creating new profile." The player must then be powered off to save the new profile.

"Cartridge error" message

If you hear "cartridge error," try playing another cartridge in the player. If the other cartridge works, then return the defective cartridge to the library and call your reader adviser for a new copy. If several cartridges fail to play, the player should be returned for servicing. Call your reader adviser for a replacement player.

Support our TBBL friends organization

The Mrs. W. Carruth Jones Foundation acknowledges the following donor for her generous contributions:

Mrs. Marguerite N. Smith.

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:

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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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Library services

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Braille Books and Magazines
Large Print Books and Big Books
Descriptive Videos
Online Catalog and BARD Download 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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