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From the Director's Chair

Now that Autumn is rapidly approaching, it's time to get back into our usual routines and here at LBH that means that we'll be open once again on Saturdays. If you find that our number is often busy when you want to talk to Reader's Services during the week, consider calling on Saturday. We get many fewer calls then and will have a little more time to chat with you. Not only do we enjoy hearing from you, but also readers who help to select the books they read enjoy their talking book service more. We want you to be happy with your books.

Speaking of telephoning the Library, have you noticed that if you're put on hold you no longer hear blank silence? It's Audiovision that you're listening to. Audiovision is our radio reading service that reads

the local newspapers from around New Jersey. A specially designed radio is loaned to you free of charge and preset to our signal. Most areas of New Jersey can receive the signal and we're on the air from 8 in the morning until Midnight. If you'd like more information, just give us a call and ask about Audiovision.

Audiovision is also where volunteers record our Jerseyana books. They have been hard at work this summer and we now have two new books available, *Early Windmills of New Jersey and Nearby States* (C2916) and *Phantom of the Pines: More Tales of the Jersey Devil* (C2917). Merely check them off on the checklist at the end of the newsletter if you'd like to receive them.

I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you about some of the unsung

heroes in the Library that you might otherwise never know about. The Shipping Department handles about 2,000 books a day and makes sure that you not only get your materials, but also get them as quickly as possible. Karen leads a staff of hard working folks: Michael and David ship the Braille, Carolyn, Sokhoeum, Julius, Alvin, and David handle the cassettes, and large print is shipped by Barbara and Diana who also work in Reader's Services. Without the daily efforts of these staff members, nothing would move either into or out of the Library. All of us here appreciate their efforts and we're sure that you do as well.

I am delighted to be working here as the director of the Library. I really enjoy helping to provide all of you with this service, feel very proud of our hard working staff, and look forward to getting to know you better.



MACULAR DISEASES

The Association for Macular Diseases is a nonprofit organization that provides support to individuals with macular degeneration, updated information on research and medical

advances, and news about developing low vision aids. They also produce a newsletter, Eyes Only. For more information or to join, contact The Association for Macular Diseases, Inc. 210 East 64th St., New York, NY 10021. Telephone: 212-605-3719.

WHAT IS CMLS?

CMLS is the mailing service that sends out NLS catalogs and magazines to library customers all over the country. Even though CMLS's address appears on your catalogs, *please do not send them your book orders or letters*. This can slow your requests considerably since they forward all that mail to us.

Also, *please do not return any materials to the CMLS address in Florida*. CMLS cancels the subscription for any item returned, no questions asked. It is better to call us and explain the situation. We're always happy to hear from you and will make every effort to solve any problem you may be experiencing.

WEB SURFER SITES

HotBraille, a free web-based transcribing service that lets you send Braille messages in any of 19

different languages through the mail to anywhere in the world, was announced in USA Today. Enter <http://www.hotbraille.com> for more information.

Braille Books is an e-mail list that announces new Braille leisure reading materials produced by BANA standards. To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to: braille-books-subscribe@groups.com and follow the instructions in the e-mail reply.

Narrative Television Network (NTN) offers described videos at <http://www.narrativetv.com>. To view movies such as Charade, Of Human Bondage, and A Star is Born you will need to download the free RealPlayer software and have at least a 28.8 k connection.

LIBRARY INFORMATION VIA COMPUTER

If you own a computer and can access the internet you can get a library card with our parent organization, the New Jersey State Library. A library card at the State Library will allow you to enter your library card number and access on line services that provide information you might not be able to obtain otherwise. *EBSCOhost* Full-text

Database provides full text magazine articles from 170 magazines and abstracts from 930 other publications, *Informe* provides similar access in Spanish, and *NoveList* is a tool that can help fiction readers locate new authors and titles.

Interested? Visit the web site at www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk/ to see what is available or contact Christine at the library either by calling on our toll-free number 1-800-792-8322 or e-mail her at clisiecki@njstatelib.org for more information.

THEATER

The McCarter Theatre Center in Princeton, NJ offers a variety of performances to meet every need: one performance of every play is audio described, several are interpreted for the deaf, and hearing enhancement equipment is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Braille and large print programs are also available. The theater and its rest rooms are barrier-free. For more information contact McCarter Theater, 91 University Place, Princeton, NJ 08540. Telephone (voice) 609-258-ARTS or TDD (no voice) 609-252-0915.

CORRECTION

The Forum Theater that advertised in the last newsletter does have accessible seating for the disabled in the auditorium. However, the rest room facilities are not easily accessible from the lobby. For more information please contact the Forum Theater at 732-548-0582.

MUSIC

Have you heard about the artistic excellence of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra? Have you always wanted to attend an NJSO performance, but due to financial or physical limitations been unable to do so? The NJSO, with the generous support of the Jorgensen Trust would like to offer you the opportunity to experience a performance without needing to buy a ticket. Each year the NJSO offers a variety of musical experiences in seven concert halls throughout the state: Englewood, Morristown, New Brunswick, Newark, Princeton, Red Bank, and Trenton. For more information contact Philip Leninger, Jorgensen Trust Ticket Offer, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, 2 Central Avenue, Newark, NJ 07102 Phone: 973-624-3713

NEW MAGAZINE AVAILABLE

New Jersey Life is a recent publication that is published six times a year and profiles New Jersey personalities such as Geraldo Rivera, Joe Morton, and Joyce Carol Oates. It also has features about secret gardens, lavish interiors, gourmet food, haute couture, and beauty as well as exploring topics such as personal finance, education and the latest in automotive trends. To subscribe merely mark off the request box on the checklist.

THE BOOKWORM

Here are some books our readers were clamoring for when they first came out in print, and are available from NJLBH or shortly will be: His Holiness the Dalai Lama's *Ethics for the New Millennium* (RC 48810) and Iyanla Vanzant's *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up* (RC 48199). Vanzant's *Acts of Faith: Daily Meditations for People of Color* (RC 38262) and also *In the Meantime: Finding Yourself and the Love You Want* (RC 46360) are now available. Jan Karon's *A New Song* and the Harry Potter books are in production but the waiting lists are already VERY long. Janet Evanovich's

newest Stephanie Plum book *High Five* will be done in late fall and *Adam and Evil*, the latest Amanda Pepper story by Gillian Roberts is due after Christmas.

A historical novelist who has caught my attention is Emma Drummond. She's an English writer whose focus usually is centered on the English Raj in India or on the battlegrounds of the Crimean War. She has a steady hand in developing her love stories against fully detailed backgrounds. If occasional graphic descriptions of battlefield wounds and dysentery don't turn you squeamish, you'll enjoy these books where sometimes love doesn't conquer all. Three of her books are listed on the checklist. My favorite is RC23772 *Forget the Glory*, a well-told tale that reads with almost autobiographical detail.

From your fellow readers came a number of recommendations: Fay Lihn of Vantor offers Mary Balogh's *Beyond the Sunrise* (RC 40110). She says, "I never enjoyed anything so much!" Large Print readers will enjoy *One Night for Love* (LT 21076), set in early Regency times. The war against Napoleon is depicted as a living entity in this meaty love story.

Gertrude Zimmermann of Brick read *Heartbreaker* (RC 47751), a romance/ suspense novel with several densely interwoven story lines. Here's her review: "I put it on, and I couldn't stop it. I finally finished it at 4 am. Boy you were right! (I said she'd love it) I was sitting there, clenching my hands and shaking. Send me all you can of Karen Robards!" Two Robards offerings I enjoyed are *Walking After Midnight* (RC 41145, BR 10189, and LT 19173) and *Hunter's Moon* (RC 43387).

Judy (yes, *the* Judy of Reader Services) found *The Homesman* (RC 29819) by Glendon Swarthout to be an entertaining Western of interest to both men and women.

The Road to Ubar: Finding the Atlantis of the Sands (RC 46271) caught the attention of Mary Cool of Mount Ephraim. It's a non-fiction account of finding a lost city in the Arabian Desert. Fiction fanatics might try *Caravan* by Dorothy Gilman (RC 35585, LT 17686).

Readers who enjoyed the Brother Cadfael series by Ellis Peters might investigate these authors: Dorothy

Dunnett, P.C. Doherty, Candace Robb, and Leonard Tourney.

Fans of NASCAR and motor sports might race to *No Fear: Ernie Irvin's Story of Tragedy and Triumph* (RC 48337) and *American Zoom* (RC 47516) by Peter Golenbock. Irvin's story covers reviews his life before a death-defying accident at Michigan in 1994 and his attempts at comeback. Another accident forced Ernie to retire in 1999, but he is still active as a test driver. *Zoom* is a nice overview of motor sports, dealing with all levels of motor racing from neighborhood tracks to big-time. The recent deaths of Lee and Adam Petty are a low period for the Petty family. Available is *King of the Road* (RC 11684), Richard Petty's autobiography, covering the early part of his career. *A Farewell to the King*, on loan to us from North Carolina Library for the Blind is a "farewell tour" biography (call Patt if you'd like this). *Fast as White Lightning* (RC 18918) is a fast-paced retrospective of NASCAR from its moonshine-running roots to big-time superspeedways. It emphasizes family connections, and stops with the early history of "The Intimidator," Dale Earnhardt.

SKI FOR LIGHT

The 2001 Northeastern Ski for Light event will take place during the week of February in Sherman, Pennsylvania, near Binghamton, NY. Visually impaired and sighted adults ski in pairs at this event. If you would like to learn to cross-country ski or know how, enjoy the outdoors, social events, good food and fellowship in a country setting, come join them for this program. For further information, contact Barry or Louise Wood at 201-868-3336.

LARGE PRINT READERS

Please try not to mix up the cards that are sent in the pockets and the bags with the large print books. This will help speed your service and cause less confusion when materials are returned. Thank you.

VOTING

If you're not registered to vote and would like to participate in the election process this year, we can help you fill out your forms and submit them. To be eligible to vote in the presidential election this November, you must be registered by October 9th. Call Luz in Reader's

Services and she will be happy to assist you.

NJ TRANSIT REDUCED FAIR PROGRAM

The NJ Transit Reduced Fare Program has changed effective January 1, 2000 in response to new state legislation.

NJ Transit Buses

Senior citizens aged 65 and over and persons with disabilities can now ride NJ Transit buses 24 hours a day, seven days a week for half fare or less. Previous peak hour restrictions have been eliminated. As always, personal assistants continue to ride free of charge when accompanying a person with a disability who presents the appropriate ID card.

NJ Transit Trains

As with NJ Transit buses, peak hour restrictions have been eliminated for persons over 65 and those with disabilities, except for those trains specifically highlighted on NJ Transit timetables. Trains in the shaded area continue to operate as peak trains and do not offer a reduced fare option.

The reduced fare program for Senior Citizens 62 through 64

remains unchanged. For more information on the Reduced Fare Program, how to apply for an ID card, and bus or train schedules, call 1-800-772-2222.

COPING WITH VISION LOSS

Are you, your loved one, or members of your family having difficulty coping with vision loss? The Braille Institute of America (BIA) has produced a valuable cassette series that can help everyone cope better. We at LBH have added this valuable series to our collections and you can order them either by checking them on the order form or by calling us at 1-800-792-8322. The BIA will also send you copies for your personal collection, but have requested that you only order those tapes that you find particularly useful.

The first series (C2912) Understanding and Expressing Your Feelings of Sight Loss consists of the following topic tapes: "Sound Solutions Overview" describes the entire series of tapes, "You Are Not Alone" helps you deal with your feelings of loss and fear, "Independently Speaking" helps you overcome the loss of visual cues so

important in personal communications, "FYI: Facts and Myths" discusses the stereotypes about blindness and sets the record straight, "Know the Right Stuff" is full of information about where to find much-needed resources.

The second series, Techniques for Daily Living (C 2913) is designed to teach you, step by step the tips and methods that others find invaluable in living with vision loss: "Senses and Sensibilities" helps you learn how to make better use of your hearing, taste, touch and smell to achieve greater self-confidence; "No-Frills Daily Skills" covers eight basic tasks common to everyday living; "This New Old House" teaches you how to adapt your home to your specific needs; and "The Unseen Ingredient" teaches techniques for basic kitchen chores and food preparation and storage.

For You and Your Family (C2914), the third part of the series is for sighted family members and friends whose lives are affected by sight loss. "What to Do When a Loved One Loses Sight" helps adults to understand what the loved one is going through; "What to do When Grandma Can't See" is written especially for children.

The last set of tapes, Taking Care of Your Physical and Emotional Well-Being (C2915) provides techniques and practical suggestions. "For the Life of Me" takes a humorous approach to developing a healthier lifestyle through diet and exercise; "Getting Back into the Swing of Things" offers ideas on how to continue to participate in the activities you enjoy and discover new ones; and "Put Laughter Back in Your Life" features Steve Allen who offers his views on the importance of laughter in the face of life's challenges.

Try them first by checking them on the request list, then if they are something you'd like to add to your library, Reader Services will provide you with the telephone number for the Braille Institute of America so you can order your personal copies.

OUR-CO INDUSTRIES

Our-Co Industries, a division of the New Jersey Association of the Deaf-Blind, provides meaningful employment opportunities to individuals who are deaf and/or blind and developmentally disabled. They produce a catalog of gift items that includes silk-screened clothing and gifts, cards, and Braille jewelry.

Their catalog is available in Braille as well as print. For more information contact Our-Co Industries, 24 K World's Fair Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873-1349. Telephone: 908-805-1912 V/TDD or Fax 908-805-3088.

HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW

Vision Community Services, a division of the Massachusetts Association for the Blind is offering cassette tape subscriptions to *The Harvard Business Review* for \$75 per year. There are six issues annually. Please contact Robert Pierson, The Recording Studio, Vision Community Services, 23A Elm Street, Watertown, MA 02472, and telephone 617-972-9117, for more information.

LARGE PRINT DONATIONS

Sincere apologies to anyone who donated large print books and whose name does not appear on this list. During the transition from Vianne to Deborah, some materials were inadvertently lost. Your donations are still very much appreciated.

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