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SAVE THE DATE!

More information about the Fall Festival will be sent to you this summer.

The Festival will be held in the fall this year on September 8th. We are still developing the program but are very excited that Erik Weihenmayer, the blind mountain climber who is attempting to climb Mt. Everest this March has agreed to come and speak with us. He'll talk about his life, passion for mountain climbing, and how he has not let his blindness stand in the way of accomplishing the goals he's set for himself.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR'S
CHAIR**

We'll also have many other events and the vendors of aides and appliances will be here demonstrating and selling their products. This can be your opportunity to try out special equipment before you buy it.

On January 12th I attended a conference in Washington, D.C. about the digital talking book. Digital talking books will be the next type of talking book, but will not be available for many years to come because many details have yet to be refined. The National Library Service (NLS) is experimenting with computer software and equipment and is in the process of evaluating the many options available. NLS wants to produce the highest quality book and playback equipment they can afford and is working toward that end.

Do not look for digital talking books any time soon. Although NLS is recording a small number of titles digitally each year, they estimate that it will be five to ten years before they are in full production. If you're interested in more of the details, you can visit the NLS web site at www.loc.gov/nls/dtb.html.

Spring is a great time to get out and enjoy the warm sunshine. It seems especially needed after the rather dreary, snowy and bleak winter that we had this year! Patt Thrash has recommended a great list of books in her Bookworm column that you can take with you as you visit the park, or even sit on your balcony, porch or deck. So take your talking books with you this spring!

This is the time of year when the Friends of the LBH invite you to join as a member. I have included an application form with the newsletter for those of you who are interested, but I want to stress that it is NEVER a requirement that you join. You will receive the same good

service whether you join the Friends or not.

What do the Friends do for the Library? So many wonderful things! They supplement our budget so we can buy additional Large Print books and cassette books in Spanish. They fund the children's Summer Reading Program and help us to buy additional children's books in Braille. In the past, by saving for several years, the Friends purchased a van that the Library uses to deliver cassette machine equipment to repair centers.

We are exceedingly grateful to the Friends for all the wonderful support they have given to the Library over the years and I want to take this opportunity to say a great big THANK YOU to all of them!

*Deborah Jooney
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The Large Print Literary Reader is available by subscription for \$29.95 per year. It bills itself as the only large print periodical in the U.S. devoted to fine literature. For more information or to subscribe write: Large Print Literary Magazine, 955 Massachusetts Avenue, #105, Cambridge, MA 02139.

BOOKWORM
by Patt Thrash

With the advent of spring, those of us who overwintered in New Jersey are thinking of vacations (Those returning from Florida or Arizona, please skip the rest of this paragraph). Exotic locales entice--Canada, Europe, Mexico, and Philadelphia. Philadelphia? Yes, Philadelphia! Especially if you are the intrepid teacher Amanda Pepper. You'll find Philadelphia a very lively place—unless you end up dead. Starting with *Caught Dead in Philadelphia* (RC 37547) and ending later with

Adam and Evil (RC 49304) detail Amanda's "second job." You don't need to go far to find adventure. Princeton University's Firestone Library is featured in Brent Monahan's *Book of Common Dread* (RC 37408.) If you can't stay close to home, visit Switzerland in *Seasons of Snow and Sins* (RC 48080), Nantucket in *Family Life* (RC 27272) and enjoy wilderness camping trips by burro, foot and canoe in *High Trails West* (RC 9679). Enjoy a train ride across Canada that's more than it first seems in Dick Francis' *The Edge* (RC 30964, LT 15809). Francis said in a New York Times article promoting this book, that the vacation inspiring it was one of the best he'd ever had.

The Grilling Season (RC 45060) is upon us. Diane Mott Davidson is a relatively new author to NLS readers. The romantic life of a single mom is never easy, especially when you keep solving the mysteries your detective boyfriend's assigned to work on, as our heroine caterer Goldie Schulz finds out. Her

yummy tales of murder and mayhem in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies feature recipes embedded in the plot. Having tried a few of the (easier!) appetizing recipes, I think each one will leave you hungry for more!

Just in case you've got room for dessert, try *Chocolat* (RC 49086, LT 20944) by Joanne C. Harris. This book was made into the hit movie of the same name. Robert Blom of Toms River says, "Boy oh boy, it's something else!"

I could sink my teeth into a good mystery and I'm ready for hot weather. Tony Hillerman's Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn mystery books set in the *Dine* Navajo areas of Arizona and New Mexico make the town of Ship Rock seem like it's just down the road and the Chuska Mountains are as close as the Poconos. I love Tony Hillerman's books for his folksy tone. He allows the story to tell itself, to spin itself out in it's own time. I've read all of them at least twice. A selection of Hillerman's books

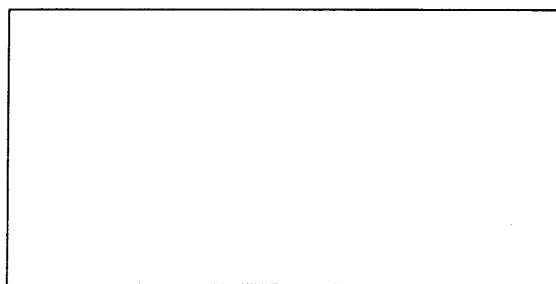
appears on the checklist. A similar author is James Doss. His book the *Shaman Sings* (RC 41500) features lots of supernatural elements. You'll love Aunt Daisy and all the trouble she causes for her long-suffering nephew Charlie Moon. There will eventually be more books on cassette by this author, but for now this is the only one we have. Consider this the appetizer.

My classic choice for this issue is James Fenimore Cooper's *Last of the Mohicans* (RC 19920, BR 4092). This book was partially written in Burlington, New Jersey. It's a little wordy in an 18th-century way. IF you've enjoyed this book, look for Sara Donati's pseudo-sequel *Into the Wilderness* (BR 12298, also WEB Braille). If you're familiar with the movie version featuring Daniel Day Lewis, you'll be comfortable reading this well-done continuation of Hawkeye's life story.

To those of you summering at the beach, I envy you! Eat some Boardwalk fries for me!

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Lois Wencil who has worked with the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for years has developed a self-study course for Braille called The Fast Track. It is a no nonsense, no frills Braille/tape/print manual for learning to read Braille. It has been used successfully to instruct adults through a Braille mentoring program for 4 years. To obtain your copy, send \$39.95 to Lois Wencil, 19 Parkview Drive, Millburn, NJ 07041

C-1 UPDATE

In the past we have warned you that keeping a C-1 player plugged in all the time affects the ability of the battery to recharge. The National Library Service has now informed us that this is not the case any longer. Everyone can now keep their player plugged in all the time during its operation. It is still recommended that you allow plenty of time (12 to 16 hours)

of non-use for the batter to completely recharge.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

The New Jersey State Library is a federal Depository Library and they have made the Student Aid Audio Guide available to us. We have copied it onto cassette (C 2932) so anyone who would like to borrow it may do so. It will help students who are searching for information on federal student financial assistance for college or graduate school. Just check it off on the request sheet!

TALKING PRESCRIPTION LABELS

People who have difficulty reading prescription labels can now listen to the instructions. The re-useable Aloud audio label is a digital recorded chip housed in a small plastic base that is attached to the prescription container. The pharmacy records the medication information onto the audio label after filling the

prescription. The user can then play back the instructions at home using the Aloud replay unit. The recorded message can be replayed indefinitely and cannot be erased or altered by the user.

There is a small additional cost to every prescription that includes the audio chip. Users also have to purchase the label readers, which are not covered under Medicare. For more information, contact the Aloud Company at their toll-free number, 1-866-33-ALoud or visit their web site, www.getaloud.com to locate a pharmacy near you who offers this service.

RECORDED MUSIC

Recordings for Recovery is a library of music as well as short stories, poems, sound effects, and exercise music designed specifically for the visually impaired or physically disabled. Music choices run the gamut from music from the 1900's to the present and include ethnic, religious, and classical

varieties. Catalogs and additional information can be obtained by calling them toll free at 1-800-798-1192.

RECORDED PERIODICALS FOR SALE

Three new magazines have been added to the selections offered by Recorded Periodicals, Associated Services for the Blind. *The Family Handyman* is a magazine that's packed with household project borkend down into easy-to follow steps. They tellyou exactly what materials, tools and procedures are involved. *O - The Oprah Magazine* is a woman's personal growth guide, giving women the tools they need too explore and reach for their dreams, to express their individual style and to make choices that will lead to a more fulfilling life. The last but not the least of the magazines offered is *Monthly Selections from the New Yorker*. Selections include "Talk of the Town" and some of the literature. All are on cassette and cost \$36/year for

each subscription. Contact:
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Bookworm Checklist Spring 2001

Gillian Robert's Amanda Pepper mysteries

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I'd Rather Be in Philadelphia RC45351 _____
How I Spent My Summer RC45044 _____
In the Dead of Summer RC45217 _____
Adam and Evil RC49304 _____

Spring Book Choices

Book of Common Dread RC37408 _____
Seasons of Snow and Sins RC48080 _____
Family Life RC27272 _____
High Trails West RC 9679 _____
The Edge RC30964 _____ LT 15809 _____

Diane Mott Davidson's Goldie Schulz

The Grilling Season RC 45060 _____
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