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# INSIGHTS



**Summer/Fall 2016**

**TALKING BOOK &  
BRAILLE CENTER**

## WELCOME TO OUR 2016 SUMMER/FALL NEWSLETTER

I want to devote my comments for this newsletter to a group that has been supporting the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC) for decades. It is the Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped.

Over the years, the Friends have been a strong advocate for TBBC and the State Library. In 2010 when budget cuts were made to the State Library which directly affected TBBC, members of the Friends appeared at public budget hearings throughout the state. Their personal stories of TBBC's value helped gain support from the legislature for the Library.

In addition to their energy and personal commitment, the Friends' financial support to TBBC's programs has been invaluable. The Friends have purchased thousands of blank digital cartridges over the years so these titles would be available in the collection to everyone.

The Friends have supported our Summer Reading Program, every Fall Festival and our annual golf tournament. The Recognition Wall was also a gift from the Friends.

I believe it is never too late to say "Thank You" to our Friends. If you are interested in joining the Friends, there is information in the newsletter.

Thank you and have an enjoyable and safe summer and fall.

*Mary*

**Mary L. Chute, New Jersey State Librarian**

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## **SERVING OUR VETERANS**

We are pleased to announce that we received a grant from Disability Rights New Jersey to offer training to our veterans on the iPad and its accessibility features. Classes started in July and classes are filled. We are thrilled! We are partnering with Advancing Opportunities, a leader in assistive technology training, to offer the classes. Many thanks to Disability Rights New Jersey for selecting TBBC.

### **SUMMER PROGRAM: ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, READ!**

TBBC's summer program this year was even bigger than last year! We had over sixty children and teens participate!

For six weeks, every participant received a package in the mail full of activities, booklists, jokes, and recipes. Fun toys and other prizes are also sent, thanks to the generosity of our Friends group.

Congratulations to all our readers!

### **WHAT'S NEW WITH TBBC'S RECORDED BOOKS**

Obsessed with the U.S. voting process? Or perhaps you want to develop your leadership skills? Our Audiovision studios completed the recording of these two new books. You can borrow them on cartridge or download them from BARD:

- "Five Dollars and a Pork Chop Sandwich: Vote Buying and the Corruption of Democracy" by Mary Frances Berry, former chairwoman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights. DBC01884.
- "What You Aren't Seeing: How Using Your Hidden Potential Can Help You Discover the Leader Within, The Inspiring Story of Herb Greenberg" by Patrick Sweeney. Herb Greenberg is the founder and former CEO of the Caliper Corporation in Princeton, NJ. DBC01881.

## **NEW AUDIO MAGAZINES**

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) has added several new audio magazines: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin; Audubon; Cowboys and Indians; Humpty Dumpty; Missouri Conservationist; National Geographic Traveler; O, The Oprah Magazine; Oklahoma Today; Playboy; Rolling Stone; Seventeen; Smithsonian; Southern Living; and Vital Speeches of the Day. For short descriptions of the magazines, see the March-April 2016 Talking Book Topics, or call us at TBBC at 800-792-8322. You can either call TBBC to subscribe, or download the magazines you want from BARD.

## **WHAT TO READ NEXT**

Want some book recommendations from the TBBC staff? We are recording reviews of books we enjoyed every month! You can listen on the Audiovision channel or on our website at <http://www.audiovision-nj.org/staffpicks.html>

- Luz liked “Just One More Thing” by Peter Falk. DB63876.
- Meaghan liked “Crazy Rich Asians” by Kevin Kwan. DB77099.
- Tara liked “The Excellent Lombards” by Jane Hamilton. DB84360.

## **TALKING BOOK TOPICS ORDER FORM**

When the Talking Book Topics arrives, it includes a handy order form to request the newest books from TBBC. Here are some helpful hints on the best way to request books and use that order form.

Any books on the Order Form are added to your request list. The books won't go out to you right away unless you call us at TBBC, or email us, and ask for it to be sent to you as soon as possible. So if it's a book you want to read “right now,” please call or email and let us know!

Please only check off the books you are interested in listening to. Every now and then, we get in Order Forms where all, or almost all, the titles are checked off! Each Talking Book Topics has over 500 new audiobooks on it, so that's a lot of books to request. If you listened to two audiobooks a day, it would take you over 8 months to listen to all the books in just one Talking Book Topics!

## **RECOGNITION WALL**

Our Recognition Wall is growing! Many supporters expressed their dedication to TBBC and memorialized a valued patron with a book-shaped plaque in their honor. For more information about purchasing a plaque contact Linda Cerce at 800-792-8322, ext. 835. A special thanks to the Friends for making this possible!

## **AUDIOBOOK BOOKSHELF**

Want to know how to read multiple books on a cartridge or flash drive? To access the simple "bookshelf" function on your digital talking book player follow these steps:

- 1) With your player on and your talking book inserted, press and hold down the large rectangular PLAY/STOP button for two seconds until you hear a beep.
- 2) The player will announce "bookshelf" and the number of books on your cartridge or flash drive.
- 3) To move between books use the rewind or fast forward buttons. To exit bookshelf mode and play a selected book press the PLAY/STOP button again.

Need more information? Ask Reader's Services or press any button on your book player without a book inserted to learn about that buttons' function.

## **TBBC HOSTED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

TBBC was honored to host the 2016 annual conference of The International Association of Audio Information Services (IAAIS) on June 1st through 4th. Recording specialists from around the U.S. and Canada gathered in Princeton to share their expertise on recording services for those with vision impairments.

## **RETURNING BOOKS**

Did you know that each book cartridge matches the container it comes in? That's right, the cartridge and the container need to match up! When TBBC gets back books that don't match up, it can delay that book coming off your borrowing record. It also delays other patrons being able to borrow that book.

Please make sure to put the right cartridge back in the right container! If you have more than one book checked out, TBBC recommends putting the cartridge back in its container before switching to the new book.

## **DID YOU KNOW – “UNRATED” BOOKS**

NLS has been acquiring more and more commercially produced audiobooks. A “commercially produced” audiobook is when a publisher records a book and it is now available for any library or individual to purchase. An “NLS produced” audiobook is one that NLS records, and is only available for members of NLS.

When NLS adds a commercially produced audiobook to its collection, it means that there are more books for you to borrow and that new books are available much sooner than they were in the past. This means that here at the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center, we have an even greater selection of books to offer readers!

Because NLS is not the one recording the books, these “commercially produced” books are not rated by NLS for the presence of violence, explicit sex, or strong language. If your reading profile is set up so that books selected for you based on your favorite subjects do not include any violence, explicit sex, or strong language you will not receive these “unrated” books unless you ask for them specifically (by title or author). If you want to add books or authors to your list, or discuss your reading profile settings, please feel free to email or call us!

A few examples of new “unrated” commercially-produced books:

- “15th Affair” by James Patterson. DB84176.
- “Killing Reagan: The Violent Assault That Changed a Presidency” by Bill O’Reilly and Martin Dugard. DB83693.
- “Nobody but You” by Jill Shalvis. DB84178.

### **THE LIBRARY EQUAL ACCESS PROGRAM (LEAP) IS EXPANDING!**

LEAP into learning new assistive technology! Thanks to the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, FREE assistive technology training will be available this year at seven assistive technology learning centers created at seven New Jersey public libraries. It is for all New Jersey residents 55 and older who have experienced a change in vision. FREE beginner and advanced training will be offered for the computers and iPads that offer a better way to read with magnification and speech. A mailing is on its way to you with more details!

The FREE training will be provided by Advancing Opportunities and will be held this fall at seven public libraries, September through December. You must register for a class. To register, please call Advancing Opportunities, Assistive Technology Services, 888-322-1918, ext. 595. If you have any other questions please call Mary Kearns-Kaplan at TBBC at 800-792-8322, ext. 834. Classes will be held at these public libraries:

- Atlantic City Public Library, 1 N Tennessee Ave., Atlantic City (classes start in November at this library)
- Atlantic County Library–Mays Landing Branch, 40 Farragut Ave., Mays Landing
- Cherry Hill Public Library, 1100 Kings Hwy North, Cherry Hill
- East Brunswick Public Library, 2 Jean Walling Civic Center, East Brunswick
- Johnson Public Library, 274 Main St., Hackensack
- Ocean County Library–Toms River, 101 Washington St., Toms River
- South Orange Public Library, 65 Scotland Rd., South Orange

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**

The Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which promotes financial assistance and acts as an advocacy group to the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center. The Friends support and promote the services and programs of TBBC. They meet twice a year on the first Saturday in June and December at the Joseph Kohn Training Center in New Brunswick, NJ.

For additional information and a membership application, visit the Friends' website at <http://www.friendsnjlibraryfortheblind.org> or call 609-888-5459. The Friends' email address is [Friendsnjlhb@yahoo.com](mailto:Friendsnjlhb@yahoo.com) and their mailing address is:

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