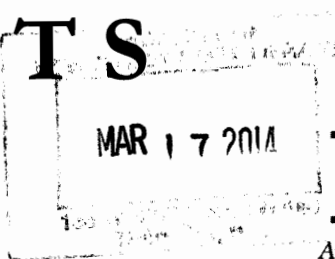


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**TALKING BOOK &
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A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN, MARY CHUTE

Welcome to our 2014 Winter Newsletter,

My hope for this year is that it is as successful as last year was for TBBC.

Our Fall Festival held at the Grounds for Sculpture on October 12, 2013 was a resounding success. Patrons got up close and personal with Mary Jane Clark and six other local authors whose books TBBC recorded. The children at the event listened to a story read to them by Cara McCollum, Miss New Jersey.

Also, twenty vendors and agencies were on hand to answer questions about their products and services. The three workshops that day were well-received. All in all, it was a great day for our programs and for our tours of the Grounds.

Last June, the Grounds for Sculpture and Congressman Rush Holt were recognized for their work with TBBC. We installed a "Wall of Recognition" at the library and dedicated plaques to the Grounds, to Congressman Holt, and to seventeen other patrons. Our Wall was funded by the generosity of the library's Friends of The Library for the Blind and Handicapped.

Another milestone that occurred last year was the release of BARD Mobile, an app that allows audiobooks and audio magazines to be enjoyed on the iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch. The app was developed by the National Library Service (NLS).

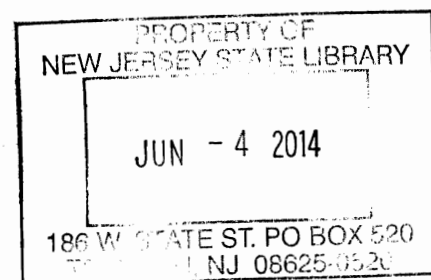
This coming year, NLS hopes to add an app for android devices. NLS is also working on incorporating locally-produced books such as ours in its national database for downloading.

Please take a few moments and read more about these news items and other exciting services at the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center.

Thank you,

Mary

MARY L. CHUTE, NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN



THE BARD MOBILE APP IS HERE!

Do you have an iPad, iPhone or iPod Touch? We have great news!

This past fall, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) released BARD Mobile, an app for the iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch. With BARD Mobile, BARD audiobooks and audio magazines can be enjoyed on any iPad, iPhone or iPod Touch that has version 4.3 or higher of the iOS operating system.

BARD Mobile can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store or from iTunes. However, you must be registered for an account with the Braille and Audio Reading Download site (BARD) before you can use the app. Not registered for BARD and want to use BARD Mobile? No problem! Just apply online for BARD at <http://nlsbard.loc.gov> or call TBBC for assistance at 800-792-8322.

For more detailed information about BARD Mobile, visit this web page http://www.njsltbbc.org/news/great_news_the_bard_mobile_app_for_ipads_and_iphones_is_here

ANDROID APP IS COMING SOON!

At this time, the BARD Mobile app is only for these Apple mobile devices: iPads, iPhones and the iPod Touch. The android app is coming soon! The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) expects to release the android app by the summer.

ONE CLICK DIGITAL

In 2012, TBBC received a grant to subscribe to the OneClick Digital audiobook service. The grant ended this past December and TBBC is not renewing the subscription. We can now offer audiobook downloads through the BARD Mobile app and we know that the app for Android devices is on its way soon. If you do not have a mobile device compatible with BARD Mobile, we encourage you to contact your public library and ask about their downloadable audiobook services.

BARD PUBLIC LIBRARY PILOT PROJECT EXTENDED

We have more great news! TBBC initiated a pilot project, with the approval of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), for New Jersey public libraries to assist TBBC members with downloading audiobooks and audio magazines from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) web site. The response to this community-based assistance has been enthusiastic. Therefore, NLS has granted permission for TBBC to extend the pilot project and to invite new library partners to provide this service.

To find a participating library near you, please call TBBC. In order to request assistance from a public library with BARD downloading, you will need to go to the library with proof of your TBBC membership. You can bring either a book card with you or you can call TBBC to request a TBBC library card. We are so grateful to our public library partners.

SHIPPING UPDATE

As we reported in our 2013 winter newsletter, our shipping operations are getting a high tech makeover. We are using radio-frequency identification tags (RFID) for our audiobooks so that staff does not need to manually open and inspect each audiobook that arrives. To help us ensure that this process works beautifully, please do not insert anything into the shipping container. A piece of candy or a note will interfere with the reading of the RFID tag of each book. We thank you!

OUR RECORDED BOOKS

As mentioned in previous newsletters, TBBC is recording books. We are giving a voice to many titles previously inaccessible to those who have difficulty reading standard print. The list of books recorded to date is below and access is restricted to TBBC members. We thank all of our Audiovision volunteer narrators and recording monitors and these TBBC staff members: Karen Carson, Mary Crain and John Hart. To request one of these books on cartridge or to download one of these audiobooks, call TBBC at 800-792-8322, extension 0 to speak with a readers' adviser. If you would like to volunteer for Audiovision, call 800-792-8322, extension 806.

Books for Adults:

- Buckley, Charles and Richard Muti. (2012). **The Charmer: The True Story of Robert Reldan - Rapist, Murderer, and Millionaire - and the Women who Fell Victim to his Allure.** Narrated by Audiovision volunteers Sue Pandak and Linda Lengyl. DBL5000.
- Clark, Mary Jane. (2011). **To Have and to Kill: A Wedding Cake Mystery.** Book 1. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Bob Lucas. DBL5006.
- Di Ionno, Mark. (2012). **The Last Newspaperman.** Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Edith Beckett. DBL5010.
- Garrabrant, Roy. (2008). **Sunset: A Macular Journey.** Narrated by Audiovision volunteer James Degnen. DBL1002.
- Harrod, Lois Marie. (2013). **Fragments from the Biography of Nemesis: Poems.** Narrated by Lois Marie Harrod. DBL5012.
- Hartmann, John W. (2012). **Jacket: The Trials of a New Jersey Criminal Defense Attorney.** Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Austin O'Malley. DBL5009.

- Ingle, Bob and Sandy McClure. (2008). **The Soprano State: New Jersey's Culture of Corruption**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Bill Larson. DBL5002.
- Oates, Joyce Carol. (2011). **New Jersey Noir**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer James Degnen. DBL5011.

Books for Children:

- DiCamillo, Kate and Alison McGhee. (2010). **Bink & Gollie**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Gail Pesek. For kindergarten through third grade. DBL5004.
- Friedman, Laurie. (2010). **Mallory in the Spotlight**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Debi Lampert-Rudman. For second through fifth grade. DBL5008.
- Gilman, Grace. (2011). **Dixie**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Gretchen Hall. For pre-school through third grade. DBL5016.
- Hapka, Catherine. (2008). **Pony Crazy**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Cara McCollum, Miss New Jersey 2013. For pre-school through third grade. DBL5013.
- Ries, Lori. (2010). **Aggie the Brave**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Kathleen Kansky. For pre-school through second grade. DBL5003.
- Rylant, Cynthia. (2011). **Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs Club**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Gayle Coolick. For kindergarten through third grade. DBL5014.
- Rylant, Cynthia. (2010). **Annie and Snowball and the Wintry Freeze: The Eighth Book of Their Adventures**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Phyllis Sabino. For kindergarten through third grade. DBL5005.
- Salisbury, Graham. (2009). **Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Karen Yoshimoto. For second to fifth grade. DBL5001.
- Weeks, Sarah. (2010). **Mac and Cheese**. Narrated by Audiovision volunteer Sandi Mullaney. For pre-school to second grade. DBL5007.

REQUEST LIST VS. READING PROFILE

Everyone loves getting Talking Book Topics with all the latest books listed. For readers who only want books that they specifically request, this is a great opportunity to keep your request list current.

Readers are **NOT REQUIRED** to send us the order forms from Talking Book Topics. You can call us to establish a profile of subjects and authors you enjoy. We will automatically send you books from those categories.

In the future, TBBC will limit patrons to an active request list of 250 titles. When someone has more than 250 titles on request, they aren't likely to distinguish between books requested and books received based on their subject or author profile. Ideally, readers will submit requests only for those specific titles that really capture their strong interest.

For help in fine tuning your reading profile, please call a readers' adviser at (800) 792-8322, extension 0, to help you customize your reading interest with us.

DONATE(D) ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

Are you looking to donate Assistive Technology Equipment like a CCTV you have at home, but can no longer use? Maybe you're looking for a low-cost source for purchasing assistive equipment? Contact these services to learn if they will take your donation or if they have used or donated equipment available for purchase:

NJ Blind Citizens Association. 732-291-0878.

Goodwill Home Medical Equipment. 609-396-1513.

Disability Rights NJ. 800-922-7233 (ask for the "Back in Action" program).

EXPLORE NEWSLINE®

The National Federation of the Blind (NFB) provides Newsline®, an accessible news reading service. Newsline® provides over 300 publications that can be easily listened to by telephone or on the internet. For more information, visit the Newsline web site at <https://nfb.org/audio-newspaper-service>. TBBC members can subscribe to Newsline and there is no cost to you!

For those with mobile devices, Newsline® also provides an app for the iPhone, NFB-Newsline® Mobile. You will find it in Apple's app store or in iTunes.

To register or for more information, call TBBC at 800-792-8322.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL ONLY?

If you would like to receive only an email version of this newsletter (and not print), please call TBBC and speak with a readers' advisor to adjust your profile.

WALL OF RECOGNITION

TBBC has installed a Wall of Recognition in our library to honor those who contribute and support TBBC's services. For more information about purchasing a personalized book-shaped plaque to immortalize our valued library patrons, contact Linda Cerce in the Development Office at 800-792-8322 extension 835.

GOLF CLASSIC

It's Tee Time for Talking Books! TBBC is excited to announce its 3rd Annual Golf Classic to be held on June 10th at the picturesque Old York Country Club in Chesterfield NJ. If you know anyone interested in golfing, sponsoring, or volunteering, contact Linda Cerce in the Development Office at 800-792-8322 extension 835.

NEWS FROM YOUTH SERVICES

Do the books you're getting from TBBC seem a bit young for you?

They may be! TBBC's computer program to send books doesn't automatically change. You have to call in to change not just your reading level, but also your reading interests. If when you first joined the library you read at a second grade level and liked insects, and now it's three years later.... Our computer still thinks you want those second grade books about bugs.

Give us a call and we'll make sure your reading profile gets updated, so you get the books you like now, not the books you liked years ago. Call 800-792-8322; Liz Burns is at extension 804 and Jen Apgar is at extension 823. Or, if you prefer, email us at tbbcyouth@njstatelib.org.

This month's book recommendation: **One Crazy Summer** by Rita Williams-Garcia (BR 19326, DB 71082). Set in Oakland, California in 1868, this is about Delphine, eleven, and her two younger sisters visiting their mother for the summer. Their mother left the family years ago, and their grandmother insists they get to know her. So they're about to spend the whole summer with someone they barely know! Delphine's story continues in **P.S. Be Eleven** (DB 77013), with sixth grader Delphine and her sisters back in Brooklyn.

MEET KALEIGH BRENDE: TBBC MEMBER EXTRAORDINAIRE

For fifth-grader Kaleigh Brendle, life is a series of enthusiastic accomplishments. To name just a few, she is a star of Braille reading, a musician, a philanthropist and a writer.

Kaleigh was born with Lebers Congenital Amaurosis, a degenerative eye disease. Rather than experience this as an impediment, Kaleigh and her family face this as a challenge that will not stand in her way. Read a full profile of Kaleigh on our web site at http://www.njsltbbc.org/news/meet_kaleigh_brendle_tbbc_member_extraordinaire

ARE WE OPEN?

TBBC will be closed on the following state holidays in 2014:

- APRIL 18TH (FRIDAY) – CLOSED
- MAY 26TH (MONDAY) – CLOSED
- JULY 4TH (FRIDAY) – CLOSED
- SEPTEMBER 1ST (MONDAY) - CLOSED
- OCTOBER 13TH – (MONDAY) – CLOSED
- NOVEMBER 4TH (TUESDAY) – CLOSED
- NOVEMBER 11TH (TUESDAY) – CLOSED
- NOVEMBER 27TH (THURSDAY) - CLOSED
- DECEMBER 25TH (THURSDAY) – CLOSED

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 (TBBC). The Friends support and promote the services and programs of TBBC. We meet twice a year on the first Saturday in June and December. We alternate locations between Middlesex County in June and Mercer County in December to accommodate our northern and southern members.

For more details and to become a member, check out the Friends' website at <http://www.friendsnjlibraryfortheblind.org>. Their e-mail address is Friendsnjlbh@gmail.com. The Friends mailing address is:

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HOURS

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