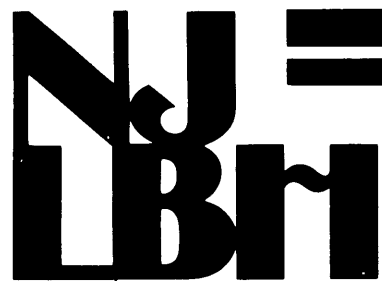


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Fall Festival 1987

With September not far away, preparation for the Library's fifth annual Fall Festival is under way. This year the Festival will be held on Saturday, September 19, 1987. Speakers this year will be Frank Kurt Cylke, director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and Talking Book narrator, Bob Askey. Check your mailboxes in August for more detailed information on the Fall Festival.

Narrator of the Year Award

Talking Book narrator Bob Askey of Colorado is the winner of the first Alexander Scourby Narrator of the Year Award, which was established this year by the American Foundation for the Blind. The winner was chosen by readers of the Talking Books program. The award was presented to Mr. Askey by Mrs. Alexander Scourby (actress Lori March) at a luncheon in New York City. Askey, a professional narrator of audio-visual productions, has recorded books and magazines for the Talking Book Publishing Company of Denver since 1975. He also does commercials for radio and television. Narrating tracks for industrial films and slide shows for productions and advertising agencies are included in Askey's list of activities. A former councilman and mayor, Mr. Askey resides in Longmont, Colorado, with his wife Jacqueline.

Special Requests

Did you know that you can request a title not listed in one of the Library's catalogs? Each year approximately 40,000 new titles are printed; the National Library Service records and brailles approximately 2,000 titles. This leaves a large number of titles that do not appear in our catalogs. If you request a title that is not in our catalogs, we will try to locate it for you from another regional library. If the title has been recorded or brailled by another library we will try to borrow it for you. If we can borrow the book, we will have it recorded for you. So, if you hear about a book you would like to read, don't hesitate to call the Library at our toll free number and request a search.

Bumper Sticker Contest Winner

A committee of three State Library staff members had a wonderful time reviewing the 130 slogans suggested by readers and friends of the Library in its bumper sticker contest. Most contestants quickly learned that the biggest problem of all is that of trying to say anything both memorable and legible on a 3" x 14" strip of paper. The length of the Library's name made the task hard--but the judges decided up front that including the name was important. The top three winning entries were submitted by Stephanie Pierce, Deborah Fonda and Lorraine Bober. Contestants came from all ages and all parts of the state and in addition to readers, included a Lion, the 10 year old granddaughter of a reader, a nursing home attendant and two Library staff members. Now, according to Library Director Marya Hunsicker, the Library not only has a slogan for its bumper sticker but a wealth of promotional ideas for future radio announcements, posters and newspaper releases. Many thanks to every one who contributed. Be sure to come to the Fall Festival September 19 to find out the winning slogan and to get your own sticker!

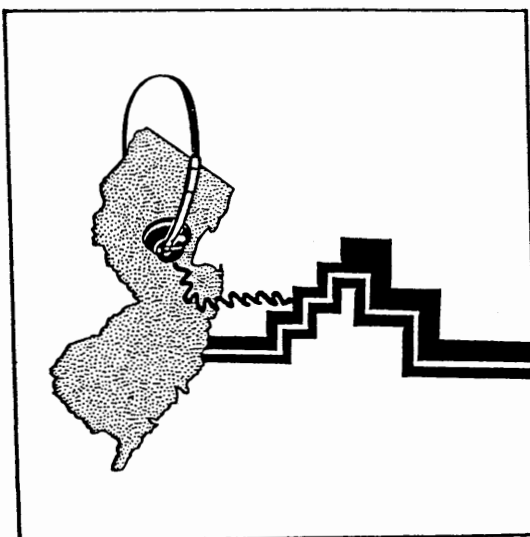
Adult Education

The Thomas A. Edison State College, located in Trenton, with branches throughout the state, is designed to provide the education and the facilities for the mature individual to acquire the credits to qualify for a college degree. As New Jersey's State College for adults, Edison State College is uniquely designed to provide the senior student with flexible and alternative means of earning a degree. Edison does not require classroom attendance as the only method for earning college credits. The following are some of the means by which credits may be acquired:

- normal life experiences including hobbies or special interests
- training and learning acquired outside the formal classroom
- day or night school courses taken at other schools or colleges
- specialized on the job training
- courses by mail for disabled.

For more information, write to : Office of Admissions, Edison State College, 101 West State Street, CN 545, Trenton, NJ 08625.

Lightweight Headphones



Lightweight headphones are now available from the National Library Service. Each headphone, as well as being lighter, also has a smaller earpiece which should make them more comfortable to most people. These new headphones will not reproduce stereo sound and can only be used with National Library Service equipment. If you need or use an NLS auxiliary amplifier for the hearing impaired, you must use the standard NLS headphones. The lightweight headphones are not designed to be used with the amplifier. National Library Service guidelines specify that a reader may borrow a set of standard headphones or the lightweight headphones, but not both. If you already have standard headphones from the Library and wish to use the lightweight headphones instead, please call the Library at 1-800-792-8322 and ask for Machine Lending. You will be asked to return your old set and a new set will be sent to you. If you do not have headphones but would like a pair, please call Machine Lending to borrow them.

Bits and Pieces

The AT&T Tele-Consumer Hotline has a free information service for all consumers with questions or problems concerning telephone service. They also will send free of charge a catalogue of special telephone devices available for the handicapped. Call 800-233-1222 (voice) or 800-833-3232 (TDD).

International Pen Friends has established a special division to foster contacts among blind people through cassettes, typed letters and Braille. If interested write, Ms. Michelle Neckoff, 105-47 Flatlands First Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236.

To buy stamps by mail, call your local post office for an order form. Fill it out, include a check or money order and mail it to your local post office. No stamp is required. Your stamps will be delivered in three days.

Certain Unalienable Rights, the final report of the Governor's Task Force on Services for Disabled Persons, is available on tape from the Library at the NLS speed. It is also available in large print or tape done at commercial speed from the Governor's Committee on the Disabled, 108-110 N. Broad Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.

Friends of the Library tote bags are still available from the Library for \$6.00, which includes postage. Make checks payable to "Friends of the Library-LBH" and send it to the Library, Attention: Christine Lisiecki.

The Microwave Times, a bi-monthly cooking magazine, is available in Braille (\$34.00 yearly) and on tone-indexed cassette with storage album (\$31.00 yearly). Send check or money order to: CL Productions, 2905 Berkshire Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150.

Braille copies of the Constitution are available free from the National Braille Press, Inc., 88 St. Stephen Street, Boston, Mass. 02115.

Where Do I Go From Here? a handbook for the newly blind has been updated by Dialogue Publications. Copies are available in print, Braille or on tape. To request a free copy write: Dialogue Publications, 3100 Oak Park Avenue, Berwin, IL 60402.

Evergreen White Cane Tours will be going on a South Pacific Holiday for the Blind September 29 - October 19, 1987. Sighted guides are available for every three blind or visually impaired traveler. For more information on this and other tours write Evergreen Travel Service, Inc. Evergreen White Cane Tours, 19505-L 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood, WA 98036.

Service Center Information

Effective March 16, 1987, the Dixon Homestead Library of Dumont will no longer be a Service Center Library. Elizabeth Stewart, Director of the Library, regrets the necessity of taking such action now and hopes that when the library is fully computerized it can again resume Service Center services. Although the library will no longer distribute equipment to new readers or exchange equipment for established readers, it will continue to circulate flexible discs and some cassettes.

Did You Know...

Half of the original eleven Talking Books produced in 1934 were to be of "an informing nature"; included were the Four Gospels, 3 plays by Shakespeare, and the Gettysburg Address.

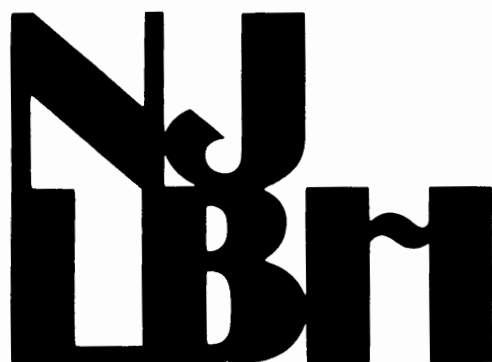
7% of New Jersey readers use Braille compared to the national average of about 5%.

Bergen and Essex counties each have more than 1,300 readers registered for Library service.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July	3 & 4	Library closed for Fourth of July.
September	5 & 7	Library closed for Labor Day Holiday
September	19	New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped Fall Festival. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
October	10	Library Advisory Board Meeting. East Brunswick Public Library. 10:30 a.m.
October	10 & 12	Library closed for Columbus Day Holiday.
November	3	Library closed for Election Day.
November	11	Library closed for Veteran Day.
November	26, 27 & 28	Library closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Library will be closed Monday night and Saturday during August. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and programs will be held at the Library for the Blind and Handicapped. For more information on programs contact Christine Lisiecki at 1-800-792-8322.



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