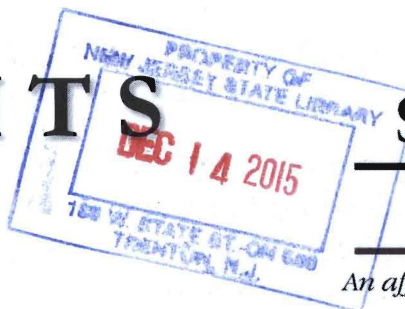


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# INSIGHTS

Fall 2015



**NJ** State Library

**TALKING BOOK &  
BRAILLE CENTER**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN, MARY L. CHUTE

Hello and welcome to our 2015 Fall Newsletter,

I want everyone to know how much I enjoyed meeting and speaking with you at our Fall Festival this past October. Bonnie Brown and her staff at the Grounds for Sculpture outdo themselves each time they host our event.

Touring the Grounds on a beautiful autumn day is a marvelous experience in its own right. The combination of that experience with the opportunity to meet with so many vendor and agency representatives, as well as appreciate the excellent art classes made for a most memorable day. Both book discussion groups were fascinating and both Karen Carson and Tara Kehoe did an excellent job. I am especially pleased because both books, "Superstorm: Nine Days Inside Hurricane Sandy" (DBC01877) and "We Will Survive: True Stories of Encouragement, Inspiration, and the Power of Song" (DBC01875) were recorded at the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC). Karen also was the reader for the Superstorm book which was one of the most downloaded books nationally in September and October.

Our staff does an outstanding job in selecting books for recording. The Roebling book has just been uploaded to BARD and soon after the holiday Richard Muti's new book on Frank Sinatra and Dr. Herb Greenberg's book will also be available.

Because we have so many books available, we will be creating a new "Wish List" of books from our old request files. We will tell you more about this new initiative soon.

Please read about the LEAP project. The New Jersey State Library and the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) are working to make accessibility available at the local public library level.

Finally, please spend a few minutes reading about what we are doing at TBBC and have a most happy, safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Thank you,

*Mary*

**MARY L. CHUTE, NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN**

## **NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH CBVI: LIBRARY EQUAL ACCESS PROGRAM (LEAP)**

TBBC and CBVI have joined forces to launch the Library Equal Access Program (LEAP), an initiative that will offer free beginner level assistive technology software training on computers and iPads for New Jersey residents with vision impairments, 55 and older, at select public libraries across the state.

LEAP represents a unique partnership between CBVI, TBBC, Advancing Opportunities, and three selected public libraries in New Jersey: Atlantic County Library at Mays Landing, East Brunswick Public Library, and South Orange Public Library. The first classes began in mid-November at these three public library locations, where computers and iPads equipped with assistive software have been installed. Ongoing training will be delivered by Advancing Opportunities, a leading provider of disability services in New Jersey.

Any TBBC member 55 years of age and older with a vision problem can register for a LEAP class. Call Advancing Opportunities to register: 888-322-1918, ext. 595.

## **VISIT AN OUTSPOKEN LIBRARY**

If you want assistance browsing the internet, you will want to visit one of our Outspoken Libraries to use sitecues Anywhere®. Sitecues Anywhere is a very easy-to-use tool that magnifies and reads web pages. We know you will find it very helpful! Visit an Outspoken Library near you and give sitecues a whirl.

### **ATLANTIC COUNTY:**

- Atlantic County Public Library – Egg Harbor Branch
- Atlantic County Public Library – Galloway Branch
- Atlantic County Public Library – Ventnor Branch

### **BERGEN COUNTY:**

- Cresskill Public Library
- Dixon Homestead Library – Dumont

### **BURLINGTON COUNTY:**

- Burlington County Library – Westampton
- Library Company of Burlington

### **CAMDEN COUNTY:**

- Camden County Library – Voorhees
- Haddonfield Public Library (library is under renovation; OL unavailable)
- Pennsauken Public Library

CAPE MAY COUNTY:

- Avalon Public Library

ESSEX COUNTY:

- South Orange Public Library
- West Orange Public Library

GLOUCESTER COUNTY:

- Gloucester County Public Library – Logan Township
- Gloucester County Public Library – Mullica Hill
- McCowan Memorial Library – Pitman
- The Free Public Library of Monroe Township in Williamston

HUDSON COUNTY:

- Secaucus Public Library and Business Resource Center

HUNTERDON COUNTY:

- Hunterdon County Library – Flemington

MERCER COUNTY:

- Mercer County Library – Lawrence

MIDDLESEX COUNTY:

- East Brunswick Public Library
- Monroe Township Public Library

MONMOUTH COUNTY:

- Long Branch Free Public Library
- Middletown Township Public Library

MORRIS COUNTY:

- Florham Park Public Library

OCEAN COUNTY:

- Ocean County Library – Lacey
- Ocean County Library – Manchester
- Ocean County Library – Toms River

PASSAIC COUNTY:

- Wayne Public Library

SOMERSET COUNTY:

- Bernardsville Public Library
- Somerset County Library System – Bridgewater



## SUSSEX COUNTY:

- Sussex County Public Library – Newton

## UNION COUNTY:

- Kenilworth Public Library
- Scotch Plains Public Library

## WARREN COUNTY:

- Warren County Library – Belvidere

## **BARD MOBILE IS HERE FOR THE KINDLE FIRE**

We are so thrilled to announce that BARD Mobile can now be enjoyed on more tablets and mobile devices! In addition to Apple gadgets, the app is now compatible with Androids and second generation Kindle Fires. Here is the complete list:

- Android (with Android 4.1 and higher)
- Apple (with iOS 4.3 and higher)
- Kindle Fire (second generation)

For more information, call us or visit our BARD Mobile web page at [http://www.njstatelib.org/talking\\_books\\_and-braille/books/bard\\_mobile\\_app](http://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/books/bard_mobile_app)

## **NEW BOOKS RECORDED AT TBBC**

“Superstorm: Nine Days Inside Hurricane Sandy” by Kathryn Miles. DBC01877.

“We Will Survive: True Stories of Encouragement, Inspiration, and the Power of Song” by Gloria Gaynor and Sue Carswell. DBC01875.

“The Roebling Legacy” by Clifford W. Zink. DBC01871.

“Cent’ Anni: The Sinatra Legend at 100” by Richard Muti. DBC01883. (In Process)

“What You Aren't Seeing: The Inspiring Story of Herb Greenberg” by Patrick Sweeney. DBC01881. (In Process)

## **OUR BOOK CLUBS WANT YOU**

TBBC offers two adult book clubs that you can join. Can't come to the library to participate? No problem! You can join us from the warmth of your comfy chair at home via conference call.

- The Get Together Club: Contact Karen Carson at 800-792-8322, ext. 806 or [kcarson@njstatelib.org](mailto:kcarson@njstatelib.org)
- The YAY Books Club. Reach out to Tara Kehoe at 800-792-8322, ext. 505 or [tkehoe@njstatelib.org](mailto:tkehoe@njstatelib.org)

## **AUDIOVISION GROCERY FLYERS**

In the past, we recorded Pathmark's grocery flyers for Audiovision. Pathmark has discontinued its flyers, so we are recording the flyers for Stop & Shop.

## **FREQUENTLY USED UNIFIED ENGLISH BRAILLE SYMBOLS**

As we noted last month, you can call Readers' Services to request a Braille version of frequently used Unified English Braille (UEB) symbols. We also want to let you know that you can download a Braille file at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/bds/index.html>

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **How Do I Use the Online Catalog?**

From our online catalog, you can order books. You can find the online catalog here: <http://opac.njlbh.org/opacnj>

- How do I get started? Call Readers' Services at 800-792-8322, ext. 0. Our staff will assign you a User ID and password.
- How do I order books from the catalog?
  1. Look at the index on the left and select "My Account"
  2. Log in to your account with your User ID and Password
  3. Select "main menu"
  4. Search: use any of the search boxes you like; ("search all" works fine.) Choose the drop-down box to select "DB" for digital audiobooks or "BR" for braille books. "RC" is an old format we don't carry anymore. You can search by the book title, keyword, or author (enter the author's name as last name, first name)
  5. Click "OK submit search"
  6. When you find your book in the right format click "select." [NOTE: DB titles numbered 68000 and above are all available for loan. Lowered number titles may not be available as digital cartridges to borrow, but can be downloaded from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) database. If you need more information about BARD, call Readers' Services]
  7. Click "add items to book bag"
  8. Click "send to request list and check out"
  9. Your books are now requested!
- Why don't I see my books on my request list when I check back on my account? Your requests are not processed until the next day. Your books will show up on your list(s) the next business day.

- Why are there some books I put on my list that I never get? There are a couple of possible reasons:
  1. The book was selected in the wrong format. Cassette records (“RC”) are still listed, but we no longer send them. For audiobooks, always select “DB”. If you are not a Braille reader, do not select a “BR” title.
  2. The book is not on our shelves.
    - a. A book might be checked out to other library members, and you may need to wait for it to be returned.
    - b. DB titles numbered 68000 and above are all available for loan from our collection. Lower numbered titles may not be available as digital cartridges to borrow, but can all be downloaded from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) database. BARD contains over 50,000 digital audiobooks. NLS has only provided us with cartridges for just approximately 17,000 digital titles. This means that over 30,000 titles in BARD and our catalog are not in the library. We are working to address this problem.

### **What is a Request List? A Reserve List?**

- Request List: Your request list is your wish list. This is a list of items you will want in the near future. Keep it fresh & current.
- Reserve List: The reserve list is a list of books that will be shipped to you as soon as they become available.

### **RECOGNITION WALL**

Bestow a gift that will last a lifetime! Honor a TBBC member and support TBBC’s services by purchasing a personalized, book-shaped plaque which will be displayed on our recognition wall in our library. For more information on how to immortalize a valued patron, contact Linda Cerce in the Development Office at 800-792-8322, ext. 835.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual TBBC Golf Classic will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Hopewell Valley Golf Club in Hopewell, NJ. If you know someone interested in golfing, sponsoring, volunteering, or joining our golf committee, call Linda Cerce in the Development Office at 800-792-8322, ext. 835.

## NEWS FROM YOUTH SERVICES

Do you like the same books you read last year? Two years ago? Five years ago? Ten years ago?

What people like to read changes! Sometimes, it's just that you used to read short chapter books and now you read novels. Or, it may be that you used to love fantasy and now you want mysteries.

Your reading interests may have changed, but chances are your reading profile here at TBBC has not. If your reading profile isn't up to date and accurate, we can't send you the best books for you! So give us a call at 800-792-8322 ext. 804 for Liz Burns or ext. 823 for Jen Apgar, and let us know what your current reading level is (First grade? Fifth grade? Teen books?) and what your favorite types of stories are (Mystery? Adventure? Poetry?). You can also let us know by email at [TBBCYOUTH@njstatelib.org](mailto:TBBCYOUTH@njstatelib.org)

One of my favorite books of 2014 is now at TBBC! It's "Brown Girl Dreaming" by Jacqueline Woodson, and the audiobook (DB80026) is read by the author. While it's for grades 4 to 7, I think it's a book that older readers, both teens and adults, will enjoy. From the NLS description: "In this autobiography, Woodson explores her childhood as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s and her growing awareness of the civil rights movement. Reflects on the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite her difficulties with reading as a child." It's just under four hours. We also have it in Braille (BR20541).

## 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. 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 [Friendsnjlbh@yahoo.com](mailto:Friendsnjlbh@yahoo.com) and their mailing address is:

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