

New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped

Fall 1987

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Advisory Board Vacancies

There will be four openings in January for the Library's Advisory Board. The Board is made up of nine members, at least six of whom must be regular users of the Library. Appointments are made by the State Librarian and are for two year periods. Board members set their own meeting times and places; generally one is held each spring at the Library and a second one in the fall at one of the Service Center Libraries. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Marya Hunsicker at 1-800-792-8322.

Audiovision Hours Expanded



Audiovision, the Library's radio reading service, continues to grow. This November Audiovision added to its weekly broadcast 10 hours of south Jersey daily newspapers as well as two new topical programs, Consumer Counter and Audio Update. Starting in December Jim Elekes, Coordinator of Accessible Services for New Jersey Transit, will host a monthly feature, Transit Connections. Audiovision currently serves 1200 listeners in central and southern New Jersey.

Easy Cassette Players

The Library has received a small number of the new easy-to-use cassette players. This player will play all four sides of a cassette automatically without having to take it out and turn it over. There are, however, some disadvantages to the player. Because it does not have a battery, it must always be plugged in when in use, greatly limiting its portability. Even more serious, if the cassette is removed before all four sides have been played, it will automatically rewind to the beginning of Side 1. Although it is easy to use, this new player is not the machine for readers who are able to use the present player. Readers who have avoided using cassettes because the machine is too complicated and are interested in the new player, however, should call Readers' Services at 1-800-792-8322 to discuss it further.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR CAMPBELL'S LABELS. YOUR LIBRARY STILL NEEDS THEM.

Bumper Stickers

Did you hear about those great bumper stickers at the Fall Festival? Two different styles are available. One bumper sticker says, "TALKING BOOKS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, NEW JERSEY LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED" in white lettering, outlined in black, on a red background. The other bumper sticker is a rebus that says "  2 READ, NEW JERSEY LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED" with black letters on a white background. Both bumper stickers are made of plastic vinyl so they can be easily removed. The bumper stickers are \$1.25 each. Your check or money order should be made payable to the Friends of the Library. You can send them to the Library, Attention: Christine Lisiecki.

What in the World Contest

Who in the World was able to identify the eleven strange items the Library had assembled for its What in the World contest at the Fall Festival? Actually no one could identify very many items, but there were winners:

Most Correct	- Bart Sudol
Most Dramatic	- Norman Glassman
Most Original	- Ethel Ryan
Most Honest	- Tuan Linsinbigler

The four winners will each receive a Library mug.

Bob Askey at Work

A bibliography entitled Bob Askey at Work is now available from the Library. It is an annotated bibliography containing one hundred and ninety six books narrated by Mr. Askey. Subjects ranging from the Bible to mysteries to science fiction and everything in between can be found in this collection. Large print and cassette versions of the catalog are available. Please call Readers' Services at 1-800-792-8322 if you would like a copy.

Theater for the Visually Impaired

The Paper Mill Playhouse, well-known for its sign-interpreted performances, is making theater available to the visually impaired. A mini-workshop is given before a performance to describe scenery, costumes and other aspects of the play that depend on vision. Eventually they hope to have a service called Audio Description available. This service will allow visually impaired individuals to hear description of action, sight gags and other non-verbal action during the play through the use of head phones. To find out more about the mini-workshops and Audio Description, contact John McEwen at 201-379-3636 at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

Banking Assistance Available

United Jersey Bank's Investment Management Division has some new services to assist blind customers. All correspondence to blind customers can be done through cassette letters with a typed copy provided for use by a client's lawyer. United Jersey Bank can provide a bill-paying service whereby mortgage, utility, credit card, real estate tax, insurance and other periodic bills are paid directly by the bank. Assistance can also be given in tax preparation. The Bank can provide full portfolio management, and Trust officers assigned to accounts can arrange to visit clients semi-annually. For more information, contact Leonard Lo Dico, Vice President, at 609-987-3685.

Bits and Pieces

The Music Foundation for the Visually Handicapped provides individual and group instruction in music to visually handicapped children and adults in Bergen County and beyond. The Foundation is a non-profit organization sponsored by the New Jersey Lions Club. For more information write: Karen Chiappini or Gail Waelde, Music Foundation for the Visually Handicapped, 14 Hope Street, Ridgewood, New Jersey 07450, 201-444-4447.

Aids Unlimited is the exclusive distributor of the new Model 204T Talking Cash Register, made by the R.C. Allen Company. For more information contact : Aids Unlimited, Inc., 1101 N. Calvert Street, Suite 405, Baltimore, MD 21202, 301-659-0232.

The Enabler, a newsletter published by the Office of Catholic Persons with Disabilities, is now available on cassette as well as regular print. Information on programs throughout the Diocese of Trenton are covered in the newsletter. For more information call 609-771-0620 (voice) or 609-771-0505 (TTY).

Penfriends, an American pen pal club for handicapped people, now has cassette tape correspondence for blind and visually impaired members. To join, send your name, address, age and information about your handicap to Penfriends, P.O. Box 36524, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

Statewide Benefits For Older Persons, a handbook, is available from the New Jersey Division on Aging, Department of Community Affairs. The handbook contains information on statewide benefits for senior citizens. To receive a copy, call the New Jersey Division on Aging at 1-800-792-8820.

Strokes, a Guide for the Family is a free book available from the American Heart Association. It provides information on what a stroke is, its causes, treatment and how a family can help a patient recover. To receive a copy write: American Heart Association, Box 5-6, Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.

Talking Book Topics

Many of you are receiving Talking Book Topics on cassette. Please keep these for future reference just as you would a print or flexible disc copy. You do not need to return them to the Library or the American Foundation for the Blind. Since there is no order form included in these, please make sure you are still receiving either a print or disc version of Talking Book Topics so that you will have an order form.

New Magazines

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is now offering free subscriptions to a new magazine on flexible disc. The Nation is a weekly publication featuring articles on politics, foreign affairs and other topics. Also included are reviews of books, films, theater and the arts. The Braille edition of Science Digest is no longer being published. Science News, a weekly newsletter, will be sent to all readers who have subscribed to Science Digest. If you would like to receive either of these magazines, please contact Readers' Services.

Career Magazine

Careers & the Handicapped is a new magazine containing employment and career information specifically for disabled persons. Although the magazine is in print, several sections including an editorial summary, a list of advertisers, and a list of companies or organizations with affirmative action programs for the disabled are repeated on both a flexible disk and on a Braille insert which are part of the magazine. A subscription is \$10.00 per year. For more information, contact Careers & the Handicapped, 44 Broadway, Greenlawn, New York 11740.

Did You Know...

According to the 1980 census 859,771 people in New Jersey are over 65.

The Library ships an average of 1,500 books and magazines every day.

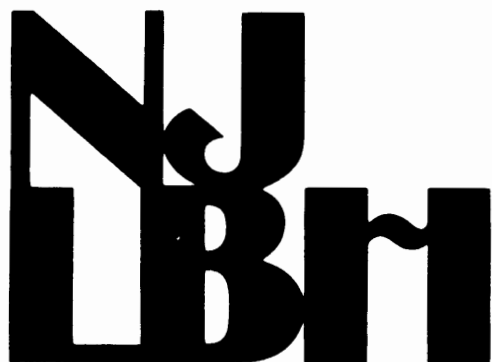
Five members of the staff are true originals and have been with the Library since it was formally opened in late 1968.

One Talking Book Machine costs the Library of Congress \$54.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November	26, 27 and 28	Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday. Audiovision closed Thanksgiving Day.
December	25 and 26	Library closed for Christmas holiday. Audiovision closed Christmas Day.
January	1 and 2	Library closed for New Year's holiday. Audiovision closed New Year's Day.
January	16 and 18	Library closed for Martin Luther King holiday.
February	8	Friends of the Library meeting. 7:00 p.m.
February	12 and 13	Library closed for Lincoln's Birthday holiday.
February	15	Library closed for Washington's Birthday holiday.

The Library is open Monday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Audiovision is open during Library holidays except where indicated. 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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