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Monthly Highlights from TBBC – March - April, 2022

TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

It is always gratifying to see the kind comments that TBBC receives from library patrons and partners. Our dedicated staff has a tendency to go above and beyond to make sure patrons get access to what they are interested in and to ensure that people who are blind or low vision are connected to the community. Just recently we were able to produce a braille brochure for a student art show which makes the experience fully available to all. Thank you for continuing to use TBBC's services, and let us know how we can help you or your family members find quality materials.

Be safe and be well.

Thank you,

Jen

Jennifer R. Nelson
New Jersey State Librarian

SAYING GOODBYE TO LUZ SANCHEZ TROIANO

On May 31st, Luz Sanchez Troiano will retire after 31 years with TBBC. Luz was hired to be the library's Spanish Language Outreach Coordinator and has served in this position during her time with the library. In addition to helping our Spanish language patrons to receive audiobooks and magazines in the Spanish language, she participated in countless outreaches to the Hispanic communities across the state to promote our services.

"I have enjoyed serving all patrons and will miss talking with them. I have seen many coworkers come and go and have enjoyed working with them all."

THIS SPRING'S MOST POPULAR BOOKS ON BARD

Criminal Mischief DB106177 by Stuart Woods and read by Tony Roberts.
After traversing the East Coast, attorney Stone Barrington is looking forward to some down time in his Manhattan home. But when an acquaintance alerts him to a suspicious plot, Stone can't let it go. He's soon traveling internationally to track down the mastermind. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021**.**

Mercy DB105787 by David Baldacci and read by Kyf Brewer.
FBI agent Atlee Pine has discovered proof that her sister Mercy survived her abduction and escaped her captors years ago. But Atlee isn't sure if Mercy is still alive, and it appears that Mercy left behind at least one dead body. The truth may cost Atlee everything. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2021.

The Dark Hours DB105770 by Michael Connelly and read by Titus Welliver.
As the year winds down, LAPD Detective Renée Ballard is called to the scene where a man has been fatally hit by a bullet in the middle of a crowded street party. The case ends up being linked to an unsolved one of Harry Bosch. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Chain of Command DB106025 by Marc Cameron and Tom Clancy, and read by Scott Brick.
A shadowy billionaire needs President Jack Ryan out of the way to

implement an ambitious plan, and he knows that Jack's biggest weakness is his family. As such, the billionaire assembles an international team of mercenaries to kidnap the First Lady. Sequel to Tom Clancy Target Acquired (DB 103879). Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2021.

The Horsewoman DB106198 by James Patterson and Mike Lupica, and read by Chloe Cannon.
Maggie Atwood and her daughter Becky McCabe, both champion horse riders, vowed never to go up against each other in competitions--until the ones leading to the Paris Olympics. Both share the same dream to be the best horsewoman in the world. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

The Amish Quiltmaker's Unexpected Baby DB106075 by Jennifer Beckstrand and read by Rebecca Mitchell.
Quiltmaker Esther Zook is considered an old maid in her Amish community, at the age of thirty. She is starting over after her father's death, but when her wayward sister abandons her baby, it throws all those plans for a fresh start asunder. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Clive Cussler's the Devil's Sea DB105769 by Dirk Cussler and read by Scott Brick.
In 1959, a treasured Buddhist artifact was lost to history. Sixty years later, NUMA Director Dirk Pitt discovers a forgotten plane crash in the Philippine sea. While exploring the crash, Dirk and Al Giordino are ordered to recover a missile that others are after as well. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

The Midnight Lock: A Lincoln Rhyme Novel DB105749 by Jeffery Deaver and read by Edoardo Ballerini.
When a woman wakes to find that her supposedly impregnable door lock was picked and her personal items rearranged while she slept, the police learn the act is a message of forthcoming carnage. Lincoln Rhyme and Amelia Sachs are brought in to investigate, but they run into roadblocks. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Wish You Were Here DB105742 by Jodi Picoult and read by Marin Ireland.
Diana believes her boyfriend Finn is planning to propose on a

romantic getaway to the Galápagos. When a virus hits New York, Finn has to stay behind but urges Diana to go on the trip alone. She arrives just as the borders close, and her isolation gives her time to think. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

TALKING BOOK TOPICS (TBT) – PRINT COPY

The Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) is suspending print copies of *Talking Book Topics (TBT)* citing ongoing supply-chain issues and worldwide paper shortages for 2022. Patrons can access *TBT* for 2022 online in HTML and PDF right now at **http://www.loc.gov/nls/tbt**. *TBT* in HTML contains direct links to BARD for downloading or adding books to wish lists, and *TBT* in PDF contains printable order forms for mailing. *TBT* for 2022 in audio will be available on cartridge and on BARD and BARD Mobile.

2022 TBBC SUMMER READING PROGRAM: OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES - COMING SOON!

TBBC will once again be offering our Summer Reading Program to all of our children and teens who would like to participate. This year's theme is Oceans of Possibilities. We are excited to announce that we will be going back to how we used to do the summer program and will once again be sending packets to you in the mail!

If you've never participated in our Summer Reading Program in the past, you can expect envelopes full of fun activities, crafts, and some other surprises sent to you in the mail for four weeks this summer!

Be on the lookout for registrations going out in the next several weeks. But if you just can't wait until then to sign up, please email us at **TBBCYouth@njstatelib.org** or call us at 800-792-8322 ext. 823 with your name and address and we would be happy to register you now!

Looking forward to a great Summer Reading Program!

FOREIGN LANGUAGE BOOKS IN BARD

Since 2019, when the United States signed the Treaty of Marrakesh, NLS has been able to add braille and audio titles to its collections from other participating countries. Below is a list of the languages and the total number of books and magazines by audio and braille in each language in BARD right now:

English (DB: 116046, BR: 30333)
Arabic (DB: 85, BR: 0)
Armenian (DB: 1, BR: 0)
Basque (DB: 1, BR: 0)
Bengali (DB: 1, BR: 0)
Central Khmer (DB: 4, BR: 0)
Chinese (DB: 69, BR: 0)
Croatian (DB: 6, BR: 0)
Czech (DB: 1, BR: 0)
Dutch (DB: 44, BR: 0)
Finnish (DB: 8, BR: 0)
French (DB: 795, BR: 19)
German (DB: 269, BR: 47)
Greek (DB: 55, BR: 0)
Greek, Ancient (to 1453) (DB: 1, BR: 0)
Gujarati (DB: 10, BR: 0)
Hindi (DB: 15, BR: 0)
Hmong (DB: 2, BR: 0)
Hungarian (DB: 9, BR: 0)
Italian (DB: 151, BR: 5)
Japanese (DB: 23, BR: 0)
Korean (DB: 22, BR: 0)
Latvian (DB: 9, BR: 0)
Lithuanian (DB: 8, BR: 0)
Navajo (DB: 2, BR: 0)
Nepali (DB: 2, BR: 0)
Norwegian (DB: 47, BR: 0)
Ojibwa (DB: 1, BR: 0)
Panjabi (DB: 3, BR: 0)
Persian (DB: 7, BR: 0)
Polish (DB: 87, BR: 0)
Portuguese (DB: 37, BR: 7)

Romanian (DB: 1, BR: 0)
Russian (DB: 303, BR: 1)
Serbo-Croatian (DB: 5, BR: 0)
Slovenian (DB: 1, BR: 0)

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