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Highlights from TBBC – Summer, 2022

TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

We are so grateful to the more than 8,400 people who have made their way to the Talking Book & Braille Center. It is our distinct pleasure to be able to provide service to all of you. Every year we provide access to hundreds of thousands of titles in large print, braille and audio.

I'm likewise grateful for the staff at TBBC, who exemplify the best of public service and commitment to making sure our patrons have access to the books they want. Their willingness to try new strategies – whether that is something like the new E-Braille reader or the LEAP program – is a testament to their willingness to go beyond the status quo and really find out what works.

Please join me in taking a moment to say thank you!

Be safe and be well.

Thank you,

Jen

Jennifer R. Nelson, New Jersey State Librarian

NEW STAFF MEMBER - LUISA MARTUCCI

Luisa Martucci is the newest member of the library's Reader Services division. Luisa started working with TBBC on July 5th. "I'm very excited to be part of the Reader Services team at the TBBC. I'm originally from Colombia where I earned a BFA in Visual Arts from Caldas University. My most recent position was at Christina Seix Academy in Trenton as an Art and Spanish Teacher, and now I have the opportunity to help Spanish speaking patrons and work on outreach to Hispanic community. Thank you for your warm welcoming and let me know how can I best help you."

ARE YOU A BARD MOBILE USER?

Over 2,000 of our patrons use the free BARD Mobile App to listen to audiobooks on their smartphones, tablets, iPhones and iPads! Contact us for more information.

If you are one of those patrons and you also have one of our digital talking book machines, please consider returning the machine. We can then lend it to someone who doesn't like to use BARD Mobile.

If you aren't sure how to return it, just contact TBBC. We can get you a return mailing card so you can return it to us at no cost.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR TEENS AND CHILDREN

The summer is here and so is TBBC's Summer Reading Program for children and teens: Oceans of Possibilities! We have a lot of fun things in store for this summer!

If you've already signed up for our Summer Reading Program, packets will begin going out in the mail soon!

If you have not yet signed up and would like to participate this summer, don't worry, you still can! You can email TBBCYouth@njstatelib.org or call 800-792-8322 ext. 823 to sign up!

BOOKSHARE

Bookshare recently added approximately 5,000 human narrated books to their collection. These titles can be listened to on a variety of devices, including the NLS players.

Engineers at Bookshare have also been working over the last year to add new features to their Alexa Smart Speaker skill as well as creating a new and very much improved web-based reader and mobile apps. Bookshare hopes to launch these by mid-August. If you have any questions, please go to Bookshare's website at https://www.bookshare.org/cms/.

TALKING BOOK TOPICS (TBT) – PRINT COPY

NLS is no longer going to supply a printed copy of Talking Book Topics (TBT) in large print. NLS sent a letter to all subscribers of the printed copy announcing this change. Here is what NLS said in that letter:

"Due to ongoing paper supply issues and severe cost increases associated with printing, the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled has made the hard decision to permanently cease the printing of the large-print version of *Talking Book Topics* (*TBT*). NLS will continue production of all other accessible formats of *TBT* and has made many recent additions and modifications to electronic and audio versions to make this selection of the latest materials easier to access."

Patrons can access TBT in large print in HTML and PDF at www.loc.gov/nls/tbt. TBT in HTML has direct links to BARD for downloading or adding books to wish lists, and TBT in PDF contains order forms, divided by genre, that can be printed and sent to TBBC.

TBT in audio is also available through BARD and BARD Mobile, as well on cartridge which can be sent directly to your home. TBT is also available through NFB Newsline. Additionally, TBT Abridged is available through *Braille Book Review* in hardcopy braille and in BRF downloadable through BARD and BARD Mobile or www.loc.gov/nls/bbr.

CVS IMPROVES PRESCRIPTION LABELING

CVS Pharmacy, the retail division of CVS Health® (NYSE: CVS) is now offering Spoken Rx, its proprietary audio prescription label solution, in all its nearly 10,000 pharmacy locations nationwide, including more than 1,700 CVS Pharmacy locations within Target. Developed in collaboration with the American Council of the Blind, Spoken Rx is a technology that allows patients to have their prescription information read aloud and is designed for those with visual impairments and those who cannot read standard print labels. It is available at no extra cost to patients.

The Spoken Rx feature, available in the CVS Pharmacy App and easily accessible using Voiceover for iOS, or self-voicing with Siri or Google Assistant on a smartphone, can read a specific type of label which is affixed to the bottom of each prescription container for patients who have enrolled in the program. When these RFID (radio-frequency identification) labels are scanned using the Spoken Rx tab in the CVS App, important prescription information, including patient name, medication name, and directions, will be read aloud in either English or Spanish.

Identiv, Inc. (NASDAQ: INVE), a global leader in digital identification and

security, powers this groundbreaking program, which CVS developed as part of its commitment to digital health innovation.

SUMMER BOOK LIST

Looking for a “summer” read? Here are a few selections from multiple genres… all available on BARD.

FICTION:

Last Summer at the Golden Hotel DB105740
Friedland, Elyssa; Whelan, Julia. Reading time: 9 hours, 29 minutes.
Humor
For more than sixty years, the Goldman and Weingold families have presided over the Golden Hotel, a glamorous resort which served as a second home for well-heeled guests. But the Catskills are not what they used to be, and neither is the relationship between the Goldmans and the Weingolds. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

28 Summers DB99851
Hilderbrand, Elin. Reading time: 15 hours, 28 minutes.
Romance
When Mallory Blessing is dying, she tells her son to contact Jake McCloud. Jake and Mallory have been keeping a secret for twenty-eight years: since they were both in the twenties, Jake has spent every Labor Day weekend with Mallory at her Nantucket home. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

Billy Summers: A Novel DB104799
King, Stephen; Sparks, Paul. Reading time: 16 hours, 59 minutes.
Suspense Fiction
Billy Summers is a hit man with morals. He'll only take a job if the target is a truly bad guy. He now wants out of the trade, but there's one job left. Despite his status as one of the best snipers in the world, everything about the job goes wrong. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2021.

Big Summer DB99247
Weiner, Jennifer. Reading time: 10 hours, 56 minutes.
Bestsellers
Years after the fight that ended their friendship, plus-sized Instagram influencer Daphne Berg is shocked when her high school frenemy Drue Cavanaugh asks her to be the maid of honor in her society wedding. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

The Summer Wives DB91897

Williams, Beatriz. Reading time: 11 hours, 49 minutes.
Historical Fiction Romance
Stories from the 1930s, 1950s, and 1960s unfold as secrets of the residents of Winthrop Island are laid bare. In 1951, Miranda Schuyler joins her mother and stepfamily on the island and falls in love with Joseph Vargas. Nearly twenty years later, she returns to right a wrong. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

Farewell Summer DB64141
Bradbury, Ray. Reading time: 2 hours, 47 minutes.
Historical Fiction
An army of neighborhood boys wages war against elderly men in their town in an attempt to stop time and thwart aging. Their mischievous pranks target crotchety octogenarian Calvin C. Quartermain, who retaliates until curiosity and accession ultimately decide the victor. National Book Award. 2006.

The Summer House DB99921
Patterson, James; DuBois, Brendan. Reading time: 10 hours, 21 minutes.
Mystery and Detective Stories
Once a luxurious southern lake getaway, then reduced to a dilapidated crash pad, the Summer House is now the grisly scene of a mass murder. Eyewitnesses point to four Army Rangers - known as the Night Ninja - recently returned from Afghanistan. The Army sends veteran and former NYPD cop, Jeremiah Cook, to investigate. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

The Summer of Lost Letters DB106600
Reynolds, Hannah. Reading time: 12 hours, 36 minutes.
Young Adult
The discovery of a packet of old letters sends seventeen-year-old Abby Schoenberg to Nantucket to unravel a family mystery about her grandmother's past. But things get complicated when Abby meets the cute grandson of a prominent family who wants to stop her from investigating. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

Perihelion Summer DB99332
Egan, Greg. Reading time: 5 hours, 8 minutes.
Science Fiction
With a black hole about to enter the solar system, Matt and his friends flee off-shore on a self-sustaining aquaculture rig to wait out the encounter. Some strong language. 2019.

NON-FICTION:

Martian Summer: Robot Arms, Cowboy Spacemen, and My 90 Days with the Phoenix Mars Mission DB74281

Kessler, Andrew. Reading time: 12 hours, 35 minutes.
Science and Technology
Astronomy and Astronautics
Author recounts spending the summer of 2008 in mission control of the Phoenix Mars expedition with one hundred thirty scientists and engineers. Describes the team's discovery of ice on Mars, discusses the possibility of life on the planet, and addresses conspiracy stories about the mission's findings. 2011.

One Summer: America, 1927 DB77749
Bryson, Bill. Reading time: 20 hours, 45 minutes.
U.S. History
Chronicles the events of 1927 during Calvin Coolidge's presidency. Highlights newsmakers Charles Lindbergh, Babe Ruth, and Al Capone; anarchists and flappers; the deadly Mississippi River flood; the first talking movies; and the actions that set the stage for the 1929 global economic crash. Bestseller. 2013.

Summertime: George Gershwin's Life in Music DB106457
Crawford, Richard. Reading time: 19 hours, 7 minutes.
Music Appreciation and History
Biography of the composer of musicals and classical works from a professor of musicology. Traces Gershwin's musical development, from his early musical comedies written with his brother Ira to the symphonic jazz pieces of his later career, such as "Rhapsody in Blue." Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

Red Summer: The Summer of 1919 and the Awakening of Black America DB74518
McWhirter, Cameron. Reading time: 16 hours, 55 minutes.
Social Sciences
U.S. History
Discusses the race riots and lynchings in 1919 as African Americans became more prosperous and willing to fight for equal rights. Examines the cascade of events that followed the initial, deadly incident in Carswell Grove, Georgia, on April 13 of that year. Violence. 2011.

A Summer of Hummingbirds: Love, Art, and Scandal in the Intersecting Worlds of Emily Dickinson, Mark Twain, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Martin Johnson Heade DB68387
Benfey, Christopher E. G. Reading time: 9 hours, 30 minutes.
Literature
Examines the imagery and symbolism of the hummingbird that captivated four American artists and writers, whose association reached an apex in Amherst, Massachusetts, in the summer of 1882. Explores the themes of

nature, religion, and sexuality in each individual's work. 2008.

Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion DB45497
Larson, Edward J, (Edward John). Reading time: 11 hours, 9 minutes.
Religion
Science and Technology
Legal Issues
A historical account of the 1925 Scopes "monkey" trial, when the state of Tennessee prosecuted John Scopes for teaching evolution in a public school. The courtroom arguments featured the famous orators William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow debating religion and the state's right to dictate school curriculum.

11th ANNUAL TBBC GOLF CLASSIC

The 11th Annual TBBC Golf Classic was another successful fundraising charity event held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Cherry Valley Country Club in Skillman, NJ.

TBBC credits this success to our sponsors, golfers, staff, employees of Cherry Valley Country Club, and volunteers. The Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind & Handicapped were the Presenting Sponsor of the day's event for the third consecutive year. Thomas Edison State University was the Lunch Sponsor.

Thirty-eight golfers enjoyed a fun-filled day starting with a Continental Breakfast, golf and networking, contests, BBQ Buffet Lunch, prizes, awards, and auctions.

We look forward to next year's 12th Annual TBBC Golf Classic. If you're interested in joining our Golf Committee or would like more information about the event please contact Linda Cerce at 1-800-792-8322 ext. 835 or email lcerce@njstatelib.org.

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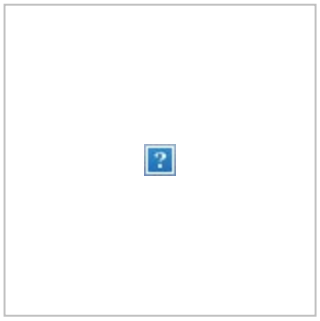

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