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# Highlights from TBBC Fall 2022



## TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

I hope you will join me in wishing TBBC a very happy 55<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. I am so proud of the work that the team accomplishes and their commitment to helping readers find the right book.

The Fall Festival at Grounds For Sculpture promises to be a great event, with tactile tours and art activities. I am grateful for the generosity of the Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped in supporting free admission tickets for a select number of attendees and a guest. And thank you to the Grounds For Sculpture for a reduced admission price for all other attendees. All ages are welcome and we hope you can attend.

Be safe and be well.

Thank you,

*Jen*

Jennifer R. Nelson, New Jersey State Librarian

### FALL FESTIVAL RETURNS – OCTOBER 15

#### FALL FESTIVAL 2022 AGENDA ~ Saturday Oct. 15 10am to 3pm

**ADMISSION:** Thanks to the generosity of THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND HANDICAPPED a limited number of tickets will be available, free to TBBC members plus **ONE** guest only. To reserve your tickets, call the library at 800-792-8322, extension 802.

All other guests must buy their tickets online

<https://www.groundsforsculpture.org/visit/> and enter **this discount code, TBB2022** on the order summary page to receive the discounted admission fee of \$10 per guest. Children under 5 are free.

- General admission: \$10
- Grounds For Sculpture members and children 5 and younger: **Free**

**DIRECTIONS:** Registration is located in one building, the Welcome Center in the Seward Johnson Center for the Arts. It is located at the main entrance of the Grounds. Find directions at this web site:

<http://www.groundsforsculpture.org/Visit/Hours-Directions-and-Parking>

**FOOD:** You may purchase lunch and snacks by credit card only at the **Van Gogh Café** or **Rat's Restaurant (reservation only)**.

**HOW TO REGISTER: Registration deadline is October 3, 2022.** Registration is required for all attending our Fall Festival. To register, call TBBC at 800-792-8322, extension 802 or 835, with the information below:

- Name, address, phone number
- Total number of adults (including yourself) and children attending
- Your choice of workshop or guided walking touch tour

**TRANSPORTATION:** Attendees must make their own transportation plans.

**10:00 am - 11:00 am:** Registration

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm:** Choice of 1 Art Workshop or Guided Walking Touch Tour

#### **Art Workshops:**

- **Art Workshop 1:** Abstract Fireworks Painting: Learn innovative ways to use household items to create a masterful abstract painting. This step by step abstract painting workshop is for everyone who is willing to have an enjoyable time! Previous painting experience in acrylic or paint is not required.
- **Art Workshop 2:** Texture field collage: We will be discussing expressionist art and making our own texture field art pieces. Expressionist art is made to present things that are not objects, like emotions and responses to events. We will discuss famous expressionist work and explore the communication of feelings through texture.
- **Guided Walking Touch Tours:** Discover the wonders of the Grounds For Sculpture! Register for a docent-led touch tour featuring a variety of sculptures. **All Guided Walking Touch Tours will last about 45 minutes.**

- ***Touch Tour Group:*** A walking tour that is moderately paced and will highlight tactile sculptures around the grounds.

**1:00 – 2:00 pm:** Choice of 1 Art Workshop or Guided Walking Touch Tour

- ***Choice of 1 Art Workshop*** (same as above)
- ***Guided Walking Touch Tour*** (same as the above)

**2:00 - 3:00 pm:** Tour the Grounds on your own

### **SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR TEENS AND CHILDREN**

This summer was a huge success as we returned to our by-mail summer program after taking two years off due to the pandemic. Participants received 4 packages over the summer full of craft ideas, trivia, and even a stuffed plush shark, amongst other fun goodies. The packages were especially popular amongst our braille readers! Thanks to all who participated! And a very special “Thank You!” to the Friends of the Library for their continued support of our summer program!

We are looking forward to another fun summer next year. Next year’s theme is *All Together Now!* If you are already looking forward to next summer and would like to register now, we’d love to have you! Please email the Youth Services Department at [TBBCYouth@njstatelib.org](mailto:TBBCYouth@njstatelib.org). As a reminder, TBBC’s summer reading program is open to any child or teen TBBC patron!

### **THE MANY FACES OF BARD EVENT**

The Library of Congress is holding programs of interest to patrons of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled entitled *The Many Faces of BARD*.

Next month’s *The Many Faces of BARD* program will be presented in Spanish and led by Juana Gonzalez and Yanci Munoz, who are reader advisors at the Braille Institute in Los Angeles, CA. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. eastern time on Thursday, October 13, and will last for one hour.

The session will begin with a brief presentation. The remainder of the time will be spent answering questions related to the presentation or to BARD usage in general. Since the entire program will be presented in Spanish, NLS requests that questions also be posed in Spanish.

The session can be joined by going to

<https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1611161911?pwd=bVh5ejFsWFBIL21KY0VqaHIRMUISQT09> on a computer or calling 1-669-254-5252. Full Zoom invitation information follows. To call into a session, participants must use the telephone numbers provided here for Zoom.gov rather than the regular Zoom telephone numbers.

## [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

One tap mobile:

US: [+16692545252,,1611161911#](tel:+16692545252,1611161911#) or [+16468287666,,1611161911#](tel:+16468287666,,1611161911#)

Meeting URL:

<https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1611161911?pwd=bVh5ejFsWFBIL21KY0VqaHIRMUISQT09>

Meeting ID: 161 116 1911

Passcode: 489758

Join by Telephone

For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location.

Dial:

US: +1 669 254 5252 or +1 646 828 7666 or +1 669 216 1590 or +1 551 285 1373

Meeting ID: 161 116 1911

[International numbers](#)

Join from an H.323/SIP room system

H.323:

161.199.138.10 (US West)

161.199.136.10 (US East)

Meeting ID: 161 116 1911

Passcode: 489758

SIP: [1611161911@sip.zoomgov.com](mailto:1611161911@sip.zoomgov.com)

Passcode: 489758

Skype for Business (Lync) <https://loc.zoomgov.com/skype/1611161911>

Upon connecting, participants will be placed in a virtual waiting room until the program begins. When they enter the room, they will be on mute, and they should remain on mute unless the host calls on them to speak. At that time, they may unmute by using Alt-A from a computer or star 6 if dialing in by phone.

All *The Many Faces of BARD* programs are recorded. If participants do not want to be on the recording, they should refrain from speaking.

## TBBC CELEBRATES 55 YEARS OF SERVICE

For 55 years, TBBC has been providing services and accessible books to New Jersey residents who are blind or print disabled. In that time, we have seen many changes – from records to cassettes to books you can listen to on your smartphone!

Did you know that New Jersey residents used to have their books sent from Philadelphia? Or that members of the library were sent records, and a record player, in the mail? Our programs have ranged from story hours to summer reading, from visiting the circus to Fall Festivals at Grounds for Sculpture. Wait till you hear about the race car!

Come learn about TBBC, past, present and future, and celebrate our 55 years by attending our September 30 Webinar! It's at 12:00, and more information is here: Registration: <https://www.njstatelib.org/event/new-jersey-state-library-talking-book-and-braille-center-55th-anniversary/>

## FALL FICTION FAVORITES BOOK LIST

Cozy up with some of these fan favorites on a chilly day this autumn!

### [Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone DB47260](#)

By: J.K. Rowling

Reading time: 8 hours, 55 minutes.

Fantasy Fiction, Bestsellers

On Harry Potter's eleventh birthday, he learns that he is more than an unwanted orphan. The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry recruits him because he has inherent magical abilities. As he purchases his school supplies--robes, wand, and messenger owl--Harry looks forward to attending his new boarding school. For grades 4-7. Bestseller.

### [Once Upon a River DB93704](#)

By: Diane Setterfield

Reading time: 16 hours, 29 minutes.

Suspense Fiction, Historical Fiction, Mystery and Detective

England, 1887. At the Swan Inn along the River Thames, storytelling is the stock-in-trade. One night, an unknown man arrives with the lifeless body of a small girl. When she wakes, three families claim her. But before her identity is decided, secrets must be revealed. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

### [To Kill a Mockingbird DB77672](#)

By: Harper Lee

Reading time: 10 hours, 12 minutes.

Classics, Young Adult

Six-year-old Scout and her brother Jem are intrigued by their reclusive neighbor. Meanwhile, their father Atticus, an attorney, defends a black man charged with raping a white woman in their small Alabama town. Some violence and some strong language. Pulitzer Prize. For junior and senior high and older readers. 1960.

### [Jane Eyre DB47868](#)

By: Charlotte Brontë

Reading time: 20 hours, 15 minutes.

Gothic Fiction

Nineteenth-century English novel about a plain and intelligent woman who becomes the governess at an estate, is caught up in the mysteries of the manor, and falls in love with the master of the house.

### [Little Women DB58830](#)

By: Louisa May Alcott

Reading time: 21 hours, 35 minutes.

Classics, Family

Recounts the lives of the four March sisters--quick-tempered Jo, who is restless for freedom; Beth, who loves her home and family; Meg who longs for pretty clothes; and self-absorbed Amy. Includes 1989 introduction by Elaine Showalter. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1868.

### [The Night Circus: A Novel DB73783](#)

By: Erin Morgenstern

Reading time: 13 hours, 11 minutes.

Fantasy Fiction, Bestsellers

At the Circus of Dreams magicians Celia and Marco are pitted against each other in an epic magical battle. Their mentors plan for it to have only one survivor, not foreseeing that Celia and Marco will fall in love. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2011

### [The Hobbit, or, There and Back Again DB48978](#)

By: J.R.R. Tolkien

Reading time: 9 hours, 25 minutes.

Fantasy Fiction, Young Adult

The wandering wizard Gandalf recruits Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, to be the fourteenth member of an expedition. Hobbits prefer comfort to adventures, but Bilbo joins the quest and encounters many perils, including a dragon. For junior and senior high readers.

### [The Cider House Rules DB21531](#)

By: John Irving

Reading time: 24 hours, 26 minutes.

General, Bestsellers

Set in rural Maine at the turn of the century, this is the story of Dr. Wilbur Larch, saint, obstetrician, orphanage director, ether addict, and abortionist. His medical practices are hindered and abetted by his favorite orphan, Homer Wells. The novel is based on documents left by the author's physician grandfather. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller 1985.

### [The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe DB16982](#)

By: C.S. Lewis

Reading time: 3 hours, 39 minutes.

Fantasy Fiction

Four English children find their way through a huge wardrobe in an old house to the mysterious land of Narnia, which is suffering under the spell of the White Witch. First title in "The Chronicles of Narnia." For grades 4-7 and older readers.

### [The Secret History DB35868](#)

By: Donna Tartt

Reading time: 20 hours, 38 minutes.

Mystery and Detective Stories, Bestsellers

When Richard Papen is accepted at a small Vermont college, he gladly leaves his boring California identity behind. After he makes up an appropriate past, Richard is allowed to join an elite group of students who take all of their classes from one professor. Richard learns that the clique is hiding some odd secrets--and one deadly one. The members trust Richard, but they're not so sure of one of their own. Strong language and violence. Bestseller.

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