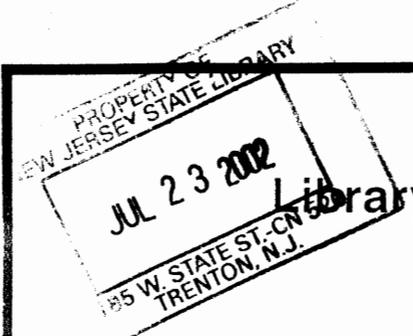


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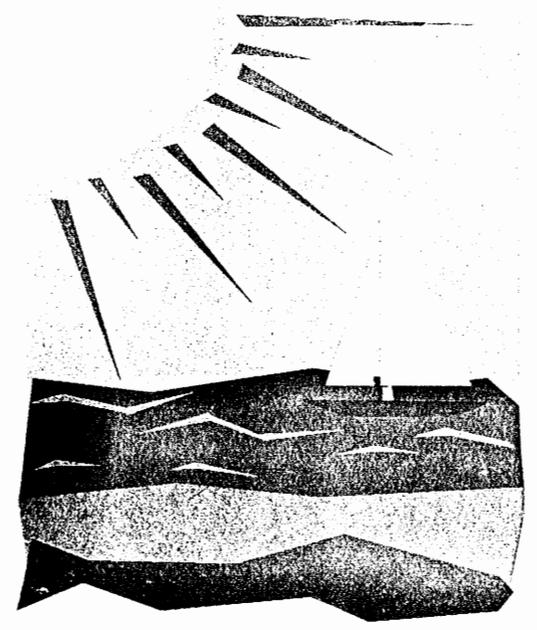
# Summer Service, Summer Hours

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**Remember that starting in July and August, the Library is not open Saturdays. Normal hours will resume on Saturday, September 7th. Saturday is the best day of the week to contact us because we get fewer calls that day and can usually spend more time on the phone with you!**

**Summer is a great time for vacations, and many of you may be planning a holiday away from home. If that is the case, please be sure to call**



**the library and we can put your service on hold while you're gone. If you tell us what date you'll return we can automatically resume your service so books can be on their way to you as soon as you're home.**



## Audiovision — What's Your Sign?

Would you like to listen to your horoscope every day? How about being able to know the daily TV schedule from *T. V. Guide*? Would you like to hear what foods are on sale as supermarket specials? Or perhaps the obituaries are important to you. If you're interested, sign up for Audiovision, a radio service which has all this, plus news from national and New Jersey newspapers. Call



Reader's Services to subscribe, 1-800-792-8322.

Audiovision also provides disability news and is starting a series of talks about organizations that provide helpful services on issues like macular degeneration, etc. If you belong to such an organization and would like to be interviewed for this series, please call and ask for Anne McArthur.

## Overdue Notices Are Coming for Braille Books!

If you get Braille books from the Library, you know how frustrating it can be to wait to receive popular new books promptly. We have a loan period of three months and have not been sending out notices to readers who keep books beyond their due dates. This is about to change!

Starting this fall, Braille readers who keep their books longer than 3 months will receive a notice asking them to please return their books since others are waiting to read them. Thank you for your understanding.



## Veterans History Project Wants War Memories

The Library of Congress is collecting war memories and military knowledge from Veterans from every war.

Any remaining WWI veterans

are the priority, but information is being collected from all war veterans. For more information, contact the Veterans History Project, 101 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20540-4615, (202) 707-2046 or log on to [www.loc.gov/folklife/vets](http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets).

Memories of war become more precious as they become scarcer and scarcer

## Bookworm by Patt Thrash



Finally! Finally! Finally! Good news: After a 12 year interregnum, Jean Auel has completed the 5<sup>th</sup> book in the Clan of the Cave Bear/ Earth's Children series. The previous books are on the checklist in case you want a refresher in the adventures of Ayla and Jon-dalar. Unfortunately, given the length of *Shelters of Stone*, all of us will be MUCH older by the time it's a Talking Book!

To whet your appetite, here are some books from the genre to help pass the time. *White Mare's Daughter* by Judith Tarr (RC 48004) is a stand-alone book about an "Old European" tribe of warrior horsemen. William Sarabande's "First Americans" has been around for a while and he's still writing this Ice Age Saga. The first book is *Beyond the Sea of Ice* (RC 36745). Husband and wife duo W. Michael and Kathleen O'Neal Gear are working on a series called The First North Americans consisting of 10 books. I actually enjoyed the two books about Richard Hamilton set in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century more. They are *Morning River* (RC 48091) and *Coyote Summer* (RC 48092).

*Runestone* (RC 42697) by Don Cold-smith is one of my all-time favorite books. There is a lot of historical detail imparted in this tersely told tale about a Viking voyage to North America that went disastrously wrong. Cul-

tures from Newfoundland, down the St Lawrence and Mississippi Rivers are encountered. Related to this topic is *The Children of First Man* by James Thom (RC 48915), which gives the tale of the Welsh explorer Madoc's adventures in North America. It proposes his descendants became the Mandan Tribe.

For those who can't decide which time you'd like to be in, Diana Gabaldon's "Outlander" series is a historical time-traveler series starting in pre-Culloden times with *Outlander* (RC 36535) and continuing up through the American Revolution. Each book is long and meaty. One of my favorite time-traveling books is the romance, *A Knight in Shining Armor* by Jude Deveraux (RC 30968, LT 16156, BR 7977). In *Shining Armor*, Dougless Montgomery travels back to 16<sup>th</sup> century England. An excellent series on the same theme is one by Lynn Kurland, which will be in a future column.

Science fiction gives many examples of ancient histories or contact between cultures. *Enterprise*, by Vonda McIntyre (RC 25383) gives detailed description of the first voyage of James T. Kirk and the *Enterprise* crew, a classic Star Trek novel back in prominence with the

## Bookworm continued

launch of the TV show of the same name. Author Harry Harrison also looks ahead with his tales of a futuristic bank robber named diGriz who joins the cops as "The Stainless Steel Rat." Four books on cassette detail his career and mishaps beginning with *Stainless Steel Rat Visions* (RC 39122).

For an absolutely different change of pace, read WWF wrestler Mick Foley's, *Mankind, Have a Nice Day: A Tale of Blood and Sweatsocks* (RC 49315). It is superbly narrated by Mark Ashby, who is a wrestling fan and who actually does *sound* like author Mick Foley. This autobiography traces Foley's youth and early development as a professional wrestler. It will not appeal to everyone because some of the gore is lovingly described at length and sometimes the humor is juvenile and tasteless. In spite of this, I laughed and snickered my way through the book and I was sad when it was over. That Foley truly appreciates the history, psychology and entertainment value of pro wrestling is evident. Foley is also a devoted family man and his efforts to include his family in his professional life are well detailed. The good news is that Foley's second

book *Foley is Good* (RC 53068) is also narrated by Ashby and talks about some of the problems of the sport, including "backyard wrestling" and the use of illegal drugs.

*Pro Wrestling: from Carnival to Cable TV* by Keith Greenberg (RC 52332) details the history of pro wrestling. It shows how kingpin Vince McMahon revolutionized the sport. Only NASCAR is gaining sports fans at a faster rate, according to a Motor Racing News broadcast on August 23, 2001. While this Talking Book is aimed mainly at junior / senior high school readers, it has much valuable information for adult fans.

One of the most prominent wrestlers in the second half of the '90s and phenomenally popular today, is The Rock. The Rock styles himself "The People's Champion" and The Rock ALWAYS has something to say. The Rock fancies himself the successor to Muhammad Ali in the sports poetry department, and surprisingly, he does pretty well. The Rock refers to himself in the third person. *The Rock Says: The Most Electrifying Man in Sports Entertainment* (RC 49518) by the wrestler-turned-movie star, Dwayne Johnson, is enjoyable.



# Bookworm Checklist

## Jean Auel

Clan of the Cave Bear	RC 15791 ___	LT 5785 ___
Valley of Horses	RC 17744 ___	LT 5786 ___
Mammoth Hunters	RC 22983 ___	LT 8805 ___
Plains of Passage	RC 31965 ___	LT 16394 ___

## Williams Sarabande

Beyond the Sea of Ice	RC 36745 ___
Corridor of Storms	RC 36751 ___

## W. Michael & Kathleen Gear

People of the Wolf	RC 41113 ___
Morning River	RC 48091 ___
Coyote Summer	RC 48092 ___

## Diana Gabaldon

Outlander	RC 36535 ___
Dragonfly in Amber	RC 36536 ___
Voyager	RC 38591 ___
Drums of Autumn	RC 43320 ___

White Mare's Daughter by Judith Tarr    RC 48004 \_\_\_

Runestone by Don Coldsmith    RC 42697 \_\_\_

The Children of First Man by J. Thom    RC 48915 \_\_\_

Knight in Shining Armor by Jude Deveraux    RC30968 \_\_\_    LT16156 \_\_\_    BR7977 \_\_\_

Enterprise by Vonda Mc Intyre    RC 25383 \_\_\_

## Harry Harrison "Stainless Steel Rat"

Stainless Steel Rat Visions	RC 39122 ___
Stainless Steel Rat Sings	RC 41839 ___
Stainless Steel Rat Goes to Hell	RC 45932 ___
Stainless Steel Rat Joins the Circus	RC 49908 ___
Mankind, Have a Nice Day! By Mick Foley	RC 49315 ___
Foley Is Good by Mick Foley	RC 53068 ___
The Rock Says by Dwayne Johnson	RC 49518 ___

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## From the Director's Chair



Have you noticed that more and more information is available on the Internet? I guess, like the song "Our Love" it's "Here to Stay!" And it does provide a lot of useful news that we were unable to get...and if you have one, it's very easy to stay in touch with family. Here is a useful Internet service that I hope you use!

Q and A New Jersey is a wonderful new service, a "virtual reference service," that connects New Jersey residents to a librarian. To use it, go to [www.QandANJ.org](http://www.QandANJ.org) where you will



be connected. Ask your question. Within minutes the librarian will search the Internet, evaluate the Web sites, and send you the best sites pertaining to your query. Within a few minutes you'll get quick, accurate information from the best sources available. Try it out!

While Q and A NJ is great for those who use a computer, for those who don't have one, remember that the answers to your questions are often as close as your telephone. Most public library reference sections will answer your questions right over the telephone and cite the sources they used to find the answer for you!

*Seborah Honey*

## Cassette Tips and Suggestions For Better Service

The staff at LBH is now checking every book before it is sent out to ensure that it is in perfect condition before mailing. When you finish reading a book and it ends in the middle of the cassette or start reading one and decide you don't care for it, PLEASE rewind the tape. Just place the tape in the player Braille side up and press the rewind key. That's all there is to it!

Here are some other suggestions that could improve your service:

- If a tape is damaged please be sure to mark the box on the mailing la-

bel. The box is located right below the hole, on the return address side of the card.

- DO NOT mark the cassette you think is damaged. It may just need rewinding!
- Our very early cassette books are only 2 tracks. Any book with sides labeled 1, 3, 5, 7 etc. will sound backwards when played on tracks 3 or 4, so check your switch! If the sides are labeled 1, 5, 9, it's a four track tape.

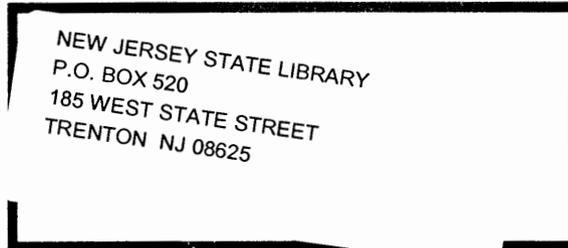


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people with a family history of glaucoma and people with diabetes. Anyone with the Original Medicare Plan does not need a medical referral for this annual screening. For more information, call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE.

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