

Monthly Highlights from TBBC

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TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

I'm excited by the Braille eReader pilot project. Braille literacy is so important, especially for children, and the reader has the potential to remove so many barriers to the use of braille. I am hopeful that it will mean more people can get access to books in their preferred format for reading.

If you are a braille user, I hope you'll consider trying the eReader out when it is more widely available.

Be safe and be well.

Thank you,

Jen

Jennifer R. Nelson
New Jersey State Librarian

TBBC'S 10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The NJ State Library Talking Book & Braille Center is proud to announce its 10th Annual TBBC Golf Classic on Tuesday, June 15th 2021 at the [Bedens Brook Club in Skillman, New Jersey](#).

Even if you're not a golfer you can help spread the word to those interested in golfing, sponsoring, or donating to the auctions. All proceeds from this event help TBBC pay for items that our budget cannot.

The day's events start at 7:30 a.m. with registration and continental breakfast, 9:00 a.m. shot gun start followed by a lunch reception with prizes, awards and auctions.

To find out more information on registering and sponsoring, visit our website at: <http://www.njstatelib.org/tbbc/donate>

To register and sponsor on our secure online site go to:
<https://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/NewJerseyStateLibrary/donate-1.html>

For more information, contact Linda Cerce at lcerce@njstatelib.org or call 1-800-792-8322 ext. 835.

CHANGES FOR SIGNING UP FOR TBBC

Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a patron of TBBC but isn't sure about whether they qualify?

The rules of who qualifies for TBBC and how they can apply were recently changed by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS). People who weren't sure before if they qualified, or thought they had to get a doctor's signature, may now be eligible.

People who are eligible for TBBC: an individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books; an individual who has a perceptual or reading disability; or an individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

The people who can sign the application, certifying that the applicant is eligible, has also changed. They now include: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, or professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator,

social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

TBBC is also accepting electronic applications! Download our application from our website, www.njstatelib.org/talking-book-braille-center/apply_for_service/, fill it out completely online, and then email it in. We no longer require a signature for electronic applications. Signatures are only required for paper applications that get mailed in; or, if you print out the application and fill it out that way, instead of on a computer. Applications can be emailed to tbcc@njstatelib.org. If you have any questions, just call or email us.

TBBC ANNOUNCES NEW PATRON ONLINE MEETING

The Talking Book & Braille Center is pleased to announce we will be starting a **New Patron Online Meeting!** This meeting will be a chance for new patrons to talk to TBBC staff and learn more about our services. We will talk about how to search for books, how to order and return books, and explain how books get sent out. Everyone is invited, even if they are not a brand-new library member.

Meetings will be held once every 3 months. The date for our first meeting will be Wednesday, April 14th. Patrons can join by phone, computer, or mobile device. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please call us at 800-792-8322 ext. 812 or email us at tbcc@njstatelib.org

BRAILLE eREADER – UPDATE

On March 1, 2021, our Reader Services staff began calling patrons that are braille readers and discussed the ongoing Braille eReader pilot project TBBC has with the Library of Congress.

The Reader Services staff explained the pilot project and player and the pilot work, as well as updated any patron information that needed updating.

By the end of this month, TBBC had over 75 patrons participating in this pilot.

If you are a braille reader and you would like to join the eReader pilot program, please call us at 800-792-8322, extension 861 and leave your name and telephone number. One of our Readers Advisors will contact you.

MARCH'S MOST POPULAR BOOKS ON BARD

[Dear Child: A Novel DB101449](#) by Romy Hausmann; Jamie Bulloch and read by Simon Slater.

A windowless shack in the woods. A dash to safety, as a woman finally escapes her captor. She says she is Lena, who disappeared without a trace fourteen years prior. She fits the profile. She has the distinctive scar. But her family swears that she isn't Lena. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

[The Answer Is...: Reflections on My Life DB99678](#) by Alex Trebek and read by Alex Trebek.

Longtime host of the TV game show Jeopardy! shares stories of his life and career. Alongside anecdotes about the show and its contestants, he discusses marriage, parenthood, spirituality, education, philanthropy, and his own battle with cancer. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

[The Presidents: Noted Historians Rank America's Best — and Worst — Chief Executives DB101013](#) by Brian Lamb; Susan Swain; Edna Greene Medford; Douglas Brinkley; Richard Norton Smith; C-SPAN (Television network) and read by Gary Tiedemann.

A complete ranking of American presidents based on a survey conducted by C-SPAN. Leading historians rated the presidents based on a variety of categories — leadership, moral authority, public persuasion, and more. Each entry also includes stories and analyses about each president. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents DB100088](#) by Isabel Wilkerson and read by Robin Miles.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* (DB 71929) examines the unofficial castes and hierarchies she has observed as inherent in American society. She also discusses the eight pillars of all caste systems and offers ways for America to move forward. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

[Melania and Me: The Rise and Fall of My Friendship with the First Lady DB100957](#) by Stephanie Winston Wolkoff and read by Stephanie Winston Wolkoff.

The author discusses the long history of her friendship with Melania Trump that predated her marriage to the president. She then recounts the events and accusations that led to the disintegration of their relationship. Includes behind-the-scenes insights into key moments of

Melania's tenure as First Lady. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

[The Splendid and the Vile: A Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance During the Blitz DB100054](#) by Erik Larson and read by Erik Larson. The author of *Dead Wake* (DB 80936) describes Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz. He examines this dark year of London's history primarily through the domestic drama of Churchill and his family's day-to-day experiences. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

[Killing Crazy Horse: The Merciless Indian Wars in America DB100515](#) by Bill O'Reilly; Martin Dugard and read by Robert Petkoff. The authors of *Killing Reagan* (DB83693) and *Killing the SS* (DB 92889) recount the clashes between Native Americans and encroaching settlers that raged for decades. They describe Jackson's battles with the Creek Nation, Monroe's "sea to shining sea" policy, the Trail of Tears, and more. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

[Sugarcreek Amish Mysteries, Books 1-5 DB101216](#) by Elizabeth Adams; Amy Lillard; Elizabeth Ludwig; Tricia Goyer; Nancy Mehl and read by Maggy Stacy. Five mysteries featuring Cheryl Cooper, who left a banking job in Columbus, Ohio, to run a gift shop in the Amish town of Sugarcreek. Includes Nancy Mehl's *Blessings in Disguise*, Elizabeth Ludwig's *Where Hope Dwells*, Tricia Goyer's *The Buggy before the Horse*, Elizabeth Adams's *A Season of Secrets*, and Amy Lillard's *O Little Town of Sugarcreek*. 2015.

[Three Women Disappear: with a bonus novel: Come and Get Us DB101093](#) by James Patterson; Shan Serafin and read by Molly Parker Myers.

Three women, who all have a reason to hate a rich stockbroker, all vanish into thin air when he is found dead. Is it because they're all guilty? Or is the truth even more shocking? They were his personal chef, his housekeeper, and his ex-wife. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

TBBC'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

With the warmer weather upon us, TBBC is gearing up for another summer of fun for our kids and teens with our annual Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Tails and Tales" and we're looking forward to creating an exciting program for you all. We are still in the very early planning stages, but as we have more information,

we will be certain to share it with everyone. If you have any questions, or want to share any feedback with us about your experiences from previous summer programs, please let us know! We are always happy to hear about the things you loved, or didn't love

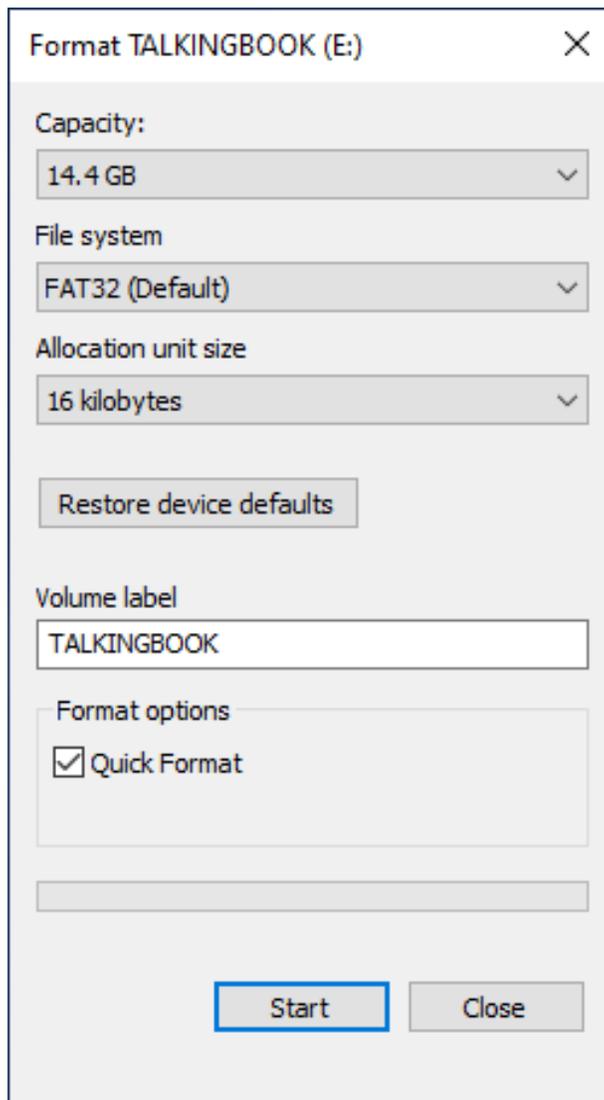
NOT ALL FLASH DRIVES ARE CREATED EQUAL

We had a question from a patron as to why her new flash drive would download a book from BARD but not play in the player.

For all questions related to BARD, we reached out to NLS's expert, Mr. Michael Katzmann.

Mr. Katzmann explained that NLS devices are formatted with a FAT (File Allocation Table) file system. Newer flash drives are likely to be NTFS or exFAT from the factory.

He added "it is highly likely that it will be usable in the player if the drive is reformatted as FAT or FAT32." Here is how:



Our thanks to Mr. Katzmann for a clear explanation and solution.

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