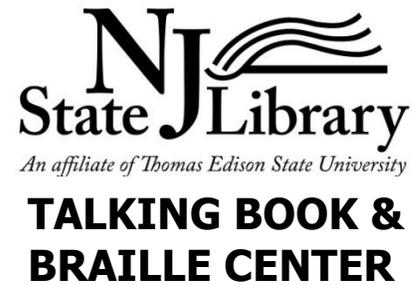


INSIGHTS

Winter 2020



WELCOME TO OUR WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

I have been fortunate to serve as your State Librarian for almost eight years and in that time I have been pleased with the growth of our program at the Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC).

Seven years ago your local public library could not help you download audiobooks in this program. Today, over 75 libraries are there for you.

For those who cannot download, TBBC's new duplication system now allows us to give you any book in the program that you want immediately. We can now put several books on only one cartridge.

TBBC is now a Library Equal Access Program (LEAP) library providing iPad and computer training for our patrons. These four week classes will begin this spring.

While there is much more in our newsletter, I want to end with my gratitude to our Friends of the Library group. Because of their financial support, we are able to establish an award to recognize a New Jersey library that provides excellent service programs to our State's print impaired.

Thank you,

Mary

Mary L. Chute, New Jersey State Librarian

AUDIOBOOKS ON DEMAND UPDATE

In the Spring 2019 newsletter, TBBC explained the planned change to “Audiobooks on Demand.” We are happy to say that we have fully implemented “Audiobooks on Demand!” Here are some updates to the program:

- You may now have up to six cartridges at a time.**
- If you want to update your account to change how many cartridges you have at one time, please call us!**
- If you don’t like having more than one book on a cartridge, just call us and let us know! We can send out one book on one cartridge if you want.**

EXTRA DIGITAL TALKING BOOK MACHINES

Do you have a digital talking book machine that you are not using? Maybe you are using the BARD App; maybe you have your own device that you are using; maybe you forgot to send back the machine that wasn’t working when you got a new one.

Whatever the reason, whatever the condition, we would love to have that machine! We can clean it up, update it and loan it out to someone who needs it!

While TBBC cannot send out a box, we can send you a postage paid mailing label. Put the machine in any box, and use that mailing label. Thank you!

SEQUENTIAL PLAY AND BOOKSHELF

An explanation of how to navigate multiple books on a cartridge:

Sequential Play

Sequential Play lets you listen to one book after another. At the end of the current book, the player announces “end of book, press Play/Stop to go to next book.” Once you hear this, press the square, green Play/Stop button once. The next book will start playing.

Bookshelf

Bookshelf lets you move from one book to another in any order you want. Turn on your player and insert your cartridge. Then, press and hold down the square, green Play/Stop button for three seconds until you hear the word “Bookshelf.” Once the player says the word “Bookshelf” let go of the Play/Stop button.

Use the fast-forward and rewind buttons to move from one book to another. These buttons are the white, arrow-shaped buttons to the left and right of the Play/Stop button. Pressing the fast-forward button once will go forward one book on the cartridge, and pressing the rewind button once will go back one book on the cartridge.

Be careful to only hit the button once so that the player does not skip any books. The player will announce the number of each book and the title as you go from book to book. Once you get to the book you want to listen to, press the Play/Stop button once and the book will begin playing.

NLS NAME CHANGE

The Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) has changed its name! As of October 1, 2019, NLS is the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled.

The acronym we use, NLS, will remain the same; and the website, www.loc.gov/nls, will also remain the same. NLS received input from different groups and patrons in deciding on this new name. This new name removes outdated language while clearly communicating the breadth of those who they serve.

SUMMER READING 2020

Last year's summer reading program was very popular! We had 50 participants, and almost half were braille readers!

We are looking forward to Summer 2020. This year's slogan is "Imagine Your Story." You will be able to sign up for it in the spring!

The summer reading program is made possible through the generosity of TBBC's Friends of the Library. Information on how to join the Friends, and how to support the Friends, is at the end of this newsletter.

FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

Don't forget, TBBC is on Facebook and Twitter! Every day, we post news and information that is of interest to our patrons. We are on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NJSLTBBC/ and on Twitter we are twitter.com/NJSLTBBC.

2020 CENSUS

The 2020 census is coming, and the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) is working to make sure that people who are blind or visually impaired, or who have a disability that makes reading regular print difficult, are aware of, and participate in, the 2020 census. TBBC is working with NLS to make sure our patrons are not undercounted.

The Census Bureau is issuing guides in braille and large print. Once they are available, TBBC will have them! We don't know when they will be available, or how many we can get, but if you want to get on the list to receive a braille or large print copy, please call TBBC at 800-792-8322 ext. 812, and ask for Stephen Felle. Or, you can email us at tbcc@njstatelib.org.

If you have questions about the 2020 Census, you can go to their website, 2020census.gov, or you can call the Census Bureau at 1-800-923-8282.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

We are pleased to announce the 9th Annual TBBC Golf Classic will be held again at The Bedens Brook Club in Skillman, New Jersey on Tuesday, June 9th for a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. For registration, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, please call Linda Cerce at 800-792-8322 ext. 835 or email lcerce@njstatelib.org. If you are unable to attend or sponsor, you can always help out by donating a basket or prize to the penny or silent auction.

RECOGNITION WALL

TBBC's Recognition Wall is growing, thanks to all of our supporters who purchased a Recognition Wall book-shaped plaque in 2019! Please consider adding to the Recognition Wall by purchasing a plaque to express your dedication to TBBC and memorialize a valued patron with a plaque in their honor. For more information, contact Linda Cerce at 800-792-8322 ext. 835 or email lcerce@njstatelib.org. For your convenience, you can order your plaque and pay online at www.njstatelib.org/tbbc/donate.

BEST PRACTICES AWARDS – 2020

The New Jersey State Librarian recognizes libraries who excel in services for both early literacy and for multicultural programming. This year, due to the financial support of our Friends of the Library group, a new award for library services to the print disabled has been established. The winning library will be recognized by the State Librarian with both a plaque and a check for \$1,000.

REFRESHABLE BRAILLE DISPLAY PILOT

This spring TBBC will participate in a pilot program to test the functionality of the prototypes of a refreshable braille display, or eReader, developed for NLS. TBBC will collect feedback from a number of our braille-reading patrons. Not only will the braille collection from the Library of Congress be available on the eReader but also the textbooks in braille from Bookshare.

LIBRARY EQUAL ACCESS PROGRAM (LEAP)

TBBC is the latest library to host the LEAP Program! LEAP provides free training courses for adults with a change in vision to learn about accessibility features on popular devices. There are three courses: one for iPad and iPhone beginner users, another for iPad and iPhone intermediate users, and one for users of Windows computers. The program is free to New Jersey residents and devices are available for use during the program. Classes at TBBC start on March 3. A full schedule of all LEAP courses, including classes at other locations, is at <https://www.njstatelib.org/spring2020leapclasses/>. Registration is required. To register for the Spring 2020 LEAP classes, or find out more about the program, please call TBBC at 800-792-8322, ext. 812 or email us at tbbc@njstatelib.org. LEAP is sponsored by the NJDHS Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which supports and promotes the services and programs of the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center. For additional information and a membership application, call 609-888-5459 or visit the Friends' website at <http://www.friendsnjlibraryfortheblind.org>. The Friends' email address is Friendsnjlbh@yahoo.com and their mailing address is:

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