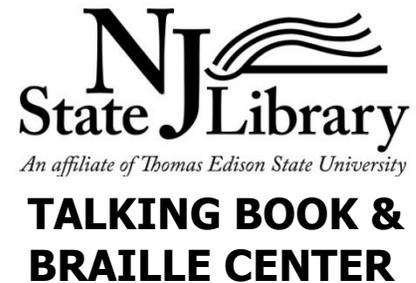


Weekly Highlights from TBBC

April 24, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

This is our fourth newsletter to help you stay informed on the current situation. Nothing has really changed in the past week. Governor Murphy is leading the state's efforts in this crisis and he will safely get us back to the library.

Books are not being duplicated and mailed out to you but staff is returning telephone calls.

In this newsletter, we want to entice you to consider downloading books. My thanks to Liz Kelly for taking the New York Times Best Sellers listing and giving everyone the book numbers to download.

For children and the young at heart, Jen has compiled a link to books being read by some famous people.

We have also provided some information of podcasts from the Hadley School of New York that may be of interest to you.

Take care and please be safe.

Thank you,

Mary

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New Jersey State Librarian

FAX MACHINE UNAVAILABLE

Please do not send any requests or applications to the library's fax number. No one is at the library to receive these requests. Requests and applications can be scanned and emailed to the library; simply send them to the email this newsletter came from, tbbc@njstatelib.org

CHILDREN'S BOOKS READ BY CELEBRITIES

Michelle Obama, Levar Burton and characters from Disney each have a link with them reading a book.

Join former First Lady, Michelle Obama, for a story time! "Mondays with Michelle Obama" began on April 20th. You can catch the livestream at [PBS KIDS' Facebook https://www.facebook.com/PBSKIDS/](https://www.facebook.com/PBSKIDS/) page and [YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/pbskids](https://www.youtube.com/pbskids), and on Penguin Random House's Facebook page. If you can't make the livestream, don't worry, the story time will be available at each of those locations right after the livestream.

April 20, 12 pm ET: THE GRUFFALO by Julia Donaldson

April 27, 12 pm ET: THERE'S A DRAGON IN YOUR BOOK by Tom Fletcher

May 4, 12 pm ET: MISS MAPLE'S SEEDS by Eliza Wheeler

May 11, 12 pm ET: THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR by Eric Carle

Join Reading Rainbow's Levar Burton every Friday (and some other days) on his Twitter page @levarburton as he does a livestream reading of different stories.

The Disney Bedtime Hotline is back to help parents get their kids to sleep; more information is at <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/18/us/disney-bedtime-hotline-trnd/index.html>.

Now through April 30, families can call 1-877-7-MICKEY (1-877-764-2539) to hear one of five special messages from Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Daisy Duck or Goofy.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOADING

[Little Fires Everywhere DB89018](#)

[The Woman in the Window DB90036](#)

[Everything I Never Told You DB80393](#)

[Normal People DB94878](#)

[Before We Were Yours: A Novel DB88202](#)

[City of Girls DB95563](#)

[The Nightingale DB81189](#)

[The Overstory DB91490](#)

[Then She Was Gone: A Novel DB93135](#)

[Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine: A Novel DB87829](#)

[A Gentleman in Moscow: A Novel DB85533](#)

[The Outsider: A Novel DB92110](#)

[Where the Crawdads Sing DB92245](#)

[American Dirt DB98146](#)

[The Silent Patient DB93996](#)

[The Giver of Stars DB96907](#)

[The Dutch House DB96739](#)

NEXT WEEK NON-FICTION. THANKS TO LIZ KELLY FOR PULLING THIS TOGETHER.

COVID-19

The Hadley School has created two episodes of a podcast focusing on the current COVID-19 crisis and offers resources and strategies for individuals who are blind or visually impaired that might be particularly helpful during this time.

Hadley Presents COVID-19 (check out 2) Podcast Links:

https://hadley.edu/hadleypresents/episode.asp?episode=COVID_19_and_vision_loss

https://hadley.edu/hadleypresents/episode.asp?episode=COVID_19_and_vision_loss_part_2

BARD MOBILE APP

With BARD Mobile for iOS or Android, you can play the audio materials on your smartphone or tablet. If your device is connected to a refreshable Braille display through Bluetooth, you can also read the Braille materials available on BARD.

The BARD Mobile app is available as a free download through App Store or Google Play.

Before you can use BARD Mobile, you must be signed up to use BARD.

You can apply for BARD at:

<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/NLS/ApplicationInstructions.html>

Notes on Using BARD Mobile:

Sign in with your BARD user name and password. You'll only need to do this the first time you use the app. The BARD Mobile app will remember your BARD user credentials.

Books and magazines can be quite large to download (50MB - 200MB), so be sure to manage downloads carefully, especially if you have a limited data plan. You can set BARD Mobile to only download over Wi-Fi.

Your progress through a book is not updated across iOS devices. So, if you start listening to a book on your iPhone, your progress will not be updated on your iPad.

You can have up to 5 iOS devices registered with the BARD Mobile app.

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