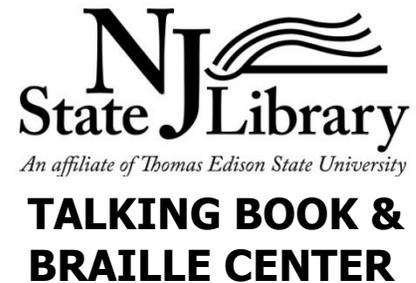


Weekly Highlights from TBBC

April 3, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

This is a most serious time in everyone's life. Listening to a book is one escape each of us needs at this time.

Unfortunately, the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC) as well as other libraries across the state is closed and we cannot send to you the digital cartridge books you love and need. But our staff is working at home and trying to help you whenever we can.

We have spoken in the past about how to get books to you in other ways than on a digital cartridge. This is an opportunity for you and others to help you get to your books differently.

I began using my cellphone to listen to books a few months ago. As an avid listener, I find it very easy and hopefully you will to.

Beginning this week, we will send out a weekly mini-newsletter to update you of events and hopefully give you some information to get everyone through this time in our lives.

Take care and please be safe.

Thank you,

Mary

Mary L. Chute, New Jersey State Librarian

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Adam: Michael Connelly's Suicide Run (DB97953). Three new stories about LAPD Detective Harry Bosch. As a fan of this series, I can never get enough Bosch stories.

Liz K: Tara Westover's Educated: A Memoir (DB90188). Intriguing read about a girl who grew up in a very strict survivalist Mormon family with little formal education and her journey to acquire a PhD at Oxford. For readers who do not mind violence, because some of the descriptions of abuse Tara and her siblings withstood at the hands of their parents and older siblings were almost unbelievable. The fact that this story is true is one of the many reasons I would recommend it. It was an eye opener for sure. It is also available in Spanish (DB95267)

Gail: Tarryn Fisher's The Wives (DB98148). Imagine that your husband has two other wives. None of you know each other, and you can see your husband only one day a week. But one day, while doing his laundry, you find an appointment reminder for a woman you realize is another of the wives.

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.

CONTACTING TBBC

Because our building is closed, we cannot send out or receive any mail. Please hold onto your books and your talking book machines.

The building is closed, but we are still working! If you want to get in touch with us, leave us a message. Please call our 800 number, 800-792-8322, and dial extension 861 to leave a message. One of our Reader Service's staff will get back to you. Or, you can email us at tbbc@njstatelib.org

AROUND THE STATE'S LIBRARIES

All New Jersey public libraries are closed, but, like us, librarians are still working and connecting with their communities. Public libraries are doing virtual storytimes for children, reading books for adult listeners, highlighting author interviews, and other creative programs. Public libraries also have many online resources, such as e-books, audiobooks, magazines, music, films, and TV shows.

If you're not sure what your local library is doing, or how to get a library card to borrow online materials, just call or email us and we'll find your local library and see how we can help you get a library card. Many libraries are letting you get a library card over email, and we can help with that if you'd like.

Here are some other things that we found that we thought you'd like:

Tara Sullivan from the Long Branch Free Public Library is reading aloud the first chapter of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. If you enjoyed that, you can download the audiobook from BARD.

<https://www.facebook.com/86892984369/videos/2530795173845286/>

Tierney Miller from the Cherry Hill Public Library does an adult story time, reading aloud "Lusus Naturae," a short story by Margaret Atwood.

https://youtu.be/zUUj_l5tdU

NJ.com has a great article highlighting some of the other things New Jersey public libraries are doing:

<https://www.nj.com/coronavirus/2020/03/nj-libraries-are-closed-during-the-coronavirus-lockdown-but-e-books-and-videos-remain-available.html>

COVID-19

If you're looking for up-to-date information about COVID-19, the New Jersey State Library has put together a terrific source at

<https://libguides.njstatelib.org/covid2019>