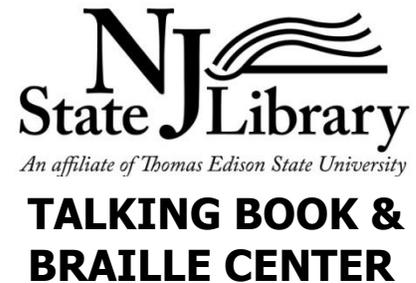


Weekly Highlights from TBBC

May 1, 2020



A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

We have moved into another month with no true change in the situation. Under Governor Murphy's leadership we are working on plans for reopening as New Jersey's response improves.

While no audiobooks are being duplicated and mailed out to you, our staff is working to stay in contact with you. They are exploring some new ideas such as virtual book clubs and a bingo game related to books you have read. We'll have more information in a week or two.

But in the meantime, we have Liz Kelly to thank for taking the New York Times Best Sellers for non-fiction and finding the NLS book numbers to download. Liz K. and the staff are now working on books that have been turned into movies or television series. As an example, there is a series on Michael Connelly's detective, Harry Bosch and Mr. Connelly has a new book on the detective entitled [Suicide Run](#) (DB97953).

Take care and please be safe.

Thank you,

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New Jersey State Librarian

Governor Phil Murphy Announces 6 Point Coronavirus Strategy

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced a 6 point strategy to guide the state going forward as it recovers from the COVID-19 outbreak. The strategy was unveiled as part of the Governor's daily Coronavirus press briefing on Monday, April 27th. As part of the strategy, Governor Murphy stressed the need for the state to wait for a sustained reduction in new cases, a robust system for contact tracing of new cases, and a safe space for those who test positive to remain in quarantine before the economy could be reopened. The governor also touched upon the efforts for New Jersey to coordinate with neighboring states as they each begin to reopen. You can read more about the Governor's plans for the state at the link here.

<https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200427b.shtml>

TBBC SERVING THE AUTISM COMMUNITY

A person with autism qualifies for TBBC services if they have a print disability: low vision, blindness, a physical disability where they cannot hold the book or turn the pages, or a reading disability.

While autism, itself, is not an official qualifying reason to receive services from TBBC, many times there are accompanying reasons a person with autism may qualify. If there is a sensitivity to touch that would prohibit a person from being able to hold a book or turn the pages, that person would qualify with a physical disability. "Low vision" simply means that even with glasses, a person cannot read the print in the newspaper. And, a person may also qualify if there is a reading disability in addition to the autism.

The application for TBBC requires that a "Certifying Authority" must certify that the person qualifies for services. No additional documentation is needed for the application to be approved. The complete list of those who can sign are listed on the application; for those who are blind, low vision, or have a physical disability, the person signing includes librarians, nurses, doctors, social workers, and so on. For a person with a reading disability, CURRENTLY a doctor (MD or DO) must sign the application.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOADING (NON-FICTION)

Educated: a memoir DB90188

Westover, Tara; Whelan, Julia. Reading time: 12 hours, 12 minutes.

Read by Julia Whelan.

Memoir exploring the author's path from being raised in a fundamentalist, paranoid Mormon family where she was homeschooled to eventually working her way to graduate degrees at Cambridge and Harvard. Discusses hardships faced by the family, abuse at the hands of a sibling, and more. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

The Mamba Mentality: How I Play DB93941

Bryant, Kobe; Jackson, Phil; Gasol, Pau; Bernstein, Andrew D. Reading time: 2 hours, 46 minutes. Read by Julian Thompson

The former basketball star, who retired in 2016 after playing for the Los Angeles Lakers for twenty years, discusses his career. He shares details of his workout schedules, mental preparations, and technical descriptions of how he approached the game. Bestseller. 2018.

A Woman of No Importance: The untold story of the American spy who helped win WWII DB95178

Purnell, Sonia. Reading time: 13 hours, 56 minutes. Read by Juliet Stevenson.

An account of the efforts of Virginia Hall, a Baltimore socialite and American spy who established spy networks throughout World War II France, ultimately escaping through the Pyrenees into Spain after her cover was blown. Written by the author of *Clementine: The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill* (DB 88505). Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2019.

Unorthodox: the scandalous rejection of my Hasidic roots DB74459

Feldman, Deborah. Reading time: 9 hours, 51 minutes. Read by Annie Wauters.

Author, born in the 1980s, describes being raised by her Hasidic grandparents in Brooklyn's Williamsburg neighborhood after her mother left her developmentally disabled father. Discusses being an outcast and her arranged marriage, limited access to reading material, and lack of educational or employment opportunities. Bestseller. 2012.

Becoming DB92627

Obama, Michelle. Reading time: 19 hours, 5 minutes. Read by Michelle Obama.

A memoir by the former First Lady, the first African American in that role. Obama recounts her childhood in Chicago, her years balancing

motherhood and her career as an executive, and her time in the White House. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2018.

Open book: a memoir DB98656

Simpson, Jessica. Reading time: 11 hours, 24 minutes.

Read by Jessica Simpson.

Memoir of the pop singer and reality TV star. She examines her own life and famous romantic relationships, sharing insights about her own need to please and what it felt like to be thought of as a walking blonde joke. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

Get creative and have fun with Dav Pilkey at home! Check out his website every Friday for new fun activities, videos, and more. Missed a week? No problem! You can watch them any time you want!

<https://kids.scholastic.com/kids/books/dav-pilkey-at-home/>

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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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

The Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which promotes financial assistance and acts as an advocacy group for the TBBC. Their Spring newsletter is

now available on NFB - Newsline. For more information, please contact the Friends' at their email address Friendsnjlbh@yahoo.com

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