

Weekly Highlights from TBBC



June 19, 2020

**TALKING BOOK &
BRAILLE CENTER**

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

With summer officially starting this week, I am pleased to announce that Stage 2 of NJ's reopening plan has begun, permitting library curbside pickup. Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 153 (2020), libraries are now permitted to reopen their outdoor spaces to the public. However, patrons shall not be permitted to enter the brick-and-mortar premises, but instead, shall be permitted to pick up or drop off materials outside of the facility that they have already ordered ("curbside pickup/drop-off"). Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, the State Director of Emergency Management, signed Administrative Order No. 2020-15 on June 13, 2020. The full executive order can be found [here](#).

Additionally, I do have more exciting news to share. The Braille eReader pilot project will begin in July. NLS needs the user comments on the eReader to make the player a future model for our patrons.

Speaking of needing input, the state's Commission for the Blind needs your thoughts on a statewide survey they are conducting. More information is in the newsletter.

Both our book club and bingo games are gaining more people.

Finally, this Sunday is Father's Day. Luz and Liz K. have a list of audiobooks on fathers for you to enjoy.

Enjoy our newsletter and please continue to be safe.

Thank you,
Mary

Mary L. Chute
New Jersey State Librarian

CBVI STATEWIDE SURVEY

The New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired is conducting a Comprehensive Statewide Needs assessment to understand the needs of their customers, providers, and other stakeholders. This will inform their State Plan and guide priorities and the development of new initiatives.

We invite current and past CBVI consumers, service recipients, and their family members to tell us about their experience. Please click the link below to provide your input in this accessible web survey form by July 3rd:

https://umassboston.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8q2r6MI6E46rk21

The survey will take about 10 minutes, and the responses are anonymous. If you have any questions about the survey or would prefer to use an alternative format, please contact Amanda Gerson at Amanda.gerson@dhs.state.nj.us.

NLS BRAILLE eREADER PILOT PROJECT

The library is excited to announce that the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) has invited us to participate in the NLS Braille eReader Pilot Project. The pilot is currently scheduled to begin in July of 2020 and will last six months.

TBBC is one of four Regional Libraries of NLS selected for Phase 1 of the pilot project. The other three libraries participating are:

- Kentucky Talking Book Library
- Iowa Library for the Blind
- Utah State Library Division

The NLS Braille eReader is a refreshable braille display (an electro-mechanical device for displaying braille characters) that will allow patrons to read braille books on digital cartridges. Library patrons with Internet access will be able to download braille from BARD on a 24/7 basis, will be able to maintain a braille collection on the Braille eReader, and will no longer be required to receive and return multiple volumes of cumbersome hard copy braille books through the postal system.

The purpose of the NLS Braille eReader Pilot is to test the functionality of the eReader devices, collect feedback from pilot patrons, and validate distribution processes at network libraries. The pilot libraries were selected based on criteria including region, circulation system, and size, and on their ability to meet reporting requirements and provide technical support during the pilot.

The four libraries will distribute 1,600 eReaders to Braille patrons. Staff training begins on June 23rd.

The NLS Braille eReader Pilot Project will lay the groundwork for the general distribution of braille eReaders, which will increase access to digital braille materials, promote braille literacy, and provide access to tens of thousands of braille titles in digital format, supporting the NLS mission statement of assuring that all may read.

BARD WEBSITE NEWS

The BARD website was upgraded on Friday, June 4, 2020. Upgrades include:

Subscribe to a book series:

- From the BARD main page, type the name or part of the name of the series in the search field, such as Harry Potter, and click the Go button.
- Under the Book Series heading on the resulting page, all book series titles that include the words “Harry” or “Potter” will be listed. Click the series of interest to display all available books in that series.
- Under the heading Audiobooks or Braille books, depending on which format you want, click the Subscribe button. BARD will automatically add new titles in the series in the preferred format to your wish list. The two other buttons in this area have to do with adding currently available books in the series to your wish list. These buttons do not subscribe you to the series.

A second way to subscribe to a book series:

- Locate a book by searching the catalog, or through one of the BARD book lists, such as Most Popular Books or Recently Added Books and Magazines, that you know is in the series of interest.
- Open the book details by clicking the title of the book.
- Click on the series name found in the Book Details. This will open a web page that displays all the available books in the series.
- Choose the Subscribe button under the preferred format heading: Audiobooks or Braille books. New books in your preferred format in the series will be automatically added to your wish list when they become available on BARD. The two other buttons in this area have to do with

adding books to your wish list. These buttons do not subscribe you to the series.

Managing Subscriptions:

In addition to subscribing to a favorite book series, patrons can manage all of their subscriptions.

- From the BARD main page, click the Subscriptions link. This page lists all book series and magazines you are subscribed to.
- To opt out of any of the subscriptions, click the Unsubscribe link following the item you wish to unsubscribe to. No new magazine additions or books in the series will be added to your wish list.

Passwords:

- Account-holders are not allowed to reuse any of their previous 11 passwords.
- Patrons will not be able to change their own password more than once per day. NOTE: BARD administrators can reset a patron's password without affecting the number of password changed by the user
- BARD will no longer accept special characters in new password. When creating a new password, account-holders should not include special characters when creating new passwords. Note: If a current password contains a special character, there is no need to create a new password. Existing passwords that use special characters will not be rejected by BARD.

Lastly, the computer code behind the website will be improved to better allow for BARD to be moved to the cloud, making way for future service improvements such as device synchronization

TBBC BOOK CLUB

TBBC's book club keeps growing! You can be a part of it, using either your computer or phone to join us every other Friday at 1. Our next meeting is June 26. We will be discussing **Kiss the Girls and Make them Cry** by Mary Higgins Clark, DB97632 ([Download Kiss the girls and make them cry](#)), and also recent books we have been reading. To register and find out more, call us at 800-792-8322 ext. 812 or email us at tbbc@njstatelib.org

FREE FITNESS VIDEOS

If you have been stuck in the house, sitting around for far too long or are just looking for ways to get you or your family up and moving, check out some of these resources that School Library Journal put together of various [free online fitness videos](#).

FATHER DAY'S BOOK SUGGESTIONS

[Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson / DB44849](#)

Albom, Mitch.

Some twenty years after college, Mitch Albom rekindles his relationship with a former professor who is terminally ill. His weekly visits with his dying mentor become a colloquium on the meaning of life, and Albom gains insight into "love, work, community, family, aging, forgiveness, and, finally, death." Bestseller.

[The Mamba Mentality: How I Play DB93941](#)

Bryant, Kobe; Jackson, Phil; Gasol, and Pau; Bernstein,

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.

[The Emperor of Ocean Park / DB90808](#)

Carter, Stephen L.

African American law professor Talcott Garland is drawn into a political conspiracy after his father--a disgraced Supreme Court nominee--dies suddenly. Apparently the judge left clues leading to evidence of crimes by former colleagues in high places and wants his son to exact revenge. Some violence and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2002.

[Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee DB95234](#)

Cep, Casey N.

The story of Alabama rural preacher Willie Maxwell--accused of murdering five of his family members for insurance money in the 1970s--and of the true-crime book about the case that Harper Lee, author of *To Kill a Mockingbird* (DB 36414), worked on obsessively for years. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[Pops: Fatherhood in Pieces / DB92129](#)

Chabon, Michael.

A collection of essays on fatherhood from the author of *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* (DB 50950). Includes an account of his trip to the Paris Men's Fashion Week with his son Abe, and describes how he gained an appreciation of Abe's passion for design. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2018.

[Lake of the Ozarks: My Surreal Summers in a Vanishing America DB95362](#)

Geist, William.

Emmy-award winning news correspondent and author of *Way off the Road* (DB 66185) and *Good Talk, Dad* (DB 79190) reminisces about working for his bombastic Uncle Ed as a teenager at a resort in Lake of the Ozarks. Describes the tourism industry and jobs he held. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[Sh*t My Dad Says DB71730](#)

Halpern, Justin.

Expanded version of the Twitter site the screenwriter started after moving back in with his outspoken seventy-three-year-old father, a retired nuclear-medicine doctor. Compiles profanity-laden comments and advice the author received from childhood to the present. Basis of a 2010 TV sitcom. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2010.

[Tinkers / DB71092](#)

Harding, Paul.

As clock restorer George Washington Crosby lies dying in his Massachusetts home, he hallucinates and channels his late father Howard. A tinker and mystic, Howard worked as a traveling peddler to keep his epilepsy a secret. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

[Black Leopard, Red Wolf DB93771](#)

James, Marlon.

Tracker has a talented nose that lets him find people even from miles away. He is hired by a slave trader to find a missing boy, a quest that takes him across dangerous locales and into the company of other mercenaries like the shape-shifting hunter Leopard. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood DB86608](#)

Noah, Trevor.

The host of TV's *The Daily Show* shares his coming-of-age story as the child of a white father and black mother in South Africa. Their very union was considered a crime, and when the author was born during apartheid, his biracial status made him an outcast. Violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

[Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance / DB43877](#)

Obama, Barack.

Obama, his father a Kenyan student and his mother a white Kansan, struggles with issues of identity and ethnicity. A Harvard Law School graduate, community organizer, and civil rights lawyer, Obama recounts a life-changing pilgrimage to Kenya to meet relatives from his father's other marriages. Some strong language

[Miracle at St. Andrews DB94984](#)

Patterson, James; De Jonge, Peter.

Travis McKinley is a former professional golfer who feels like he's an amateur at the rest of life. He makes a pilgrimage to the mythical greens at St. Andrews, the course where golf was born, which feels like sacred ground to golfers like Travis. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[Gilead / DB59561](#)

Robinson, Marilynne.

1950s. Dying seventy-six-year-old Gilead, Iowa, minister John Ames writes a parting letter to his young son. John reflects on the tensions between his pacifist father and militant abolitionist grandfather (both preachers), the death of his first wife and child, the gospel, a friend's transgressions, and life's eternal mystery. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 2004.

[Every Tool's a Hammer: Life Is What You Make It DB96393](#)

Savage, Adam.

Special effects designer and cohost of the television show MythBusters presents a guide to developing and nurturing your creativity and problem-solving skills through making things. Shares lessons learned through the years, including not waiting until everything is perfect to begin and slowing down to prevent failure. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

[The Twelve Lives of Samuel Hawley: A Novel DB88019](#)

Tinti, Hannah.

As the daughter of criminal Samuel Hawley, Loo doesn't have a lot of stability in her life until she is twelve years old. She and her father settle in her dead mother's hometown. While Loo tries to adjust, flashbacks tell the tale of each of Samuel's twelve bullet wounds. Strong language and some violence. 2017.

[A Father First: How My Life Became Bigger Than Basketball / DB75553](#)

Wade, Dwyane; Rivas, Mim Eichler.

Miami Heat superstar's memoir traces his rise from a hardscrabble childhood in Chicago with a drug-addicted mother to a basketball scholarship at Marquette

University and an NBA contract. Describes his 2008 divorce, custody battle for his two sons, and determination to be a good father. 2012.

TBBC BINGO

A TBBC Bingo card is below. We will also have a PDF of the card available where we keep all past issues of this newsletter:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/talking-book-braille-center/weekly-newsletter/>

You can enjoy this from the comfort of your own home! Some squares are about reading a book and some are about doing something like signing up for BARD or visiting our website.

Let us know when you complete a row or complete the whole TBBC Bingo card. The first five people to complete a row, and the first three people to complete the whole card, will be recognized and congratulated in our weekly newsletter.

Email us or call us when you've finished a row or finished the whole card. And, if you need suggestions for books to complete this challenge, email us or call us and we'll be glad to suggest some books!

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Join a book club	Visit the NJ State Library Website www.njstatelib.org	"Like" TBBC on Facebook	Explore a new author	Download a magazine
Read a biography	Read a book by a female author	Read a book by a male author	Read a book set in New Jersey	Sign up for BARD
Set up your security questions on BARD	Download a book		Re-read a favorite book	Read a book about another culture
Add books to your "wishlist"	Read a non-fiction book	Use BARD Mobile	Try a new recipe	Read a book with a color in the title
Read a book made into a movie	Laughed out loud at a book	Listen to an audiobook	Read a book recommended by a friend or library staff	Read a YA book

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