A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

There is an old saying “ask and ye shall receive.” Well, I asked and did I ever receive! Below is a list of titles that were recommended to me for summer reading. All the authors are in the BARD database but three of the books have not been uploaded to date. It is quite a diverse list and I’m looking forward to digging in over the next couple of months.

What are you reading this summer and would you recommend any titles? I’m always looking for something different and enjoy a good beach read as much as I like literary fiction. Feel free to drop me an email with your suggestions – I’d love to hear what you’ve enjoyed. Here is the link to the entire list:


Be safe and be well.

Thank you,

Jen

Jennifer R. Nelson
New Jersey State Librarian
STATE LIBRARIAN JEN NELSON’S 2021 SUMMER READS LIST

The Constant Rabbit DB100900
Fforde, Jasper. Reading time: 12 hours, 29 minutes.
Read by Andrew Wincott.
England, 2022. There are 1.2 million human-size rabbits living in the UK. They can walk, talk, and read Voltaire, the result of an Inexplicable Anthropomorphizing Event fifty-five years before. Peter Knox must confront his prejudices when a family of Rabbits moves to his small village. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan: A Novel DB60738
See, Lisa. Reading time: 11 hours, 7 minutes.
Read by Janet Song.
Nineteenth-century China. A matchmaker pairs young Lily and Snow Flower in a lifelong friendship. For years they communicate using a secret code written on a fan, sharing their joys and sorrows until a misunderstanding threatens to destroy their bond. Commercial audiobook. 2005.

Less DB88794
Greer, Andrew Sean. Reading time: 8 hours, 19 minutes.
Read by Robert Petkoff.
A failed novelist turning fifty is invited to his ex-boyfriend's wedding. Instead of attending, he decides to accept every other invitation he has received, even if it means traveling the world for random, odd literary events. Commercial audiobook. 2017.
The Lost Village DB102752
Sten, Camilla. Reading time: 9 hours, 45 minutes.
Read by Angela Dawe.

The Hundred Thousand Kingdoms: Book One of The Inheritance Trilogy DB71347
Jemisin, N. K. Reading time: 11 hours, 27 minutes.
Read by Kristin Allison.
Yeine Darr is summoned to Sky Palace by her estranged grandfather Dekarta Arameri, who announces that she is a potential heir to the throne. As an unwanted battle for power ensues, Yeine finds an ally in the gods. 2010. *Note: The entire Broken Earth trilogy is available on BARD.

First Comes Scandal: A Bridgerton Prequel DB99245
Quinn, Julia. Reading time: 9 hours, 8 minutes.
Read by Rosalyn Landor.
Georgiana Bridgerton is abducted for her dowry and then told she must marry her abductor to save her reputation. Childhood friend Nicholas Rokesby comes to the rescue, offering to marry her himself, but Georgie always thought she would wed for love. Commercial audiobook. 2020. *Note: The entire Bridgerton series is available on BARD.
REMINDER

TBBC is open to the public virtually, but not for any walk-in patrons.

If you need anything, just call or email us! We will call or email you back. Just remember to leave your name, phone number, and what time is best to return the call. Or, if you want, we can set up a call on the computer so you can talk via the computer to a Readers Advisor.

Please, do not visit the building. Our health and safety protocols do not allow the public to visit at this time. If you do visit, you will not be able to talk to staff or pick up any materials.

PATRON ONLINE MEETING

Do you have questions about how to get books, about TBBC, or about NLS?

Then please join our quarterly Patron Online Meeting! This meeting will be a chance for patrons to talk to TBBC staff and learn more about our services. We will talk about how to search for books, how to order and return books, and explain how books get sent out. Everyone is invited, even if they are not a brand-new library member.

Meetings will be held once every 3 months. The dates for the next two meetings are Wednesday, July 14, and Wednesday, October 13.

You can join by phone, computer, or mobile device. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please call us at 800-792-8322 ext. 812 or email us at tbbc@njstatelib.org
SUMMER READING 2021

TBBC will be kicking off our Summer Reading Program for our youth patrons this summer in July. The program for this year will be entirely virtual so be sure to watch your email in a few weeks for all the exciting things we have for you. Not sure if we have your email? Please email us at tbbcyouth@njstatelib.org so we can make sure you get your Summer Reading Program emails.

If you're an adult patron, but have children or grandchildren that you would like to be included in our Summer Reading Program emails, please email us at tbbcyouth@njstatelib.org to be added to our email list!

We are really excited for a fun-filled summer!

RELAUNCH PLANNED FOR LIBRARY EQUAL ACCESS PROGRAM (LEAP)

TBBC and the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBVI) are proud to announce that a relaunch of the highly-demanded Library Equal Access Program (LEAP) is being planned for this Fall.

LEAP provides free classes for individuals with low vision who want to learn about the assistive tools available on iPhones and iPads. Registration priority is given to those who are 55 and older. Classes are held at several public library locations throughout the state.
More details about this relaunch will be released as they become available. To find out more, or to be put on our registration waitlist, please contact TBBC by calling 800-792-8322 ext. 812 or by emailing us at tbbc@njstatelib.org

**TBBC’S 10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

On Tuesday, June 15, 2021, the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center hosted its 10th Annual TBBC Golf Classic at the Bedens Brook Club in Skillman, New Jersey.

$5,000 was raised in support of TBBC services and helps pay for items that our budget cannot.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors, the Friends of the New Jersey Library for the Blind & Handicapped, Thomas Edison State University, and Lear & Pannepacker, LLP, the staff at the Bedens Brook Club, the Golf Committee and TBBC volunteers.

If you would like more information about becoming involved with the Golf Committee, please contact Linda Cerce at 800-792-8322 ext. 835 or email lcerce@njstatelib.org

**JUNE NEWSLETTER BOOK CLUB POST**

One year later, TBBC’s Virtual Book Club is still going strong!
The Virtual Book Club meets once a month on the first Friday of the month. Each meeting either has a dedicated book that everyone reads, or a general theme where members can talk about any book they like that fits the theme.

Members can join either on the phone or online using a link that will be emailed to them.

To find out more please call us at 800-792-8322 ext. 812 or email us at tbbc@njstatelib.org. You can also find out more online by visiting us at https://www.njstatelib.org/talking-book-braille-center/tbbcs-virtual-bookclub/

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