A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARIAN

The TBBC has a number of engaging activities coming up this spring, and I hope you’ll be able to join in the fun. We are grateful to the Friends of the Talking Book and Braille Center for their generous sponsorship of these special opportunities.

The Federal Communications Commission’s Affordable Connectivity Program offers a discount on internet access to eligible people. Check out the website (https://www.fcc.gov/acp) to see if you might qualify for the discount and for instructions on signing up.

Be safe and be well.

Thank you,

Jen

Jennifer R. Nelson
New Jersey State Librarian
12th ANNUAL TBBC GOLF CLASSIC

The New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center is proud to announce its 12th Annual TBBC Golf Classic. It seems like yesterday when we hosted our very first golf classic and now we are well into the planning phase for year twelve. This is our second year that we will be hosting the charity event at Cherry Valley Country Club in Skillman, NJ. It will be held on Tuesday, June 13th 2023.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast, followed by a 10:00 a.m. shot gun start. There will be two contests during the day, a putting contest with a chance to win $5,000 and a closest to the pin contest.

As the golfers end their play they will head back to the clubhouse for cocktail hour, hors d’oeuvres and a buffet lunch. The contest winners of the 1st and 2nd place teams, a 50/50 winner, and the closest to the hole finalist will be announced following lunch. Also, at this time the putting contest finalist will take a one putt shot on the putting green for a chance to make a 60 ft putt and win $5,000!

During the reception golfers will be given an opportunity to purchase Penny Auctions tickets for a chance to win donated baskets and various other items. There will also be a Silent Auction with donated items for the golfers to view and bid on. The day will conclude with dessert!

Many thanks to the Friends of the NJ Library for the Blind and Handicapped for supporting our event as the Presenting Sponsor. Their support of this event has been ongoing for the past 12 years. Proceeds of the event benefit the Talking Book & Braille Center, New Jersey’s
only FREE library for the reading and print disabled (anyone who is blind, visually or physically impaired).

Please help spread the word! If you know anyone interested in golfing, sponsoring, or donating auction items, or if you have any questions about the outing, please feel free to contact Linda Cerce at 800-792-8322 ext. 835 or email lcerce@njstatelib.org.

NLS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

TBBC is excited to share that for the first time ever, the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) is having a summer reading program! The NLS summer reading program is for all ages. TBBC will still be doing its own summer reading program for children and teens.

More information will be coming soon about NLS’s program! It includes live Zoom programs with authors including Kwame Alexander and Shelby Van Pelt.

Here is the NLS program schedule:

- Kickoff event (all ages): Monday, June 26 at 4:00 p.m. EDT
- Shelby Van Pelt, Remarkably Bright Creatures (adult): Thursday, June 29, at 7:00 p.m. EDT
- Story time and music: Turtle Dance Music (K-3rd grade): Thursday, July 6, at 7:00 p.m. EDT
- Celia Perez, The First Rule of Punk (middle grades): Tuesday, July 11, at 7:00 p.m. EDT
• Annette Bay Pimentel and Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins, *All the Way to the Top: How One Girl’s Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything* (K-5th grade): Saturday, July 22, at 1:00 p.m. EDT

• Kwame Alexander, *The Crossover* (YA and middle grades): Thursday, July 27, at 7:00 p.m. EDT

• Jenny Torres Sanchez, *We Are Not from Here* (YA): Thursday, August 3, at 7:00 p.m. EDT

ALL TOGETHER NOW FOR TBBC’S SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS!

With the warmer weather upon us, that means it’s almost time for TBBC’s by-mail Summer Reading Program! Each summer, TBBC offers a Summer Reading Program to all our children and teens interested in participating. Throughout the summer, we mail out packets to anyone who has signed up that include a variety of activities, trivia, crafts, book lists, reading incentives, and more.

The incentives we send are provided by the Friends of the Library for the Blind and Handicapped. Last year, participants received trivia games, crafts and supplies, color your own posters, and a stuffed hammerhead shark, just to name a few! We thank the Friends of the Library for their continued support and generosity of our Summer Reading Program.

This year’s Summer Reading Program theme is All Together Now! We can’t wait to share the fun activities and surprises we have in store for you!
Registration for this year’s Summer Reading Program will be going out in the mail and email soon, but if you just can’t wait to sign up to receive your Summer Reading Program packets in the mail for this summer, you can email TBBCYouth@njstatelib.org to register today!

Once again, a huge thank you to the Friends of the Library for their support and generosity to help make the Summer Reading Program what it is.

We are so excited for another great summer!

**NJ MAKERS DAY**


Luisa Martucci, our Hispanic Outreach Coordinator, created a video for Fireworks Painting. If that sounds familiar, it was a program that Luisa did at Fall Festival 2022.

Luisa’s video, as well as information on NJ Makers Day and videos by other New Jersey State Library employees, can be found at [https://www.njstatelib.org/nj-makers-day-2023/](https://www.njstatelib.org/nj-makers-day-2023/)

**BARD NEWS**
Good news! Resetting your BARD password has now become even easier! All BARD users can now reset their own passwords through the BARD website.

In the past, only users with security questions set up in the BARD settings were able to reset their own passwords without help from their network library. Additionally, instead of being sent a temporary password, which could be difficult to copy and paste or input, BARD will now send you a link – simply click to follow and set your new password.

If you’re interested in learning more about BARD, NLS has a new patron program called The Many Faces of BARD. These hour-long programs will be held over Zoom on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. eastern time.

Each program will start with a brief presentation, followed by a Q&A session about the presentation, and BARD related questions for the remainder of the hour. At the end of each program, next month’s topic will be revealed.

The sessions are open to all patrons. To participate by phone, call 1-669-254-5252. Patrons with internet access can join via Zoom. No registration is necessary, simply click the link to attend.

Recordings of past sessions and more information about accessing via zoom is available at https://www.loc.gov/nls/about/services/many-faces-of-bard/.

SPRING BOOK LIST
Spring is a time for regrowth. As plants, flowers, and trees start to spring up, here are some books to help welcome in the warmer weather...

**Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants DB92274**
By: Robin Wall Kimmerer

Botanist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation argues that the awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgement and celebration of a reciprocal relationship with the world. Shares stories learned from her elders about the world around them and ways of approaching scientific inquiry. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

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**Daisy Jones & The Six DB94175**
By: Taylor Jenkins Reid

Daisy Jones, the daughter of a painter and a model, comes of age on L.A.'s Sunset Strip in the 1960s. As she falls into the rock 'n' roll scene, she joins forces with an up-and-coming band, The Six. The pairing becomes legendary. Strong language and descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2019.

**Download Daisy Jones & The Six DB94175**

**A Tree Grows in Brooklyn DB10426**
By: Betty Smith
A novel about an Irish-American girl's childhood and youth, her struggles with poverty, and her work to get an education. The setting is Brooklyn tenement life of the early 1900's.

**Download A Tree Grows in Brooklyn DB10426**

**Lilac Girls DB84356**
By: Martha Hall Kelly

The lives of three women--socialite Caroline from New York, teenager Kasia from Poland, and doctor Herta from Germany--collide during World War II. Kasia, involved in the resistance, is sent to Ravensbrück, where she is experimented on by Herta. Caroline tries to help survivors. Violence and some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

**Download Lilac Girls DB84356**

**The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate DB86697**
By: Peter Wohlleben

Forester shares his observations as well as research by others into the networked nature of trees and forests. Discusses communication by trees, the life cycle of an organic forest versus one planted, and the interaction of trees with their greater environment. Translated from the original 2015 German edition. Bestseller. 2016.

**Download The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate: Discoveries From a Secret World DB86697**

**Flowers for Algernon DB33245**
By: Daniel Keyes

The narrator, a mentally impaired man of thirty-two, receives an operation to increase his learning ability. But although his mentality
develops at high speed, there is always the possibility of regression. For junior and senior high and older readers.

**Download Flowers for Algernon DB33245**

**The Witch Elm DB92756**
By: Tana French

Happy-go-lucky charmer Toby surprises two burglars, who beat him and leave him for dead. Struggling to recover, he takes refuge at his family's ancestral home to care for his dying uncle. When a skull is found in the trunk of an elm tree, Toby begins to question his past. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

**Download The Witch Elm DB92756**

**A Long Petal of the Sea DB98363**
By: Isabel Allende

Roser Bruguera finds her life intertwined with that of Victor Dalmau as they both flee into France during the Spanish Civil War. Along with two thousand others, they board the SS Winnipeg, a ship chartered by the poet Pablo Neruda to take refugees to Chile. Translated from the original 2019 Spanish edition. Violence. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

**Download A Long Petal of the Sea DB98363**

**A Memory of Violets: A Novel of London's Flower Sellers DB81296**
By: Hazel Gaynor

1876. Young sisters Flora and Rosie Flynn sell posies in London's Covent Garden to survive, but they are later separated. After thirty-six years pass, Tilly Harper, an assistant housemother at a home for girls like the Flynns, stumbles across Flora's diary and begins a new search for Rosie. 2015.
Eighteen-year-old Victoria Jones, abandoned as an infant, ages out of California's foster-home system. Victoria's only decent home was with Elizabeth, who taught Victoria to care for flowers. Victoria eventually finds work with a florist and meets Elizabeth's nephew Grant, who also speaks through flowers. Some strong language. 2011.
• Mercer County Library Ewing Branch – July 20
• Hunterdon County Senior Center – August 17
• Surf for Vision – August 19

For more information about any of these events, or to schedule a speaker from TBBC, please contact us by phone at 800-792-8322 ext. 0 or by email at tbbc@njstatelib.org

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