**Bulletin Board Newsletter**

**Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library**

**Fall 2012**

**Greetings From the WTBBL**

It has been a busy year here in the Talking Book Library. We are fully-staffed, recently welcoming Ashley (Audio Machine Tech) to our Library. WTBBL is a busy place, circulating more than 310,000 items in 2011. Keep your requests coming!

With Outreach Librarian Roxanne Staveness onboard, we will reach more than 7000 people in 2012 through presentations and exhibits. We’ve covered events in many parts of the state, spreading the news about the Talking Books program at such varied events as VisionWalk 2012, the “Macular Degeneration Symposium: Innovations 2012,” the Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference, the Lions District 27-A1 Convention, the Rock County Senior Fair and Expo, and the 10th Annual Braille Games. Contact us if you’d like WTBBL to participate in your event.

Some of our staff members participated in the White Cane Day “flash mob” in front of the Milwaukee County Courthouse on October 15, 2012. We joined more than 200 people wearing colorful T-shirts and sharing in a dance. If you use the Internet, you can see video of the event at youtu.be/1QVn1yA2Uso. Here is to 2013 being an even busier year! *Linda*

**For Your Information**

Don’t have a digital machine yet? All newly recorded books are now in digital format! Library users who have not tried the new Digital Talking Book Machines ― don’t miss this chance to get your new digital players. PLUS, magazines are converting to digital in the very near future. The digital machines are easy to use, have longer battery life, and excellent sound quality. To order your new digital player, call us at 1-800-242-8822 and we will get your new digital player out to you the next business day.

**Not Getting the Books You Want?**

Too many of the same type of book lately? Maybe it is time to update your preferences! Give us a call so we can add new authors, series, or subjects to your account. The Readers Advisors are here to help you and make sure you are getting a variety of books. Check the latest Talking Book Topics for the newest additions to the library to add to your wish list of books. Keeping your request list full and adding new authors or subjects will help us make sure you are receiving the books you love.

**Wisconsin Collection Books**

* **Invisible: My Journey Through Vision and Hearing Loss** by Ruth Silver.

Ruth Silver founded the Center for Deaf-Blind Persons in Milwaukee. Here is the story of how she overcame many obstacles to have a rich and fulfilling life. Coming to WTBBL sometime in the Spring of 2013.

* We are also adding more new Wisconsin-themed books next year. Many of those will be available in Summer of 2013.
* Don’t forget we also have the W**isconsin Trails** and **Milwaukee Magazine** subscriptions as part of our Wisconsin Collection. Let us know if you would like to try either of these magazines.

**Exciting News!**

• In 2013 watch for information on when magazines will be converted to digital cartridges and when BARD & WebBraille will be fully combined.

• Did you enjoy **Killing Lincoln** by Bill O’Reilly? His book **Killing Kennedy** is in production at this moment. Check with us in January for a DB number so we can put it on your request list. BARD users will be able to get it even sooner.

• Did you know we can get subscriptions to **Reader’s Digest** and **Newsweek** from the American Printing House (APH) for you? If you are interested in receiving either one of these magazines, call or send us a note at WTBBL.

• New Audio-Described DVDs will be arriving soon. If you need a list of the DVDs, contact us.

**Read a Book for Free!**

Pass the word to your neighbors, friends, care givers, doctors, librarians, or anyone else who may benefit from the Wisconsin Talking Book & Braille Library. Not only do we have more than 55,000 books, we offer more than 60 magazine subscriptions, access to **Newsline** (to listen to the newspaper), and audio-described DVDs or VHS tapes. The best part? Our service is free. We also like to come out and give presentations about our service to groups. Ask for Roxanne when you call. Help us spread the word and hopefully we will meet you at a presentation in your town.

**2012-13 WTBBL Holiday & Library Closings**

Make sure to call us at least a week ahead of a closing so you will have books to read. Even if WTBBL is open, some days the Postal Service is on holiday and there is no service.

Monday, Dec. 24, 2012 – Library Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 – Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 – Library Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 – New Year’s Day

Monday, Jan. 21, 2013 – Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Friday, Mar. 29, 2013 – Good Friday

Friday, May 24, 2013 – Library Closed

Monday, May 27, 2013 – Memorial Day

Thursday, July 4, 2013 – Independence Day

Friday, July 5, 2013 – Library Closed

**Our Top Ten Circulating Books.**

DB072657 **Heart of Texas, Book 3**

Macomber, Debbie.

DB073055 **44 Charles Street: A Novel**

Steel, Danielle.

DB069803 **The Missing**

Lewis, Beverly.

DB072055 **Heart of Texas: Book 1**

Macomber, Debbie.

DB071061 **Orchard Valley Grooms: Valerie, Stephanie**

Macomber, Debbie.

DB073305 **Southern Comfort**

Michaels, Fern.

DB071850 **The Confession**

Grisham, John.

DB073554 **Smokin’ Seventeen: A Stephanie Plum Novel**

Evanovich, Janet.

DB072000 **Legacy**

Steel, Danielle.

DB073120 **Tom Clancy’s Endwar the Hunted**

Michaels, David.

**Outreach Corner – Roxanne Staveness**

“I have had the pleasure of travelling around Wisconsin this past year meeting many of our patrons and signing up new patrons to our library. I hope to meet many more of you in 2013. Call us at WTBBL, 1-800-242-8822, if you would like one of us to come and speak in your town.” *Roxanne*

**From The Circulation Department**

* Remember: if you have a damaged tape or cartridge put a rubber band around it to alert circulation staff that something is wrong with that item. Notes that are put in the case often don’t make it to us but rubber bands stay put. If you have any questions about this you can call us at 1-800-242-8822.
* We need your help! The circ department has 66 cartridges that were returned in the wrong case and 48 cases that are missing the cartridge. Please return any empty cases or cartridges without a case.

**New and Improved BARD**

* The new version of BARD went live on 11-27-12. Some issues have occurred and the BARD tech team is fixing them as fast as they can.
* If you experience BARD issues, give it a day or two to see if it improves. After that, call us here at 1-800-242-8822.
* In account settings you can choose to:
  + Have your screen display in color or black & white;
  + Show audiobooks only; and
  + Limit the number of titles to view at one time.
* The book title is now a link to a lot of important information:
  + Select to add the book to your BARD wish list;
  + See if the book is a series and what number in the series it is; and
  + Find other books similar to the ones you already love.
* The narrator’s name is also a link so you can find other books read by that person.

**Send Us Your Email Address**

* Would you like to receive your news-letters by email? Provide us with your email address and we will email it to you.
* If we have your email address, it is easier to send messages to you about your account and there is less paper for you to recycle.

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