

*Bulletin Board*

*Fall 2017 Newsletter*

***What’s Been Happening at WTBBL!***

Hello Readers!

Frequent phone callers have noticed some staff changes.

Becky, formerly WTBBL’s Outreach Librarian, has taken the position of Children’s Librarian at the Milwaukee Public Library’s Bay View Branch. We miss her, but know the community there is enjoying her energy and creativity. Also, we said good-bye to Dwight, a longtime Audio Machine Technician, who retired after 32 years of working for the City of Milwaukee.

Jill, James and Katie have joined the WTBBL staff. Jill is a Reader’s Advisor and James is our new Office Assistant II. Katie, formerly a Children’s Librarian at various Branch locations of the Milwaukee Public Library, has joined the WTBBL team as the new Outreach Librarian.

In this newsletter, look for a list of new Wisconsin books produced by ABLE (Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement) and a new group of audio-described DVDs available for checkout.

Some patrons have been asking about the distribution of refreshable braille displays from the National Library Service (NLS). In

August, the Perkins School for the Blind began a pilot program with displays they

purchased. The National Library Service pilot program is still a few years away.

Keep reading and talking about us to your friends, *Linda*

***Experiencing the Solar Eclipse***

On 8/21/17, a total solar eclipse passed across the United States.

For a non-visual experience, WTBBL has copies of a tactile-graphic guide, ***Getting a Feel for Eclipses***, (***BRW23450****)* with details surrounding the August total solar eclipse. Tactile graphics provide an illustration of the interaction and alignment of the Sun with the Moon and the Earth.

Also of interest are the app and website for the [Eclipse Soundscapes Project](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccmurph%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CIJQES0YO%5Ceclipsesoundscapes.org) ([eclipsesoundscapes.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccmurph%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CIJQES0YO%5Ceclipsesoundscapes.org)). The Project provides an opportunity to experience the eclipse non-visually through haptic feedback using a **rumble map**.

***Facebook Pages***

WTBBL and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped have Facebook pages. Log onto Facebook, find and like us today!

[***Banned Books Week Was Celebrated in September***](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned) ***with Freedom to Read List of Books***

* ***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*** by Mark Twain. Fiction. **DB057349**

Originally banned with the complaint that it was “trash and suitable only for the slums,” the most-banned book of all time follows young Huck Finn on his adventures along the Mississippi River.

* ***Fahrenheit 451*** by Ray Bradbury. Fiction. **DB034963**

Dystopian sci-fi story about a firefighter set in a future where owning or reading books is a crime. Challenged for its language and subversive themes.

* ***In Cold Blood*** byTruman Capote.Fiction. **DB022726**

True crime, non-fiction classic recounting the 1956 quadruple murder of the Herbert Clutter family in small-town Kansas and the subsequent investigation and trial. Celebrated for its originality and style but banned for sex, violence and profanity.

* ***The Call of the Wild*** by Jack London. Fiction. **DB049486**

Classic man-and-dog story about the adventures of sled dog Buck, a tough St. Bernard, and John Thornton, his outdoorsman master, during the 1890’s Klondike Gold Rush in Canada. Banned for adult themes and violence.

* ***The Great Gatsby*** by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Fiction. **DB055714**

Glamorous and tragic jazz age novel about wealthy Jay Gatbsy’s pursuit of Daisy Buchanan and the American Dream. Banned for language and references to sex.

* ***The Naked and the Dead*** by Norman Mailer. Fiction. **DB053839**

World War II novel about an American platoon’s invasion of the Japanese-held Anopopei Island, partly based on the author’s own Pacific experiences in the 112th Cavalry. Banned for language.

* ***Gone With the Wind*** by Margaret Mitchell. Fiction. **DB007069**

A classic Civil War epic following iconic southern heroine Scarlett O’Hara’s love affair with Rhett Butler. Banned for language and dark themes related to war.

* ***To Kill a Mockingbird***by Harper Lee. Fiction. **DB077672**

Beloved Pulitzer prize-winning story about Scout Finch’s childhood in small town Alabama with her attorney father Atticus. Banned for profanity and adult themes.

* ***The Kite Runner*** byKhaled Hosseini. Fiction. **DB057457**

Bestseller about the friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father’s servant set in America and Afghanistan over a thirty year period. Challenged for its depiction of rape, vulgar language, and religious content.

* ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks***by Rebecca Skloot. Non-Fiction. **DB70661**

This is the award-winning chronicle of African American Henrietta Lacks who had cervical tissue removed and grown in culture -- without her permission – in 1951. The tissue produced the first continuously replicating human-cell samples for research. Challenged because it “has too much graphic information.” Recently turned into a movie starring Oprah!

***WTBBL Outreach***

Remember WTBBL when scheduling resource fairs, conferences, speakers and local events. Here are some events on the **Fall/Winter WTBBL Outreach schedule**:

* Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference
* Rock County Senior Fair
* Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association's 96th Annual Conference
* Appleton Lions 20th Annual Senior Living Expo
* Institute on Aging's Annual Colloquium
* VA Disability Fair
* Low Vision Support Group Presentation
* Presentation at Parkview Gardens Assisted Living
* Sports Camp for low vision youth at Marquette University
* Presentation at COLAND (Wisconsin Council on Library and Network Development) meeting
* Milwaukee County Zoo Senior Celebration
* Walk MS: Oshkosh
* Disability Pride Madison event
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Please contact **Katie** at **414-286-6918** or CEMallo@milwaukee.gov to schedule a speaker or exhibitor at an event.

***WTBBL Adult Book Club***

The book club meets on the phone using a toll free phone number, every other month on a Tuesday. There are two sessions from which to choose: **1:30 to 2:30 pm** or **6:30 to 7:30 pm**. The same book is discussed at both sessions.

The last WTBBL book discussion of 2017 will take place on **Tuesday, December 5**. The book is:

* **Come, Let Me Guide You: A Life Shared with a Guide Dog** by Susan Krieger (12 hours 5 minutes) **DB82649**/Available on BARD.



After relating her first years with guide dog Teela in **Traveling Blind: Adventures in Vision with a Guide Dog by My Side** (**DB71184**), Stanford professor Krieger returns with another book about her now-aging companion. She discusses her blindness and the many ways her relationship with Teela has enriched her life. Biography. Disability Interest. 2015.

Titles for the **2018 WTBBL Adult Book Club** have been selected by members. The list of book club dates and titles are:

Book Club **Tuesday,** **February 20, 2018**:

* **Camino Island** by John Grisham (8 hours 47 minutes) **DB88138** / Available on BARD

Thieves stage a daring heist from a secure vault below Princeton University's Firestone Library. Bruce Cable owns a bookstore in a sleepy resort town on Florida's Camino Island and dabbles in stolen books and manuscripts. Young novelist Mercer Mann is commissioned by a mysterious woman to learn Cable's secrets. Unrated. Suspense Fiction. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

##### Book Club Tuesday, April 10, 2018:

##### Saving Simon: How a Rescue Donkey Taught Me the Meaning of Compassion by Jon Katz (7 hours 11 minutes) DB81438 / Available on BARD

##### Bestselling author Katz owns a farm in upstate New York, and when an abandoned donkey was rescued near his home, animal control asked if he would take the abused animal. Katz nursed the donkey, named Simon, back to health, learning lessons of compassion along the way. Animals and Wildlife. 2014.

##### Book Club Tuesday, June 12, 2018:

##### Mrs. Poe by Lynn Cullen (12 hours 52 minutes) DB83743/ Available on BARD

##### 1845. Frances Osgood meets Edgar Allan Poe at a literary event. A relationship blossoms between them despite their marriages. In fact, Poe's wife Virginia encourages it and befriends Frances. As the connections deepen, Frances becomes unsure of what path she should follow. Historical Fiction. 2013.

##### Book Club Tuesday, August 7, 2018:

##### The Rainbow Comes and Goes: A Mother and Son on Life, Love, and Loss by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt (6 hours 4 minutes) DB84848 / Available on BARD

##### Conversation between Gloria Vanderbilt (born 1924) and her son, journalist Anderson Cooper (born 1967), concerning the lessons she has learned throughout her life dealing with such tribulations as the custody battle she was the subject of, the sudden death of her fourth husband, and the suicide of Cooper's brother. Biography. Bestseller. 2016.

##### Book Club Tuesday, October 9, 2018:

##### Into the Water by Paula Hawkins (11 hours 34 minutes) DB87699 / Available on BARD

##### A single mother turns up dead at the bottom of the river that runs through town. Earlier, a vulnerable teenage girl met the same fate. Now the woman's lonely fifteen-year-old girl is left with her mother's fearful sister--who has been dragged back to this place she ran away from. Unrated. Suspense Fiction. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

##### Book Club Tuesday December, 4, 2018:

* **Binoculars: Masquerading as a Sighted Person** by Philip F. DiMeo (7 hours, 15 minutes) **DBC04702**

For over 14 years, Philip DiMeo, a talented cartoonist and social worker, led a double life, masquerading as a fully sighted person, while becoming blind. He concealed his vision loss; a secret that he believed could potentially ruin his life, discovering that it actually opened doors. Autobiography. 2015.

For more information or to sign up, contact **Katie** at CEMallo@milwaukee.gov or **414-286-6918**.

***New Wisconsin Titles Available***

ABLE (Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement) has produced more Wisconsin books for your reading pleasure. These titles are available on digital cartridge (DB) or as BARD downloads.

Recent additions include:

* **The Christmas Carriage and Other Writings of the Holiday Season** by Alice Jane-Marie Massa. Fiction. **DBC08305**

Holiday memoirs, short stories, and poetry by a Wisconsin author. This collection includes remembrances of holidays in Indiana and Wisconsin, sure to put you in the holiday spirit.

* **Dead water** by Victoria Houston. Fiction. **DBC08228**

When two puzzling deaths stalk the fly fishermen of Loon Lake, Wisconsin, Police Chief Lewellyn Ferris must cease casting

and catch the killer. **Dead Water** is number 3 in the **Loon Lake Fishing Mystery** series.

* **Jews in Wisconsin** by Sheila Cohen. Non-Fiction. **DBC08236**

The stories of the struggles and successes of the Jews of Wisconsin.

* **And Good Night to All the Beautiful Young Women: a Tale of Episodic Dementia : the Parent Becomes the Child** by Joel Kriofske. Non-Fiction. **DBC08271**

This book explores with remarkable humor the relationship the Wisconsin author has with his father, a former FBI Special Agent, and the compassion and understanding in caring for him as he struggles with dementia.

***Technology Resources***

[AFB's Technology Resources for People with Vision Loss](http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/using-technology/12) free site (<http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/using-technology/12>) may help you improve your knowledge and use of a host of technologies. Topics include: Using a Computer; Cell Phones, Tablets, and Other Mobile Technology; Using Social Media, Online Shopping and Banking; Using Technology for Reading; Entertainment; Prescription, Health, and Fitness Management Tools; Smartphone GPS Navigation; Accessible Identification Systems.

***Words About WTBBL Services***

John says that “Talking Books is the best government-funded program there is.” He asked one our Readers Advisors “Do you think there are talking books in heaven?”

***Print/Braille Picture Books***

WTBBL has print/braille picture books that are great for sharing with a child. The new books are contracted braille using the Unified English Braille Code.

* **BR 21094- Our Great Big Backyard [braille]** by Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager; illustrated by Jacqueline Rogers. For grades K-3. 2016.

When her parents announce an epic road trip for their family’s summer vacation, Jane’s plans of playing video games and watching movies with her friends vanish. Instead, Jane experiences the wonders of the national parks and the outdoors.

* **BR 22017 Noisy Night [braille]** by Mac Barnett; pictures by Brian Biggs. For preschool-grade 2. 2017.

A glimpse into what a multilevel apartment building’s occupants and their many nighttime noises are like.

* **BR 21092 We Came to America [braille]** by Faith Ringgold. For grades

K-3. 2016.

Celebrate United States immigration and the country’s diverse immigrant heritage.

* **BR 21098 Trombone Shorty [braille]** / words by Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews; pictures by Bryan Collier. For grades K-3 and older readers. 2015.

Autobiography of music prodigy Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, who was leading his own band by age six. Today this Grammy-nominated artist headlines the

legendary New Orleans Jazz Fest. Coretta Scott King Award.

* **BR 22014-Tidy [braille]** by Emily Gravett.

For preschool-grade 2. 2016.

Pete, a badger who tidies up the forest, takes things a bit too far. He learns to love his woodsy home just the way it is.

* **BR 21099-Nobody Likes a Goblin [braille]** by Ben Hatke. For grades K-3. 2016.

Goblin and his best friend, Skeleton, live with treasure in their dungeon home. When a gang of adventurers swoops in and steals the loot and kidnaps Skeleton, Goblin finally ventures outside to save his friend.

***DB Cartridges for Sale***

The Perkins Library, through [*www.amazon.com*](http://www.amazon.com/), is selling several products to support use of "talking books" and **BARD** ([Braille & Audio Reading Download](https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/login/mainpage/NLS)). These cartridges work with the NLS player and are compatible with many other players. DAISY, MP3, and WAV files (often used for music) can also be placed on digital cartridges.

Featured DB cartridge sizes are:

* [4GB Blank Cartridge for Talking Book Players](http://www.perkins.org/4gb) (holds 768 hours of audio/35-45 average sized books) at $9.99 each
* [8GB Blank Cartridge for Talking Book Players](http://www.perkins.org/8gb) at $10.99 each NEW SIZE!
* [16GB Blank Cartridge for Talking Book Players](http://www.perkins.org/16gb) (holds 180 average-size books) at $13.99 each NEW SIZE!

To download books from BARD, you must:

* Be an authorized "Talking Book" patron; and
* Use a data transfer cable to connect a cartridge to your computer’s USB slot. You can request a cable from WTBBL.

If you wish to purchase products, but do not have access to *Amazon.com*, contact Perkins directly at (617) 972-7240 / (800) 852-3133 or Library@Perkins.org.

***New Audio Described DVDs***

WTBBL has audio described movies and TV shows available on DVD and VHS. You may have three movies checked out at a time. The loan period for each is one month.

A new movie catalog is available from WTBBL in large print, braille, or digital cartridge format. Here are some of the new DVDs by genre:

*Action*

* **DVD00924 – The Accountant**
* **DVD00925 – Allied**
* **DVD00939 – Allegiant**

*Biographical*

* **DVD00950 – Loving**
* **DVD00928 – I’m Not Ashamed**
* **DVD00933 – Bleed For This**
* **DVD00935 – Whiskey Tango Foxtrot**
* **DVD00956 – Queen of Katwe**

*Children’s*

* **DVD00952 – Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life**
* **DVD00953 – Moana**
* **DVD00958 – Sing**
* **DVD00959 – Super Why! Puppy Power**
* **DVD00961 – Trolls**

*Documentary*

* **DVD00941 – The Eagle Huntress**
* **DVD00946 – Invitation to Dance**

*Drama*

* **DVD00949 – The Light Between Oceans**

*Fantasy*

* **DVD00940 – Doctor Strange**

*Horror*

* **DVD00932 – Blair Witch**

*Musical*

* **DVD00928 – Annie** (Starring Jamie Foxx & Quvenzhane Wallis)
* **DVD00948 – La La Land**

*NOVA*

* **DVD00923 – Absolute Zero**
* **DVD00954 – Naturalist E.O. Wilson, Lord of the Ants**

*Romance*

* **DVD00943 – How to Be Single** (Romantic Comedy)
* **DVD00957 – Rules Don’t Apply**

*Science Fiction*

* **DVD00929 – Arrival**

*Thriller*

* **DVD00942** **– The Girl on the Train**
* **DVD00960 – The Take**
* **DVD00936 – Deepwater Horizon**
* **DVD00937 – Desierto**

*War*

* **DVD00927 – American Sniper**

***2017 Holiday & Post Office Closings***

* **November 23-24**- WTBBL Closed (Thanksgiving)
* **December 22-25** - WTBBL Closed (Christmas Eve & Christmas Day)
* **December 29, 2017-January 1, 2018**

WTBBL Closed (New Year’s Eve & Day)

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* **January 15** - WTBBL Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
* **February 19 -** No Mail (Washington’s birthday)
* **March 30 -** WTBBL Closed (Good Friday)
* **May 28** - WTBBL Closed (Memorial Day)
* **July 4** - WTBBL Closed (Independence Day)
* **September 3** - WTBBL Closed (Labor Day)
* **October 8** - No Mail (Columbus Day)
* **November 12** - No Mail (Veterans’ Day)
* **November 22-23** - WTBBL Closed (Thanksgiving)
* **December 24-25** - WTBBL Closed (Christmas Eve & Christmas Day)
* **December 31, 2018-January 1, 2019 -**  WTBBL Closed (New Year’s Eve & Day)