**Fall 2011 Newsletter of the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library**

**New Regional Librarian for Wisconsin**

Linda Vincent has joined the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library as the new Regional Librarian. She has worked for the Milwaukee Public Library System for over 20 years in a variety of jobs. She started in the Ready Reference Department, answering phones and keeping track of information clipped from the newspapers. The Internet wasn't being used then, so the library relied heavily on newspapers for ready answers about local events and statistics. Since then, Linda has worked in most of the Central Library departments; as well as with databases in the Automation Department. In 2000, Linda became a Neighborhood Library Branch Manager, gaining experience at the Bay View, Forest Home, Zablocki and Center Street Libraries. She is very pleased to have moved into the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library position. In her spare time, Linda likes to read mysteries, following Brewers baseball and Badger football and sharing time with family and friends.

**PLAN AHEAD for Upcoming Closures**

Here are dates when either USPS or WTBBL services will be unavailable:

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| October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day) | Monday | No Postal Service |
| November 11, 2011 (Veterans Day) | Friday | No Postal Service |
| November 24, 2011 (Thanksgiving) | Thursday | Library Closed |
| November 25, 2011 | Friday | Library Closed |
| December 23, 2011 (Christmas) | Friday | Library Closed |
| December 26, 2011 | Monday | Library Closed |
| December 30, 2011 (New Year's) | Friday | Library Closed |
| January 2, 2012 | Monday | Library Closed |

**Join Your Community's Big Read!**

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts which provides citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities.

Several Wisconsin cities are participating in a Big Read event. WTBBL can provide you with the recorded cassette or digital book for the title being read by your community. Here is a list of the institutions participating in the Big Read for 2012, the book they are reading and contact information about their Big Read event. Please contact the organization directly about events they may offer.

Milwaukee Public Library  
(414)286-3000  
To Kill a Mockingbird  
DB/RC 36414  
DV000190 (this is a VHS copy of the movie)

Kenosha Public Library  
(262)564-6132  
Sun, Stone and Shadows  
DB/RC 68735

UW-Whitewater, Young Auditorium  
(262)472-4444  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer  
DB/RC 53084

UW-Madison  
Madison's "Go Big Read" program is similar to the "Big Read," encouraging a common reading program throughout Madison (began in September 2011).  
<http://www.gobigread.wisc.edu/>  
Enrique's Journey  
DB/RC 62628

**Service Reminder!**

In order to assist us in providing the best possible service to you please remember to:

1. Include the address card when you return your books.
2. Double check the box to make sure the book or books are included.

**ABLE "Volunteer of the Year" interviewed by CBS58**

Audrey Hemmer, a 30-year volunteer Braillist with Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement, ABLE, was honored as ABLE's 2011 Volunteer of the Year. For the last 30 years, she's spent her retirement Brailling more than 60,000 pages including school books for blind students from preschool to college age, medical resources and forms, menus and much, much more. Many of those pages were library books produced for the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library. Ms. Hemmer and one of ABLE's Milwaukee Public School students, Kira, were interviewed by CBS58 on August 28, 2011.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities at ABLE. For more information, log onto [www.ablenow.org](http://www.ablenow.org/).

**New Wisconsin Books**

**DBW00012**  
A Theory of Relativity.  
Mitchard, Jacquelyn.  
In this striking novel by the author of "The Deep End of the Ocean", Mitchard tells the story of an ordinary family pushed to the edge over the guardianship of a baby girl.

**DBW00019**  
Maiden Rock  
Logue, Mary.  
After an all-night high school Halloween party, a young girl was found dead of an apparent suicide at the foot of Maiden Rock. Now Deputy Sheriff Claire Watkins is faced with a growing trend in her rural town - meth labs, doped-up teenagers, and young girls just looking for a way to escape their small-town lives.

**DBW00020**  
Rosebloom  
Keleny, Christine.  
Rose, a precocious young girl in 1930s Wisconsin, runs away from home to avoid going to high school and what she sees as a certain path to marriage and motherhood. She seeks adventure, but finds much more.

**Surrounded by cartridges with no cases? Do you have a lot of empty cases? WTBBL's circulation staff is looking for the return of our digital materials!**

In order for us to give all the quality service and quality reading material our patrons deserve, we need to have ALL materials returned in the correct cases. Any help our patrons can provide in this matter is GREATLY appreciated.

**A Selection of New Additions to the Descriptive DVD Collection**

(Please ask us for the DVD catalog if you don't already have one)

Each DVD is menu driven and setting up the audio description is easy

* From the main menu select setup
* Then select the descriptive video service (DVS) 2.0 option.
* Once you start playing the movie you should begin to hear the audio description.

**DVD00486**  
(500) Days of Summer  
(starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel, 95 min., 2009)  
This quirky romantic comedy chronicles 500 days of the offbeat relationship between a young greeting card writer and the girl of his dreams.

**DVD00487**  
Sunshine  
(107 min., 2007)  
This pulse-pounding journey to the sun is a nonstop thrill ride. In the year 2057, the sun is dying and mankind faces extinction. A courageous crew of eight men and women voyage to ignite the fading star with a massive nuclear weapon.

**DVD00488**  
Secretariat  
(starring Diane Lane and John Malkovich, 123 min., 2010)  
Disney presents an astonishing true story bursting with hope, heart and courage about an incredible horse, Secretariat, and his unlikely owner, a housewife who risked everything to make him a champion.

**DVD00489**  
The Karate Kid  
(starring Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan, 140 min., 2010)  
When Dre Parker and his mother move from Detroit to China, Dre feels lost and is bullied. His apartment building handyman, Mr. Han, agrees to teach him kung fu to defend himself. Training together, the two form a friendship that heals them both.

**DVD00490**  
The Dilemma  
(starring Vince Vaughn and Kevin James, 112 min., 2011)  
Ronny's world is turned upside down when he inadvertently sees something he should not have, and makes it his mission to get answers.

**DVD00491**  
Resident Evil: Afterlife  
(starring Milla Jovovich, 96 min., 2010)  
While out to destroy the evil Umbrella Corporation, Alice joins a group of survivors who want to relocate to the mysterious safe haven known Arcadia.

**DVD00492**  
Shrek: Forever After  
(starring Mike Myers, 93 min., 2010)  
Longing for the days when he was a "real ogre," Shrek signed a deal with Rumpelstiltskin to get his roar back which turns his world upside down.

**DVD00493**  
The Social Network  
(starring Jesse Eisenberg, 120 min., 2010)  
A chronicle of the founding of Facebook, the social networking site, and the battles over ownership that followed up the website's unfathomable success.

**DVD00494**  
The Sorcerer's Apprentice  
(starring Nicholas Cage, 109 min., 2010)  
Balthazar Blake is a modern-day sorcerer defending New York against dark forces who takes on a reluctant recruit to become the ultimate sorcerer's apprentice.

**DVD00495**  
The Tourist  
(starring Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie, 103 min., 2010)  
A suspense-filled international action thriller in which Frank, a mild-mannered American vacationing in Italy, meets Elise, a beautiful woman with a secret.

**DVD00496**  
The Other Guys  
(starring Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg, 107 min., 2010)  
Misfit NYPD detectives Gamble and Hoitz hate each other and their jobs when they stumble onto one of the biggest crimes in years.

**DVD00497**  
Tangled  
(starring Mandy Moore, 100 min., 2010)  
The kingdom's charming bandit, Flynn Rider, hides in a mysterious tower where he finds Rapunzel, a teen with 70 feet of magical golden hair!

**DVD00498**  
Despicable Me  
(starring Steve Carell, 95 min., 2010)  
Vying for the title of "World's Greatest Villain," Gru along with his crew of minions plots to steal the moon! But when Gru enlists the help of three little girls, they see something in him nobody else has ever seen: the perfect dad.

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