# Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library Bulletin Board Winter 2024 Newsletter banner

## **What’s Been Happening at WTBBL**

Welcome to 2024! Winter is here, but we won't let it slow us down. Check out everything going on:

* Our first **book club** meeting of the year is on Tuesday, February 6th.
* Get ready for the **Winter Reading Challenge**, which kicks off in February and runs through March. We have a vast collection of books for the challenge, so you'll never run out of reading material!
* Check out the new titles (DBCs) from our **WI Collection** in this Newsletter.
* Are you a Braille reader? We have received numerous new **braille books (BRs)** for both adults and children from NLS in the last quarter of 2023. Although we couldn't include all of them in the Newsletter, we're happy to give you access to the new braille titles. Contact us to learn more.

We're here to help with any questions you may have. Keep reading, stay well, and before you know it, spring will be here!

## **Winter Reading Challenge 2024**

Join the **WTBBL Winter Reading Challenge** this year to find some new books and stay nice and warm when it is chilly outside! This year the winter reading challenge encourages WTBBL patrons to find new books to read and read a little more! There are ten ideas to choose from, but to complete the challenge you only have to do seven. Below is the list of ten challenges:

1. Read a book with an animal character

2. Read a book with multiple narrators/perspectives

3. Read a book with a one-word title

4. Read a book recommended by a librarian (or Reader’s advisor)

5. Read a book written in the 1990s

6. Read a book about Wisconsin

7. Read a non-fiction book

8. Read a book you loved as a kid

9. Read a book that everyone else had to read in school but you didn’t

10. Read a classic

To sign up for the challenge email us at [**wtbbl@milwaukee.gov**](mailto:wtbbl@milwaukee.gov), call us at **1-800-242-8822** or **1-414-286-3045.** We will mail you a braille/large print sheet with the list of challenge ideas that you can mark off as you complete them. When you have completed the challenge, return the completed sheet in the preaddressed, free-matter postage envelope that is included.

## **Hot off the Press from the NLS**

Beginning February 6, 2024, patrons will be allowed to download no more than 250 books and magazines in any rolling thirty-day period from NLS BARD. This includes both audio and braille titles. It does not matter which platform or combination of platforms (phone, tablet, E-reader, computer, etc.) are used to download them. **A patron may download no more than 250 books and magazines in any rolling thirty-day period regardless of the format or the BARD interface used.**

The authorization limit is calculated by adding up the number of **“unique titles”** downloaded. This means a patron could download the same title on additional devices in that same thirty-day period without that download counting against the authorization limit.

## **Accessible Sudoku Generator**

Finally, there’s a free generator of accessible Sudoku puzzles: <https://sudokutodo.com/generator>

## **WTBBL 2024 Adult Book Club**

The WTBBL Adult Book Club meets by phone every other month on a Tuesday by using a toll-free phone number: **1-855-753-0200.** 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. Contact us for more information, or you can just call in at the appointed day and time!

### **Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

**The Maid: A Novel by Nita Prose DB106298** Twenty-five-year-old Molly Gray doesn't interact well with the world and misses her gran who codified it for her. She has gotten a job as a hotel maid and revels in her orderly duties. When she discovers a dead body in a room, Molly must unravel the real killer's identity. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2022.

### **Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

**Disfigured: On Fairy Tales, Disability, and Making Space by Amanda LeDuc DB111368** "Fairy tales shape how we see the world, so what happens when you identify more with the Beast than the Beauty? If every disabled character is mocked and mistreated, how does the Beast ever imagine a happily-ever-after? Amanda Leduc looks at fairy tales from the Brothers Grimm to Disney, showing us how they influence our expectations and behavior and linking the quest for disability rights to new kinds of stories that celebrate difference." -- Provided by publisher. --Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

### **Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

**The invention of Miracles: Language, Power, and Alexander Graham Bell's Quest to End Deafness by Katie Booth DB108369** We think of Alexander Graham Bell as the inventor of the telephone, but that's not how he saw his own career. As the son of a deaf woman and, later, husband to another, his goal in life from adolescence was to teach deaf students to speak. Even his tinkering sprang from his teaching work; the telephone had its origins as a speech reading machine. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

### **Tuesday, August 6th 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

**Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro DB102764** Klara, an Artificial Friend, possesses great observational skills, and loves to watch the humans around her. When she is purchased to act as a companion for an ill girl, she studies the emotions of her new family closely and tries to learn from them. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2021.

### **Tuesday, October 8th 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

**Five Decembers by James Kestrel DB108204** December 1941. America teeters on the brink of war, and in Honolulu, Hawaii, police detective Joe McGrady is assigned to investigate a homicide that will change his life forever. The trail of murder he uncovers will lead him across the Pacific, far from home and the woman he loves; and though the U. S. doesn't know it yet, a Japanese fleet is already steaming toward Pearl Harbor. Violence and strong language. Edgar Award. 2021.

### **Tuesday December 3rd, 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

**Radar girls by Sara Ackerman DB110294** An extraordinary story inspired by the real Women's Air Raid Defense, where an unlikely recruit and her sisters-in-arms forge their place in WWII history. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

## **New Audio Magazine Available on BARD**

The monthly magazine **Harvard Men’s Health Watch** is now available from the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. Let the doctors and researchers at the Harvard Medical School show you the way to a longer, healthier, happier life in the pages of ***Harvard Men’s Health Watch*.** Each month, you’ll be briefed on the latest health research and advances that will affect and improve your health. Easy-to-read, clear, and concise, *Harvard Men’s Health Watch* is full of actionable advice you can incorporate immediately into your daily routine.

This publication is available via Magazine on Cartridge and for download from BARD. Contact the **Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library** at **1-800-242-8822** or by email at [**wtbbl@milwaukee.gov**](mailto:wtbbl@milwaukee.gov)if you would like to sign up to receive it through the mail on cartridge.

## **Magazines No Longer Available**

The following magazines are no longer available as a print publication for producers to narrate or braille:

***Dogster*,** in braille and in audio

***Catster,*** in braille

## **The American Council of the Blind**

The American Council of the Blind (ACB) Wisconsin [**https://acb.org/affiliate-wisconsin**](https://acb.org/affiliate-wisconsin)meets every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Those interested can join by Zoom or telephone. For more information, contact Peter Heide at 1-608-356-8219 or [**pheide@centurylink.net**](mailto:pheide@centurylink.net).

## **Find New Wisconsin Titles Available on BARD**

Did you know you can easily search for our locally produced Wisconsin books on the BARD mobile apps?

First, open the BARD mobile app, navigate to Get Books, and select search. In the search bar, enter “WI1A” – our unique network library code, make sure it is set to a Keyword search, then press “Go.”

Twenty-five books will be displayed first, but as you scroll down the list will refresh to 50, 75, 100, etc.

## **New Wisconsin Titles Available**

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

### **Dead Frenzy by Victoria Houston DBC27401**

The small Northwoods town of Loon Lake, Wisconsin is set to host a competitive bass fishing tournament as Police Chief Lew Ferris and her friend Doc Osbourne try to crack an unsolved murder case. Book 4 in the Loon Lake Fishing Mystery series. Adult.

### **‘Dear Mrs. Griggs’: Women Readers Pour Out Their Hearts from the Heartland by Genevieve G. McBride DBC08197**

‘Dear Mrs. Griggs’ was an advice column written by Ione Quinby Griggs, which appeared in the Milwaukee Journal Green Sheet section. Unrated. Adult.

### **Ghostly Tales of Wisconsin by Ryan Jacobson DBC27324**

This chilling collection of stories features 28 ghostly tales of Wisconsin, based on reportedly true encounters. Violence. Adult.

**Justice for All: Selected Writings of Lloyd A. Barbee by Daphne E. Barbee-Wooten DBC15535** *Justice For All* is a collection of speeches, manuscripts, legislative comments, and transcripts organized based on his beliefs and what he fought for throughout the civil rights movement and during his tenure representing the 6th district of Milwaukee in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Adult.

**Meet Me on the Midway by Jerold W. Apps DBC24900** Rural historian Jerry Apps takes a look at the history of county fairs throughout the state of Wisconsin as well as the state fair. Adult.

**More Than Words: A Memoir of a Writing Life by Jerold Apps DBC27367** Wisconsin rural historian Jerry Apps reflects on his lifelong love of writing in this memoir. Adult.

**Tailing Trouble by Laura Scott DBC27316** The tale of homecoming Wisconsin veterinarian Ally Winter, who, along with her true-crime-loving grandfather and a handsome local detective, investigate a mysterious murder. Book 2 in the Furry Friends mystery series. Adult.

**Tenacious: Fifteen Adventures Alongside Disabled Athletes by Patty Cisneros Prevo DBC15421** The inspiring true stories of superstar disabled athletes and Paralympians. For grades 3-6.

**The Great Lakes Water Wars by Peter Annin DBC15506** Covers the history behind conflicts concerning the use and distribution of the water of The Great Lakes. Adult.

**The Milwaukee Mile by Brenda Magee with a foreword by Michael Andretti DBC15507** The Milwaukee Mile documents 130 years of racing history in Milwaukee telling the stories of famous drivers who have competed at the track in events from harness racing to NASCAR. Adult.

**Wisconsin Supper Club Cookbook: Iconic Fare and Nostalgia from Landmark Eateries by Mary Bergin DBC27327** Mary Bergin shares the stories behind forty of Wisconsin's classic supper clubs and provides recipes for some of their menu highlights. Adult.

## **Print/Braille Picture Books and Adult Braille**

WTBBL has print/braille picture books that are great for sharing with a child. We also have a few adult braille books listed as well. The new books are contracted braille using the Unified English Braille Code.

**100 Disasters That Shaped World History** by Joanne Mattern **BR 24612.** 2 volumes. For grades 4-7 and older readers. Also available as DB110757.

**16 Lighthouse Road** by Debbie Macomber **BR 24729.** 4 volumes. Some descriptions of sex and strong language. Adult. Also available as DB 55515.

**A Few Beautiful Minutes: Experiencing a Solar Eclipse** by Kate Allen Fox; illustrated by Khoa Le **BR 25059.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2.

**A Picture of Love: The Amish Inn Novels** by Beth Wiseman **BR 24672.** 3 volumes. Adult.

**A Truth to Lie for: An Elena Standish Novel** by Anne Perry **BR 24644.** 3 volumes. Violence and some strong language. Adult. Also available as DB111630.

**Afterparties Stories** by Anthony Veasna So **BR 24518.** 3 volumes. Strong language, some violence and some descriptions of sex. Adult. Also available as DB106193.

**Amari and the Great Game** by B.B. Alston **BR 24519.** 4 volumes. For grades 3-6. Also available as DB110174.

**American Murderer: The Parasite that Haunted the South** by Gail Jarrow **BR 24570.** 2 volumes. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

**Big Truck, Little Island** by Chris Van Dusen **BR 24402.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2.

**Bliss Montage** by Ling Ma **BR 24614.** 2 volumes. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. Adult. Also available as DB110623.

**Boards: Stylish Spreads for Casual Gatherings** by Elle Simone Scott **BR 24428.** 4 volumes. Adult. Also available as DB109873.

**Bodies are Cool** by Tyler Feder **BR 24404.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool - grade 2.

**Bubbles..Up!** by Jacqueline Davies **BR 23890.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2. 2021.

**By Hands Now Known: Jim Crow’s Legal Executioners** by Margaret A. Davies **BR 24631.** 5 volumes. Strong language. Adult. Also available as DB111375.

**Charlie & Mouse are Magic** by Laurel Snyder **BR024536.** 1 volume. For grades K-3. Also available as DB110699.

**Charlie & Mouse Lost and Found** by Laurel Snyder **BR024556.** 1 volume. For grades K-3. Also available as DB110314.

**Chester Van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme** by Avery Monsen; illustrated by Abby Hanlon **BR 24412.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2.

**Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley and Emmett Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement** by Angela Joy **BR 24746.** 1 volume. John Steptoe Award. For grades 2-4. Also available as DB112389.

**Counterfeit: A Novel** by Kirstin Chen **BR 24726.** 3 volumes. Strong language. Adult. Also available as DB108938.

**Cyborg Detective Poems** by Jillian Marie Weise **BR 24748.** 1 volume. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Adult. Also available as DB112400.

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Diper överlöde, book 17** by Jeff Kinney **BR 24623.** 1 volume. For grades 3-6 and older readers. Also available as DB111244.

**Dolly Parton Songteller: My Life in Lyrics** by Dolly Parton with Robert K. Oermann **BR 24608.** 5 volumes. Some strong language. Adult. Also available as DB102063.

**Dr. Fauci: How a Boy from Brooklyn Became America’s Doctor** by Kate Messner; illustrated by Alexander Bye **BR 23891.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Also available as DB104988.

**Everyday Dorie: The Way I Cook** by Dorie Greenspan; photographs by Ellen Silverman **BR 24468.** 5 volumes. Adult. Also available as DB108775.

**Eyes that Speak to the Stars** by Joanna Ho **BR 24411.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2. Also available as DB107282.

**Foster** by Claire Keegan **BR 24654.** 1 volume. Some strong language. Adult. Also available as DB111828.

**Gigi and Ojiji** by Melissa Iwai **BR 24980.** 1 volume. For grades K-3. Also available as DB113413.

**Go, Otto, Go!** by David Milgrim **BR 24364.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2.

**Grammar Girl’s 101 Misused Words You’ll Never Confuse Again** by Mignon Fogarty **BR 24520.** 1 volume. Adult. Also available as DB110189.

**Grumpy Monkey** by Suzanne Lang **BR 24400.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2.

**Halloween Cookbook: A Spooky of Halloween Recipes for Trick or Treat the Kids and Halloween Party by Stephen G.J. BR 24458.** 1 volume. Adult.

## **New Audio-described DVDs**

WTBBL has audio-described movies and TV shows available on DVD and Blue-Ray. You may check out three movies 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. Here are some of the new DVDs by genres:

### **Action and Adventure**

65 (DVD01319)

Devotion (DVD01311)

Fast X (DVD01321)

Little Dixie (DVD01334)

Sisu (DVD01328)

The Machine (DVD01337)

### **Animated, Children’s Movies & TV**

Puss in Boots (DVD01330)

Strange World (DVD01291)

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (DVD01327)

The Super Mario Bros. Movie (DVD01323)

### **Biographical**

Big George Foreman (DVD01318)

BlackBerry (DVD01293) Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance With Somebody (DVD01300)

### **Comedy**

80 for Brady (DVD01296)

A Man Called Otto (DVD01303)

About My Father (DVD01304)

Are You There God? It’s Me, Margaret. (DVD01306)

Asteroid City (DVD01297)

Book Club: The Next Chapter (DVD01299)

Confess, Fletch (DVD01294)

Fool’s Paradise (DVD01308)

House Party (DVD01315)

Magic Mike’s Last Dance (DVD01338)

No Hard Feelings (DVD01332)

Paint (DVD01335)

### **Detective and Mystery**

Marlowe (DVD01329)

### **Drama**

A Good Person (DVD01289)

A Thousand and One (DVD01307)

Babylon (DVD01305)

Empire of Light (DVD01310)

Rare Objects (DVD01341)

The Son (DVD01343)

Women Talking (DVD01336)

### **Horror**

Beau is Afraid (DVD01314)

Bones and All [Blu-ray DVD] (DVD01290)

Consecration (DVD01317)

Evil Dead Rise (DVD01309)

Renfield (DVD01331)

Skinamarink (DVD01326)

The Blackening (DVD01345)

The Pope’s Exorcist (DVD01325)

### **Romance**

Perfect Addiction (DVD01340)

### **Science Fiction and Fantasy**

Avatar: The Way of Water (DVD01295)

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (DVD01292)

Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (DVD01313)

Knights of the Zodiac (DVD01333)

Shazam! Fury of the Gods (DVD01347)

The Flash (DVD01324)

### **Sports**

Champions (DVD01322)

Creed III (DVD01312)

### **Thriller**

Confidential Informant (DVD01298)

God’s Country (DVD01316)

Jesus Revolution (DVD01301)

Kandahar (DVD01302)

Missing (DVD01346)

Operation Fortune: Ruse de Guerre (DVD01339)

Plane (DVD01342)

The Covenant (DVD01344)

### **War**

All Quiet on the Western Front (DVD01320)

**2024 Holiday & Post Office Closings**

February 19, 2024, Postal Holiday

March 29, 2024 Good Friday

May 27, 2024 Memorial Day

June 19, 2024 Juneteenth Day

July 4th 2024 Independence Day

September 2, 2024 Labor Day

October 14, 2024 Postal Holiday

November 11, 2024 Postal Holiday

November 28, 2024 Thanksgiving

November 29, 2024 Day After Thanksgiving

December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve

December 25, 2024 Christmas Day

December 31, 2024 New Year’s Eve

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