**Bulletin Board Newsletter**

**Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library**

**Spring 2012**

**WTBBL Update**

You may have found yourself talking to new staff on the phones recently. That is because WTBBL has two new staff members: Outreach Librarian Roxanne Staveness and Office Assistant Emme Tomtschik. They are enjoying getting to know all of you and helping with your requests. Roxanne is a librarian who most recently worked at the Milwaukee Public Library’s East Library. Emme worked in Circulation at the Milwaukee Public Library’s Zablocki Library. Last month, we sadly said good-bye to Bill Graczyk and Meredith Wittmann. Bill retired after working for WTBBL for more than 19 years. Meredith is home with her new son, Joseph. Mom, Dad and Baby Joey are all doing well.

**New National Library Service Director**

Karen A. Keninger began serving as the new Director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), as of March 26, 2012. Karen is the past Director of the Iowa Department for the Blind and past Director of the Iowa Library

for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

**Please Note: Important Player Upgrade**

Your digital player is being upgraded. As with many technological advances, it is a very simple process for you. Digital books are being sent out with software revision 2.1.7 on them, so when you plug the book cartridge into the player, the machine will announce, “Updating your player’s software; please do not power off your player or remove the cartridge from the player.” There will be a series of beeps while the machine is updating. The upgrade takes a very short time and when the update is complete, the machine announces, “Software upgrade completed; stand by while your player is restarted.” Please do not remove the cartridge while it is updating the player’s software.

One of the main features of the upgrade is the fact that all conventional USB flash drives should work with the player now, although this causes a 30% reduction in available battery play time. Also, the User Guide has been updated with information about the “Bookshelf” feature.

**Flashdrives and Battery Life**

If you use a flashdrive (aka thumbdrive or USB drive), your battery life will be reduced. It is a good habit to plug the player into the wall outlet as often as possible. Having the player plugged in for 8-9 hours will produce a full charge.

**2012 WTBBL Holiday & Library Closings:**

Friday, May 25 Furlough Day

Monday, May 28 Memorial Day

Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day

Friday, Aug. 31 Furlough Day

Monday, Sept. 3 Labor Day

Thursday, Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Day

Friday, Nov. 23, Day after Thanksgiving

Monday, Dec. 24 Library Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 31, Library Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 New Year’s Day

**New Wisconsin Books**

Novelist Jacqueline Dougan Jackson tells stories of growing up on her family’s farm near Beloit in these two books:

Stories From the Round Barn. DBW00013

More Stories From the Round Barn. DBW00021

Book orders can be sent “FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND” but be aware that postal regulations require that envelopes be UNSEALED.

**Talking About Talking Books**

Help us spread the word about the Talking Books program! Please thank your doctor or therapist for referring you to our program. If you need a speaker for a meeting at your center or for your social club, please contact us. Roxanne or another staff member will be very happy to give a presentation. We also can provide you with a brief article about the Talking Book service that can be shared in a newsletter.

**Do You Enjoy Westerns?**

There is a new Westerns Bibliography available. It lists both audio and braille books. If you’d like a copy, just contact us and we’ll mail it out on the next business day.

**NOTES:** You should know that notes included with returned cartridges do not always reach us here at the Talking Book Library. It is usually more effective to phone us or correspond with us in a letter.

**The Olympics Are Coming To London!**

July 27- August 12, 2012

(Paralympic Games -Aug. 29-Sept. 9, 2012)

The Naked Olympics: The True Story of the Ancient Games DB/RC 58757 by Tony

Perrottet [c 2004]

Women Olympic Champions DB/RC 54640 by Nathan Aaseng [For grades 5-8]

The Olympics: A History of the Modern Games DB/RC 36082 by Allen Guttmann

[c 1992]

The Story of the Olympics DB/RC 50298 by Dave Anderson [For grades 5-8]

Babe: The Life and Legend of Babe Didrikson Zaharias DB 41027 by Susan E.

Cayleff [Golf]

She Got Game DB/RC 55996 by Cynthia Cooper [Basketball]

American Son: My Story DB/RC 67784 by Oscar de la Hoya [Boxing]

No Limits: The Will to Succeed DB 68428 by Michael Phelps [Swimming]

Wilma Rudolph: A Biography DB/RC 65511 by Maureen Margaret Smith [For

senior high readers] [Track and Field]

Jesse Owens: An American Life DB/RC 24839 by William J. Baker [Track and

Field]

Jim Thorpe, Original All-American by Joseph Bruchac – DB/RC 37973 [For

grades 6-9, Fiction] [Track and Field]

On the Field With...Mia Hamm DB/RC 57997 by Glenn Stout [For grades 4-7]

[Soccer]

**The Economist Now Available On BARD**

An audio edition of The Economist is now available for download through the Braille and Audio Reading Download system (BARD).

The Economist is part of a pilot project to increase the availability of magazines to patrons. Subscriptions to The Economist will not be offered on cassette, but the magazine will be available on physical media when the magazine program has transitioned to cartridge.

**Hotline for Voting Rights**

For polling site accessibility or voting rights questions, call Disability Rights Wisconsin toll-free at 800-928-8778.

**2011 Act 124 Wisconsin**

Assembly Bill 322 became effective on April 3, 2011. It relates to accessible materials for students with disabilities enrolled in institutions of higher learning. This is a very important bill. For more information, contact your State Representative.

**Recently Acquired Audio-Described DVD Titles**

Ask us for our updated list or check the online catalog to get the full descriptions.

DVD00499 Burlesque

DVD00500 Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel

DVD00501 Easy A

DVD00502 Nanny McPhee Returns

DVD00503 No Strings Attached

DVD00504 Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time

DVD00505 Iron Man 2

DVD00506 Eat, Pray, Love

DVD00507 Leap Year

DVD00508 Megamind

DVD00509 Morning Glory

DVD00510 Green Hornet

DVD00511 MacGruber

DVD00512 Justin Bieber: Never Say Never

DVD00513 Nova: Deadliest Earthquakes

DVD00514 Prohibition

DVD00515 Nova: Secrets Beneath the Ice

DVD00516 Frontline: The Spill

DVD00517 Frontline: Facing Death

DVD00518 Nova: How Does the Brain Work?

DVD00519 Nova: How Smart are Animals?

DVD00520 Nova: Can We Live Forever?

DVD00521 Secrets of the Dead: China’s Terracotta Warriors

DVD00522 Cuba: The Accidental Eden

DVD00523 True Grit

DVD00524 Arthur: What’s Cooking

DVD00525 Arthur: Operation D.W.

DVD00526 Arthur: Francine’s Pilfered Paper

DVD00527 Arthur: The Making of Arthur

DVD00528 Paranormal Activity 2

DVD00529 Priest

DVD00530 My Soul to Take

DVD00531 Battle: Los Angeles

DVD00532 X-Men First Class

DVD00533 Tron Legacy

DVD00534 I am Number Four

DVD00535 Soul Surfer

DVD00536 The American

DVD00537 The Eagle

DVD00538 Mars Needs Moms

DVD00539 Rio

DVD00540 Rango

DVD00548 Hanna

DVD00547 Skyline

DVD00546 The Adjustment Bureau

DVD00545 The Roommate

DVD00544 Transformers Dark of the Moon

DVD00543 Sanctum

DVD00542 Thor

DVD00541 Fast Five

DVD00551 Dinner for Schmucks

DVD00550 Paul

DVD00549 Jumping the Broom

DVD00555 Your Highness

DVD00554 Prom

DVD00553 How Do You Know?

DVD00552 Little Fockers

DVD00558 Bridesmaids

DVD00557 Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son

DVD00556 Just Go With It

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