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**What’s Been Happening at WTBBL!**

Hello Readers!

Fall is here and with the changing colors comes the colder weather, which means that it is the perfect time of year to do some extra reading! WTBBL continues to work hard to make sure you have all the books you need.

This summer brought many changes to the library. We are pleased to welcome Zarina Mohd Shah as our new Management Librarian. She comes to us with experience in library management, library reference, and outreach at WTBBL. In circulation, we are excited to welcome LaShonda E. and Joselyn M.

Don’t forget to keep reading!

**Summer Reading Wrap Up!**



Congratulations to all our Summer Readers! A number of young people participated in the WTBBL’s Libraries Rock Summer Reading Program. They earned prizes by logging reading hours over the summer and submitting the reading log to WTBBL. Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun! And join us again next year!

**What is BARD?! Talking Book and Braille and Audio reading Download (BARD)**

**BARD** stands for **B**raille and **A**udio **R**eading **D**ownload. It is an internet-based service from the NLS that enables the user to download books to their personal devices.

Did you know that your talking book library offers talking books and magazines available for immediate download to your iOS or Android device? If you did not, you are not alone! When asked if they used BARD, many WTBBL patrons responded with their own question: What is BARD?

So let’s clear up the confusion. BARD is an internet-based service which allows patrons to download books directly to their personal devices. BARD has thousands of books and magazines available for download with no waiting!

Patrons can sign up for BARD at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/login//NLS> or call WTBBL at 1-800-242-8822 to get started. In order to use BARD, a patron must have an email address and be in good standing with the library.

**WTBBL Customer Satisfaction Survey**

In the Spring/Summer Newsletter WTBBL included a survey for our patrons to fill out to give us feedback. So far, we have received almost 250 responses from our patrons all over the state.

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to answer the questions! We appreciate the kind words we have received as well as the suggestions for ways to improve the service.

If you still haven’t gotten around to filling it out, you have until December! We will let everyone know the results of the survey and the winners of the drawing in the next newsletter.

**The Bookshelf: Award Winners: Pulitzer Prize Fiction**

If you are looking for your next great read, why not try a prize winner? The Pulitzer Prize for fiction is a prestigious award given to American authors. It is meant to recognize great American works that have been published within the preceding calendar year. This list includes some of the most recent years’ winners, but we also have many older winners.

* ***The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead **DB85212**

Cora, a third-generation slave, flees the plantation where she lives. She escapes with a man who claims to know how to get to the Underground Railroad. Once there, she discovers it is in an actual railroad, and that every stop shows her moments of horror and joy. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017 winner.

* ***The Sympathizer*** by Viet Thanh Nguyen **DB82047**

Saigon of 1975 is in chaos. Meanwhile, a South Vietnamese general decides who will receive the last flights out of the country, including himself, his allies, and his trusted captain. Unbeknownst to him, however, the captain observes and reports to the Viet Cong. Some violence and some strong language. 2016 winner.

* ***All the Light We Cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr **DB79182**

When Paris is invaded by the Nazis, Maru Laure LeBlanc’s father evacuates her to St. Malo to stay with her great uncle. Blind since the age of six, Marie-Laure must learn the town by a scale model that her father has left her. Then, the Germans arrive. Violence and some descriptions of sex. 2015 winner.

* ***The Goldfinch*** by Donna Tartt **DB77453**

At the age of thirteen, Theo Decker survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is raised by wealthy family friends. As he grows older, his one connection to his mother - a painting - draws Theo into New York City’s underground art world. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014 winner.

* ***The Orphan Master’s Son*** by Adam Johnson **DB74282**

North Korea. Pak Jun Do spends his childhood on an orphan slave-labor crew- even though his father runs the orphanage. Later he is placed on kidnap duty, snatching Japanese citizens whose skills are needed. Over time, his assignments grow increasingly dangerous. Violence, strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2013 winner.

***No Award Given in 2012***

* ***A Visit from the Goon Squad*** by Jennifer Egan **DB71810**

The members of a fictional 1980’s San Francisco punk band, along with their groupies, enjoy temporary fame and settle into middle age. Sasha, a secretary and kleptomaniac, and her music-producer boss Bennie Salazar, the former bass player, self-destruct before seeking redemption. 2011 winner.

**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!

**WTBBL Outreach**

Remember WTBBL when scheduling resource fairs, conferences, speakers and local events.

Here are some events on the Fall/Winter WTBBL Outreach schedule:

* 21st Senior Living Expo: Celebrating Life After 50
* Rock County Senior Fair
* National White Cane Day Celebration
* Saving Vision: Macular Degeneration Symposium
* Low Vision Support Group Presentations
* Walk MS
* Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans Annual Power Lunch
* Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference
* Special Education Conference
* White Cane Day Celebration

Please contact Katie at 414-286-6918 or WTBBLoutreach@milwaukee.gov to schedule a speaker or exhibitor for an event.

**WTBBL Adult Book Club**

The WTBBL Adult 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.

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

* **Binoculars: Masquerading as a Sighted Person** by Philip F. DiMeo DBC04702

For more than 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, yet discovered that it actually opened doors. Autobiography. 2015.

**2019 WTBBL Adult Book Club Dates and Titles**

**February 5, 2019:**

***Little Fires Everywhere*** by Celeste Ng **DB89018**

Elena Richardson and her family lead an orderly existence in Shaker Heights, Ohio, until Mia and her daughters rent a house from them. When a neighbor tries to adopt a baby, Elena and Mia end up on opposing sides of the custody battle. 2017.

**April 9, 2019:**

***The Last Bus to Wisdom*** by Ivan Doig **DB083412**

When eleven-year-old Donny’s grandmother goes into the hospital for surgery, she sends him to her sister Kate in Wisconsin/ Donny and Kate do not get along, so he decides to run home to Montana. Kate’s husband, Herman the German joins him. 2015.

**June 4, 2019:**

***Occupying Aging: Delights, Disabilities and Daily Life*** by Katherine Schneider **DB085915**

Retired psychologist and avid reader provides a year’s worth of daily –and often humorous musings. Illustrates how she has personally approached life now that the circumstances of being blind from birth and struggling with fibromyalgia for two decades have been combined with the issues that accompany aging. Includes a recommended reading list. 2013.

**August 6, 2019:**

***The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild*** by Lawrence Anthony **DB085906**

Conservationist relates his experiences caring for a rogue herd of elephants on his South African game reserve. Describes his misgivings in accepting them, challenges faced with the herd and the local communities, lessons learn from individuals elephants and the joys and sorrows he encountered. 2009.

**October 8, 2019:**

***Before we were yours*** by Lisa Wingate **DB088202**

The five Foss children are left alone at home in 1930s Mississippi and subsequently kidnapped by notorious child dealer Georgia Tann. In the present day, Avery Stafford meets the elderly May- who used to be Rill Foss and is the sister of Avery’s Grandma Judy. Avery investigates her Family’s history. Unrated commercial audiobook. 2017.

**December 3, 2019:**

***The Girl who wrote in Silk*** by Kelli Estes **DB83170**

Inara Erickson travels to the Puget Sound to clear out her dead aunt’s house. There she discovers an intricately embroidered sleeve. As she delved into its history, she finds the story of Mei Lien, who lived in 1886 and was chased from the area. 2015.

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**New Wisconsin Digital Talking Books**

* ***Dead Water*** by Victoria Houston **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 **DBC08236**

The author uses personal accounts and detailed historical information to bring to life the struggles and successes of the Jews in Wisconsin as they adjust to life in their new home.

* ***Milwaukee Mayhem: Murder and Mystery in the Cream City’s First Century*** by Matthew J. Prigge **DBC08257**

The Wisconsin author uses Milwaukee’s turn-of-the-century news to chronicle the most horrific and mysterious, crime-driven events that happened in the Cream City’s dark past.

* ***Death on a Starry Night*** by Betsy Draine and Michael Hinden **DBC08263**

Art historian Nora Barnes and her husband Toby Sandler attend a Van Gogh conference in France. While there, they investigate two mysteries involving the famous painter's death and a missing painting. Based on real events. Book three in the Nora Barnes and Toby Sandler mystery series.

* ***And Good Night to all the Beautiful Young Women: A Tale of Episodic Dementia: The Parent Becomes the Child*** by Joel Kriofske **DBC08271**

Wisconsin author explores his relationship with his aging father, a former FBI Special Agent. He uses humor to discuss the struggles of caring with compassion and understanding for his father as he progresses in his dementia.

* ***The Audacity of Goats*** by J.F. Riordan **DBC08283**

Fiona Campbell's adventures on Washington Island in Door County, Wisconsin, continue with a series of unsettling nighttime incidents, new out-of-state goat farm owners, an unexpected retirement, and an equally unexpected run for candidacy by a nasty neighbor. Book Two in the North of the Tension Line Series.

* ***The Hemingway Thief*** by Shaun Harris **DBC08302**

Ebbie Milch, small-time thief, has stolen the never-before-seen first draft of

Ernest Hemingway's *A Moveable Feast*. Novelist Henry "Coop" Cooper and hotel owner Grady Doyle team up with Milch on a deadly adventure hunt for a cache of Hemingway stories lost in 1922.

* ***The Christmas Carriage and Other Writings of the Holiday Season*** by Alice Massa **DBC08305**

Wisconsin author’s collection of holiday stories, memoirs and poetry. This collection includes remembrances of holidays in Indiana and Wisconsin, sure to put you in the holiday spirit.

**New Braille Books**

* ***Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*** by Derrick D. Barnes **BR022031**

Celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly cut hair. For grades K-3. 2017.

* ***After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*** by Dan Santat **BR022032**

After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but he is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds. For preschool-grade 2. 2017.

* ***The Wolf, the Duck & the Mouse*** written by Mac Barnett; illustrated by Jon Klassen **BR022033**

When a mouse is swallowed by a wolf, he meets a duck that was previously devoured. The duck has set up a table to enjoy the food the gluttonous predator eats, but when a hunter comes after the wolf, the two must act to protect their new home. For preschool-grade 2. 2017.

* ***The Three Billy Goats Gruff*** by Jerry Pinkney **BR022034**

A retelling of a Norwegian folktale. Three goats must outwit the troll living under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain. For grades K-3. 2017

* ***The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors*** by Drew Daywalt and Adam Rex **BR022035**

From the Kingdom of the Backyard, Rock searches for a worthy adversary that might best him. Meanwhile, Paper and Scissors set off on their own quests for competitors. For grades K-3. 2017.

* ***A Different Pond*** written by Bao Phi; illustrated by Thi Bui **BR022036**

A young boy wakes early, hours before his father's long workday begins, to fish on the shores of a small pond in America. Between hope-filled casts, the father tells his son about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam. For grades K-3. 2017.

* ***Silent Days, Silent Dreams*** by Allen Say **BR022037**

An imagined biography of James Castle--a deaf, autistic artist—whose exceptional talent was recognized later in life. Despite mistreatment and being misunderstood, James presents his personal view of the world through art that now hangs in major museums throughout the world. For grades 2-4. 2017.

* ***All the Way to Havana*** by Margarita Engle; illustrated by Mike Curato **BR022038**

A boy helps his father keep their very old car running as they make a trip to Havana for his newborn cousin's zero-year birthday. For preschool-grade 2. 2017.

**2018 Holiday & Post Office Closings**

* 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)

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