

NEW STAFF

We have a new part-time staff person that will be answering the phone when you call. Kelli will be in the LBPH department on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. She also works at the public circulation desk and is used to providing reader advisor service at the public desk upstairs. Please help us welcome Kelli to our team.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

We have a black and white Optelec magnifier and an Aladdin Ambassador text to speech scanner that are up for adoption. If you are interested in this equipment please call us at the library at 810-982-3600 or toll free 1-800-272-8570 to make arrangements to pick up the equipment.

All the equipment that we pass on to you has been donated by other library patrons or their families that can no longer use them. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of the people that make these donations and therefore provide some of you the opportunity to use this adaptive equipment.

DONATIONS

We would like to thank the following people who have made donations to the St. Clair County LBPH: Eunice and Pearl Lutz, Barbara Weil, and the St. Clair County Library Friends. Your generous donations help us to stretch our budgets a little bit farther. Thank You from all the staff.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation please make checks out to St. Clair County Library System and write LBPH on the note line. Send donations to St. Clair County LBPH, 210 McMorrان Blvd., Port Huron, MI., 48060-4014. Thank you.

READER ADVISOR NOTES

Spring will be approaching before you know it and we would like to remind everybody to be on the lookout for any stray cassettes, cartridges, and boxes that you may find while doing your spring cleaning. We especially need you to be diligent about returning the mint green cartridges and grey boxes. We have a limited number available for doing downloads and our supply is getting very low.

When you are not using your new Digital Talking Book Machine the battery is discharging, even if it's not being played. To avoid damage to the battery by letting it drain completely, we recommend that you keep your player plugged in whenever possible.

All calls and correspondence for your library service should be directed to this library: St. Clair County LBPH, 210 McMorran Blvd., Port Huron, MI., 48060-4014 or call 810-982-3600 or toll free 1-800-272-8570.

NLS MAGAZINES

We are patiently awaiting the announcement of when magazines will be shipped in the digital format. When that change does take place those of you who want to return your old cassette players and books may do so and we can stop sending that format. Please call the library before sending back your cassette players and tell us to stop cassette service or we may think that you need a replacement player and send one out.

All machines and books are government property and will have to eventually be returned to the NLS in Washington. As a sub-regional library we have to account for all materials that the NLS has provided to us for your use so please return any books and equipment that you are no longer using, even if they don't work anymore.

REGIONAL LIBRARY NEWS

The Libraries without Walls Conference this year will be The Freedom of Digital books. The 10.00 cost will include morning refreshments, box lunch, and an afternoon snack. The conference will be held at the Lansing Community College West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, Michigan on Tuesday, June 4th, from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

The keynote speaker will be the new director for NLS, Karen Keninger. Participants can attend three breakout sessions lasting one hour each starting at 11:00, 1:30, and 2:45. Breakout sessions to choose from are: IOS (iPhone and iPad), Android OS, Mac computing, JAWS Screen reader, Window-eyes screen reader, screen enlargement software comparison between ZoomText and Magic, Braille book production, and k-12 reading using the IOS devices.

The regional library has updated their Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) to include the new Digital Talking Books. This is an additional resource for you to select your own books that we send to you. Before you can use the OPAC you must first call the library to get your personal ID and set up a password. You will have the ability to place books onto your request list or have books sent as soon as they are available. You can even download a book from BARD by selecting the link under the book description. The web address for the OPAC is: www.michigan.gov/ordertalkingbooks.

When you bring up the OPAC website you will find helpful links on the left side like: a step by step tutorial for how the OPAC works, the Talking Book Topics catalogs, and the NLS Catalog. When you use the OPAC to send books to yourself those items will be sent, if available, on the next business day.

If you are one of our large print readers you will still have to contact us here to make any requests. While there are large print selections on the OPAC they do not belong to our sub-regional library.

BLUE WATER LEAGUE OF THE BLIND

The BWL invites you to join their group. They meet on the third Thursday of each month at the North Grotto Hall, 2884 Krafft Rd., in Fort Gratiot, at 6:30 pm. This group promotes Braille literacy, mobility, independence and equality for the blind and visually impaired. A Blue Water League promo can be found on Facebook and YouTube, or check out their website at www.bwlblind.com.

Please contact Jerry Clay at 810-329-0124 for more information. BWL's next scheduled event is:

- April 12th, Book Club Meeting at the Carriage House. The books being read are: A Secret Kept by Tatiana De Rosnay and A Wanted Man by Lee Child.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

The Low Vision Support Group of River District Hospital continues to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the St. John's River District Hospital, meeting room 1, from 11 am to 12:30 pm. For more information contact Paul Dailer at 810-329-5172. Upcoming speakers are:

- April 3rd, Jim Relken
- May 1st, Loss of Pet Grief Counseling by Judy Campbell.
- June 5th, Norm
- July 3rd, meeting cancelled

NLS SURVEY

The Library of Congress National Library Service (NLS) will be conducting a survey to understand how to better serve the needs of readers of talking books and braille beginning March 11th.

This is your chance to let NLS know what you think about the library service, good or bad, and what we could do in the future to improve your library service. You do not need to be a current library patron to participate in this survey. Please call 1-866-545-1618 or take the survey online at www.LibraryOfCongressSurvey.com.

POST OFFICE CHANGE

The United States Postal Service has announced that beginning the week of August 5th, 2013 they will no longer deliver mail to street addresses on Saturdays. The only mail that will be delivered will be packages. If your mail is sent to a PO Box, Saturday deliveries will continue.

Library materials are treated as first class mail and will be delivered Monday through Friday to your homes. To ensure you don't run out of books over the weekends we suggest that you don't wait until you have a stack of books ready to go out to the mailbox. Return each book you read as soon as you are finished with it. The sooner a book is on its way back to the library the sooner we can send you another selection.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The LBPH will be closed the following days:

- Monday May 27th, for Memorial Day.
- Thursday, July 4th, for Independence Day.

If you think you will run out of books, please call us a few days before the holiday to be sure we have time to get them into the mail for you.

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TO CALL US DIAL:



982-3600 Local Calls
1-800-272-8570 Toll Free

TO CALL THE TTY DIAL:



455-0200 Local Calls
1-866-462-2075 Toll Free



TO SEND US A FAX:

810-987-7326

SEND E-MAIL TO:

lbph@sccl.lib.mi.us



VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT:

www.sccl.lib.mi.us/LBPH.aspx

TO VISIT US:



Check in at Circ Desk

Please call ahead

Mon—Fri 8:30 am—5:00 pm