

BLUE WATER LEAGUE OF THE BLIND

The BWLB and everyone here at the library would like to send our deepest sympathy to the family of Jeanette Geno, who passed away recently. Jeanette was a past President of the Blue Water League of the Blind, an avid reader and volunteer here at the library. She will be greatly missed.

UP FOR ADOPTION

We have an “EVS Flipper Video Magnifier” available to the first taker. You will need to connect this magnifier to your own TV or monitor. We have not tested it but were told that it does work.

This color magnifier sits on a desktop and you place materials to be viewed under it, or you can flip the camera to an upright position to view distant images more effectively. Call the library at 1-800-272-8570 if you have need of this device. It comes in its own carrying case and weighs about 10-12 pounds.

ACCESSIBLE TAX FORMS AND HELP

Many of the IRS tax forms are available in accessible formats for you. Visit www.irs.gov to download or view publications in text only, large print, braille, or accessible PDFs. These formats are compatible with screen readers and refreshable braille displays. You can also call 1-800-829-3676 to request accessible forms by mail.

If you need help preparing your taxes you can contact the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at 1-800-906-9887 or the AARP Tax Aid Program at 1-888-227-7669 to locate an assistance center near you.

If you live in St. Clair County, the AARP will be preparing taxes at the Marysville Branch by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays through early April. The AARP has requested that you make arrangements to get their checklist of important documents to bring with you when you make your appointment by calling the Marysville Branch at 810-364-9493.

MAGAZINE UPDATES

The audio magazine Smart Computing has ceased publication and NLS has selected Wired as a replacement. Wired is a monthly magazine that reports on how emerging technologies affect culture, the economy and politics.

If you were getting Smart Computing, you will automatically receive Wired. If you would like to sign up for Wired please call the library at 1-800-272-8570 and we will be happy to add it for you. Remember that all magazines must be returned promptly to the producer to continue getting your subscriptions.

To avoid having overdue magazines you may want to download them through the BARD website at: <http://nlsbard.loc.gov>. Contact the library if you would like more information about downloading your own books and magazines.

Effective January 1, 2014, NLS has indefinitely suspended the Young Adult Magazine of the Month program due to declining interest. The regular Magazine of the Month program will continue.

DIGITAL PLAYER TIPS AND TRICKS

There is no need to rewind a digital book when you are finished with it; even if you are in the middle of a book. Your digital talking book machine will recognize a book that has not been played yet and automatically start at the beginning. Your player will also recognize a book that you have already listened to as well, by announcing "End of Book" when that cartridge is inserted.

If you want to listen to a book again, press the "Play/Stop" key after hearing the end of book announcement. The next announcement you will hear is "End of book, press play/stop key to go to the beginning of book". Press the "Play/Stop" key once more and the player will start at the beginning of that book.

BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY

Here are some selections to get you into the spring spirit. Please contact the library if you would like us to send you any of these books.

The Spring Cleaning Murders DB 65823, by Dorothy Cannell. Ellie Haskell, housewife extraordinaire, seeks a new maid after her beloved Roxie quits. But when Gertrude Large, a member of Roxie's local charwomen's association, is murdered, Ellie turns to sleuthing. Aided by her husband and various cleaning products, Ellie tackles Gertrude's former clients to tidy up – and snoop around – their homes. 1998.

The Ultimate Container Gardener: all you need to know to create plantings for spring, summer, autumn, and winter DB 54750, by Stephanie Donaldson.

Describes how to display flowers, herbs, and other plants in baskets, window boxes or hanging containers for both inside and outside the home. Advice with instructions for year round cultivation and selection of items for color, fragrance, and location. 2001.

Get Organized with Heloise DB 59215, by Heloise.

Good Housekeeping magazine columnist offers solutions for putting home and family in order. Using her "five minutes or five things" daily plan (time, budget, saving tips) and letters from readers. Heloise explains how to get rid of household clutter, organize kids and pets, and reduce travel-related chaos. 2004.

Garden Flower Folklore DB 29669, by Laura C. Martin.

A botanical reference guide to more than one hundred flowers and their history. Information on each flower is listed by blooming seasons and include common name, genus, species, family, brief description and cultivation methods. Also contains interesting tidbits about each flower.

BOOKTALKERS BOOK CLUB

The Book Talkers next meeting will be on April 25th at 6:30 pm at the United Way Carriage House, 1723 Military Street, Port Huron. The books to be discussed are:

The Death Dealer by Heather Graham, DB69361.

A serial killer stalks members of New York City's Poe Society. Philanthropist Genevieve O'Brien, whose mother belongs to the group, hires PI Joe Connolly to investigate. Guided by information that he recently began receiving from dead people, Connolly examines the background of surviving group members. Strong language, explicit descriptions of sex and some violence. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

The Widow of the South by Robert Hicks, DB60662.

1864. Carrie McGavock's Tennessee plantation becomes a Confederate hospital. Caring for wounded sergeant Zachariah Cashwell rejuvenates Carrie, who is mourning her children's deaths. Decades later, before 1,500 graves can be plowed for farmland, Carrie has the soldiers reburied in her backyard- then Zachariah returns. Some strong language. 2005.

TECHNOLOGY HELPERS

Hadley School for the Blind has posted some very helpful videos about how to use the vision accessibility features on your iOS7 devices. Go to the website www.youtube.com/user/HadleySchool and look for the "All New Instructional Videos" link.

There are 16 videos in all, that include: Checking the Weather, Recording a Voice Memo, Setting an Alarm, Using the Timer, Composing an Email, Using the Notification Center, Setting Bookmarks in Safari, Accessing the Control Center, Handwriting with iOS7, Resetting your iDevice, BARD Mobile App, Using the Rotor, Beginning Gestures in Voiceover, Sending a Text Message, Placing and Receiving Phone Calls, and Vision Accessibility Features, and Setting Bookmarks in Safari.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE TO THE LIBRARY

If you have a Kroger grocery store in your area you can get a Kroger's Plus card which gives you savings on some of the regular price of items in their stores, each week they have different specials. They also have a program called Kroger Community Rewards where they will make a donation to non-profit organizations such as the library based on a portion of your purchases.

After getting your Kroger Plus card go online to Kroger's website at: www.krogercommunityrewards.com and sign up for an account. Once you have registered, go to the "My Account" link and then go into "Access My Profile". Click on the "Community Rewards" link and then select the "Enroll" link. You can select the library by clicking on "St. Clair County Library" or by searching for the number "91876".

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The LBPH will be closed the following days:

- Monday, May 26th for Memorial 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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www.sccl.lib.mi.us/LBPH.aspx

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Please call ahead

Mon—Fri 8:30 am—5:00 pm