

SUMMER READING FUN

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is Fizz, Boom, Read! We encourage you to join your local libraries' program. For the St. Clair County Library System, the program runs from June 16th to August 9th. Please let us know if you need extra books or if you have special requests for reading materials at 1-800-272-8570 or 810-982-3600.

You may also want to join the Braille and Talking Book Library program which runs from June 9th to August 28th and is open to readers ages 0-21. For every 5 hours you read your name will be entered into the grand prize drawing of a \$50 gift card. They will also be giving away a \$25 gift card randomly to someone who completes a science experiment and submits a summary of their experiment to the library. To join the fun and get your activity packet contact our Regional Library at 1-800-992-9012 and ask to talk to Stephanie, the Youth Librarian.

AMERICAN ACTION FUND FOR BLIND CHILDREN AND ADULTS

All blind youth, blind parents, teachers of the blind, schools, and libraries serving the blind are eligible to participate in the Free Braille Books Program. The AAF started this program in 1997 and provides a free Braille book every month from popular children's reading series. This year they are featuring books recommended by "Good Reads", a book recommendation website, for younger readers and books written by Gordon Korman for older readers. The books are for the children to keep and collect for as long as they want them.

To register, go to their website at: www.actionfund.org/free-braille-books. Fill out the Free Braille Books application on line or you can also print a word version that can be faxed or mailed back to them. If you have a Braille Display you can download the braille files directly. To contact them dial: 1-410-659-9315 ext. 2287 or send email to: actionfund@actionfund.org.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Camp Abilities Michigan (CAM) is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 Corporation chartered by the State of Michigan. This is their first annual sports camp and is operated by volunteers, college students and others studying in the field of Physical Education, Adapted Physical Education and Special Education.

Camp will be held at the Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan on August 20th – 22nd, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This day camp is open to ages 8-17. Some of the activities will be Goal Ball, Beep Base Ball, along with yoga, arts and crafts, and cooperative games. To get more information about this sports camp opportunity call: 1-586-945-6597 or email: scmcmamara23@campabilitiesmichigan.org, or visit their website to download registration forms at: www.campabilitiesmichigan.org .

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series is your ticket to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites. Each pass covers entrance fees and standard amenity fees for personal vehicles (up to four adults at sites that charge per person). Children age 15 or under are admitted free. There are four types of passes that can be obtained in person at a federal recreation site or through the mail. Annual, U.S. Military, Senior, and Access passes are available.

The Annual Pass is available to anyone for \$80. It's good for one year and is non-transferable. The U.S. Military pass is a free annual pass to military members and their dependents. The Senior Pass is a \$10 lifetime pass for any U.S. citizen age 62 and over. The Access Pass is free to U.S. citizens with permanent disabilities. There is an additional \$10 fee to process mail applications. To learn more about this pass series call 1-888-275-8747.

BARD UPDATES

Have you downloaded something from BARD recently that wouldn't play on your Talking Book Machine? You may have accidentally downloaded a Braille file. You must have a Braille display unit to access these files. You can change your account settings by looking for the link "Update Account Settings" under the additional links on the BARD home page and change the display results to "Audio Only". Now when you search for books your list will only include files that will play on your Talking Book Machine.

BARD is now showing several new prefixes on book numbers. Here are some tips to help you out. Anything that starts with DBF is a foreign language audio (there are 17 different languages available), DBM is from the music collection (these are music appreciation and instruction audio books), DBN are Network books that have passed quality assurance with NLS, DBC are other Network digital books, and books that begin with DBE are gifts or special acquisitions. As a rule of thumb anything that starts with a B is a Braille file and D is a Digital Audio file.

You may now subscribe to your favorite magazines on BARD. What this means is that when a magazine is loaded onto the BARD website it will also be added to your wish list for easier access to the download. You may also opt to receive an email when new issues are available. Remember that using this feature will not affect magazine subscriptions that are sent in the red boxes to you. If you prefer to get your magazines by downloading them yourself please call us to cancel the MOC (Magazine on Cartridge).

NLS now has a contract with Random House and Penguin to get commercial audio titles. This is great news for readers who are looking for the newest releases because you will now have less time to wait before getting audio books that are produced by these publishers.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS

The Low Vision Support Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at St. John River District Hospital in East China. Upcoming speakers will be Tyler Brady from Life Care Martial Arts on July 3rd. He will be demonstrating self-defense using your white cane. On August 6th, the speaker will be someone from Leader Dogs. For more information about this group please contact Paul Dailer at 810-329-5172.

Blue Water League of the Blind, or BWL for short, meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Grotto Hall in Port Huron. They are a nonprofit organization for people with varying degrees of visual impairments, their family, and friends. They encourage independence and outdoor activities. The BWL is affiliated with the Michigan Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired, known as the MCBVI, and the American Council of the Blind (ACB). For more information about the BWL please call President Gerald Clay at 810-329-0124 or Vice President Phyllis Magbanua at 810-966-9185.

BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY

Great Lakes Shipwrecks & Survivals DB47621, by William Ratigan.

History of maritime disasters on each of the North American inland seas: Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie, Superior, and Ontario. Describes how vessels and their crews functioned during catastrophic storms. A separate section details the November 1975 wreck of the cargo ship Edmund Fitzgerald.

The First Phone Call from Heaven DB77804, by Mitch Albom.

People in the town of Coldwater, Michigan, begin receiving phone calls from loved ones in heaven. As the news spread worldwide, disgraced pilot Sully Harding, who has just been released from jail, wants to investigate the phenomenon. But Sully's young son wants a call from his late mother. Bestseller. 2013.

BOOKTALKERS BOOK CLUB

The Book Talkers next meeting will be on June 27th at 6:30 pm at the United Way Carriage House, 1723 Military Street, Port Huron. The books to be discussed are:

Friends Forever: a novel by Danielle Steel, DB75208.

Izzie, Gabby, Billy, Sean, and Andy are best friends all through their private school days in San Francisco. Their teen years bring parents' divorces, blended families, and college applications. But tragedies occur once they enter the real world. Some strong language, Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

Second Suns: Two Doctors and Their Amazing Quest to Restore Sight and Save Lives by David Oliver Relin, DB77130.

The late coauthor of Three Cups of Tea (DB64285) describes following ophthalmologists Geoffrey Tabin and Sanduk Ruit as they perform eye surgeries in rural Nepal. Discusses the 1995 founding of the Himalayan Cataract Project to prevent blindness in the Third World. 2013.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The LBPH will be closed the following days:

- Friday, July 4th for Independence Day.
- Monday, September 1st for Labor 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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