

BARD UPDATES AND INFORMATION

At the end of August, you might have noticed that the BARD site was down for a few days. The update improved the login page. Now when you arrive at the login page for BARD the focus goes directly to the edit box where you enter your email address. Some screen readers will require you to press the enter key to jump into the edit box.

How many books can you put on one cartridge is a question that we often hear. If you want to take full advantage of a cartridge or thumb drive you have purchased for your Talking Book Player, this is how to guesstimate how many books you can save to your device. Look at the reading time for a book and figure that you will need 11 megabytes of storage per hour of narration. There are 100 megabytes in 1 gigabyte, so a one gigabyte storage device will hold just under 96 hours and a two gigabyte device will hold about 192 hours of reading enjoyment.

For the library to continue providing the BARD downloads to those that are unable to download for themselves, we need you to send back the mint green cartridges that arrived to you in a grey box and any other books you have had longer than four weeks. We are running low on these cartridges and it will limit how many patrons we can serve special order books to. If you currently have one of these cartridges we may require you to return it before we can do more downloads for you.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have recently moved or changed any of your contact information such as your email address, telephone number, or alternate contact, please take a moment to contact the library at 982-3600 or 1-800-272-8570 to update your information.

Also call us if you would like any of your reading preferences changed like the number of books being sent or reading subjects.

CHOICE MAGAZINE LISTENING

Choice Magazine Listening (CML) is a free audio anthology sent out every three months. They select memorable writings from over 100 leading newspapers and magazines that include 12 hours of unabridged articles, fiction and poetry.

CML is a nonprofit created by the Lucerna Fund in 1962 for adults unable to read standard print. The magazine they offer is on a cartridge that can be played on your Digital Talking Book Player or you may download the magazine directly to your computer from their website.

You can contact CML toll free at 1-888-724-6423 or Email choicemag@aol.com to request their magazine. To download the magazine from their website go to www.choicemagazinelisting.org.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS

The Blue Water League of the Blind will be celebrating 60 years this November! If you know of a person with a visual impairment or are interested in learning about coping with vision loss, please contact the BWL through their website at www.bwlblind.com. For information about upcoming events such as the Lions picnic or the Halloween trip to the apple orchard, contact Phyllis Magbanua at 810-966-8195.

The Low Vision Support Group that meets at St. John River District Hospital in East China has some great speakers lined up. October's guest speaker is Dr. Brady from Life Care Chiropractic. In November they will have a representative from Michigan Commission for the Blind. Bill Mortimer will talk about Leader Dogs in December. For more information call Paul Dailer at 810-329-5172.

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Don't forget this November 4th is the Primary Election. October 6th is the last day to register for November's election. Look for or ask about the AutoMARK terminal which makes voting accessible to all.

CURRENCY READERS FOR THE BLIND

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) has partnered with the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) to distribute the iBill Talking Money Identifier to visually impaired individuals.

The iBill identifies U.S. bills in the denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 dollar bills. It's about the size of a thin pager and runs on one "AAA" battery. It will announce a bills denomination by audio, a series of beeps, or a series of vibrations.

Any of our blind or visually impaired library patrons will be allowed one free reader. To request your free reader, call the library at 982-3600 or 1-800-272-8570. We will add you to the distribution list and the device will be sent as soon as they are available. We will only be able to process your request if you registered as a blind or visually impaired reader when you started your library service.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The LBPH will be closed the following days:

- Monday, October 13th for Staff Development Day.
- Tuesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.
- Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving.

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



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Serving St. Clair, Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties

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Library Service Survey 2014

It's time for your library to do our bi-annual survey about the service we provide to you. Your responses are important to us and will let us know if we are providing the best service possible. If you are unable to use the print format to fill in the survey and would like to phone in your responses, we will be happy to mark your answers on a blank form here at the library.

This is an anonymous survey, but if you have questions, concerns, or wish to make any changes to the library service being provided to you, please call us on our toll free line at: **1-800-272-8570**. We strive to provide the best possible service but we can't fix something if we don't know you are unhappy with what is being sent to you.

Please take a few minutes to answer the following 16 questions. When you have completed marking your answers, simply fold this sheet so that the Library's return address is showing on the outside and tape it closed. No postage is necessary.

2011 LBPH Patron Survey

1. What is your age group?
 1-18 40-49 70-79
 19-29 50-59 80-100
 30-39 60-69 100+
 2. Why do you use the LBPH service? **Choose one.**
 pleasure work independence
 school other (specify)
 3. Which material do you use most? **Choose one.**
 Braille Cassettes Digital Books
 Magazines Described Videos Newspapers
 Large Print Books
 4. How often do you contact the St. Clair County LBPH?
 daily weekly monthly annually never
 5. If you left a voicemail, was your request completed?
 yes no not sure
 6. How do you rate our service?
 excellent good neutral fair poor
 7. How likely are you to recommend St. Clair County LBPH service to someone?
 I would recommend likely not likely
 8. In what format do you prefer getting your newsletter in?
 Braille Large Print Cartridge
 Email Web site PDF file Web site MP3 file
 I don't read the newsletter
- *** Please call the library if you want to change the format that you are currently receiving.
9. Are you still using the cassette player and tapes?
 yes no

10. Are you satisfied with the new digital player and cartridges?

yes no

11. Do you have difficulty using the bookshelf feature of your digital talking book player?

yes no

I have not received multiple books on one cartridge.

12. If you use a computer to go on the internet, do you...?

visit LBPH website order library items Facebook

BARD downloads NLS catalog *don't use a computer

* If you do not use a computer please skip to question #15.

13. How do you rate the BARD download website for ease of use?

excellent good neutral fair poor

someone downloads for me.

14. If you do not use BARD, please explain why.

I do not have access to a high speed internet connection.

I do not use computers or e-mail.

I prefer to get books through the mail.

15. Are you aware of the Assistive Technology available for your use at the library?

yes no

16. Are you aware that St. Clair County LBPH is a full service library? We provide most of your materials from this location. Other LBPH's in Michigan are converting to Advisory and Outreach Centers (AOC), where all the materials are sent from Lansing.

yes no

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

This information is helpful for us to better understand what you want from the library service that we provide to you. If you have any additional comments please contact the library at:

Call 810-982-3600 or 1-800-272-8570 or Email: lbph@sccl.lib.mi.us

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