

## **SUMMER READING CLUBS**

It's almost time for summer reading clubs to begin across the state. We encourage you to check with your local public library to see what great programs they are offering this summer. If there are any specific books you would like to enjoy for summer reading clubs or your local book clubs, please call us at 810-982-3600 locally or toll free 1-800-272-8570. You may also contact us through email at [lbph@sccl.lib.mi.us](mailto:lbph@sccl.lib.mi.us).

Our Regional Library, the Braille and Talking Book Library in Lansing, is running a statewide Summer Reading Program available to all youth ages 0-18. If you are in this age group you will automatically receive a registration form in the mail, or you can call the Regional Library toll free at 1-800-992-9012 to register.

You will win free prizes just for registering by June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story!" The program runs from June 22<sup>nd</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Participation is fun and easy. All programming is completed through the mail or the BTBL toll free number at 1-800-992-9012.

The Reading Challenge is to read any three books and report the book information back to the library to be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing. There will be one braille winner and one winner for all other formats. You may only enter once for each qualifying format you read.

There will be a gift card to the winner of the Essay Challenge. Write one to three paragraphs about either of these two topics: Who is your real-life hero and why? Or if you could be a superhero, who would it be and why? Participants of this challenge agree to allow the library to use their essays for promotional activities such as posting on the library website or in the newsletter.

## **LIBRARIES WITHOUT WALLS 2015**

Open access, removing barriers, and creating opportunities for all is what this event is all about. This year's conference will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., held at the Lansing Community College West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone Dr., Lansing, MI 48917. This event is sponsored by Bureau of Services for Blind Persons: Braille and Talking Book Library.

The purpose of this conference is to provide instruction on how adaptive technology meets the information needs of persons with visual or physical impairments via the internet, online catalogs and electronic media. The cost of this event is \$15.00 and includes lunch. A variety of exhibitors will be there to showcase adaptive technology from 10:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Registration forms have been mailed to all library patrons. For more information about this event contact Scott Norris at 1-800-992-9012 or [noriss5@michigan.gov](mailto:noriss5@michigan.gov). The sponsor requests that you register by May 25, 2015 so they have enough lunches for all the attendees.

## **NETFLIX BEGINS AUDIO DESCRIPTION**

Netflix is working hard to improve their service and accessibility to their members by adding audio description on selected titles and series shows like Marvel's Daredevil, House of Cards, Orange is the New Black, and Marco Polo.

Audio description is a sound track inserted between actors speaking that describes action, scenery, costumes and actors facial expressions on a program you are watching that may not be seen by those with low or no vision.

Customers will be able to choose the audio narration just like selecting the soundtrack for different languages. Netflix is working with studios and other content owners to increase the amount of audio description as well as exploring audio description for other languages in the future.

## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

If you are a member of a support group or know of an organization that would like a presentation about our library service please call us toll free at 1-800-272-8570. We will be happy to demonstrate the digital player and tell you all about the library service we offer free of charge to qualifying individuals and institutions.

Beginning in August, the Blue Water League of the Blind will now be meeting at the United Way Carriage House, 1723 Military Street, Port Huron every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The August meeting will be an Ice Cream Social at the Carriage House. The BWLB will be doing a mobility walk on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. meet at Vantage Point and bring a sack lunch. On July 16<sup>th</sup> there will be a picnic at Metcalf Beach starting at 11 a.m. Any questions, please call Phyllis Magbanua at 810-966-9185.

## **NATIONAL AGRABILITY PROJECT**

Agrability is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). They are currently serving 24 states, including Michigan. The national website can be found at [www.agrability.org](http://www.agrability.org) or their toll-free number is 1-800-825-4264. The "Toolbox" link on this website offers a wealth of assistive technology ideas as well as articles containing techniques and suggestions that can help with a variety of disabilities from making your farmhouse accessible to modifying farm equipment to adjust for mobility issues.

The Michigan Project can be contacted by calling 1-800-956-4106 or their website at [www.michiganagrability.org](http://www.michiganagrability.org). They provide services to farmers with injuries, illnesses, or aging conditions so they can continue the occupation and lifestyle they love. All services are provided free of charge through Easter Seals Michigan (ESM). The cost of new equipment or modifications made to old equipment, the farm operation, or the farm home is typically covered through the state, via Michigan Rehabilitation Service. ESM-Agrability staff will help the farmer navigate the state system to access these supporting funds.

**WARNING-INFORMATION-NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

The Warning Information Notification System (WINS) is a public service alert system that includes over 150 categories of weather, emergency, and non-emergency alerts. These alerts can be sent to your home phone, smartphone, TTY, email, or text messages from St. Clair County departments and other local government entities.

This program works in conjunction with the St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The information you provide is protected and will not be used for any other purpose.

When registering for notifications be sure to press the “+” symbol at the beginning of each category to see and select each type of notification you want to be informed of. In the weather category you can set a “do not disturb between” time for non-emergency alerts. You can enter up to five addresses that are important to you. Only people who have a register address in the immediate area of an emergency will receive the alerts.

Go to [www.bereadystclaircounty.org/main/home.aspx](http://www.bereadystclaircounty.org/main/home.aspx) to enroll in the WINS notification system. Click on the WINS icon on the top of the webpage. If you have any other questions contact the Office of St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management at 810-989-6965.

**BOOKTALKERS BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting for the Booktalkers Book Club will be July 24<sup>th</sup> at the United Way Carriage House in Port Huron. The selections this time are “The Longest Ride” by Nicholas Sparks, DB77603; and “A Readers Book of Days: True Tales from the Lives and Works of Writers for Every Day of the Year” by Tom Nissley, DB77901.

For more information about the book club, contact Mary here at the library 810-982-3600 or 1-800-272-8570.

**SENIOR FAIRS 2015**

The St. Clair County Library for the Blind will be in attendance at all three senior fairs this summer that are held in the Thumb Counties. If you are in the area, stop in and say hello and visit all the other vendors. Don't forget to register for the door prizes that are given away throughout the day (must be present to win).

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will be at the Huron County Senior Fair, held at the Bad Axe High School, 200 North Barrie Road, Bad Axe.

Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will be at the Tuscola County Senior Fair, held at the Cass City High School, 4868 North Seeger St., Cass City.

Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. we will be at the Sanilac County Senior Fair, held at the Sandusky High School, 191 Pine Tree Lane, Sandusky.

**LIBRARY CLOSING**

The LBPH will be closed the following day:

- o Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 THE TTY DIAL:**



455-0200 Local Calls  
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Mon—Fri 8:30 am—5:00 pm