

AUDIBLE PRESCRIPTION LABELS

Progress has been made in the past couple years with a few major pharmacy chains in offering audible prescription labels to their customers. You may now get this service by mail and at two local pharmacies.

Walmart has ScripTalk, which has been available to mail order customers for the past two years. They are now implementing ScripTalk at any of their local pharmacies when a customer requests it. If your local pharmacist is not familiar with the program, tell them to search for ScripTalk on the WIRE, which is Walmart's internal communication system.

Walgreens now offers a Talking Pill Reminder for mail order and local pharmacies. Customers need to request this service from their local pharmacist or call their customer service number at 1-800-925-4733.

CVS currently offers an audible prescription via its mail order pharmacy only. This may change with increased demand by customers in the future.

EQUIPMENT UP FOR ADOPTION

We currently have a TTY (Text Telephone) which is used by individuals with hearing or speech problems to communicate by phone. A TTY is required at both ends of the conversation in order to work. We also have a Voice Activated Dialer phone system that needs a home.

We appreciate the generosity of the individuals that donate this type of equipment so that others in need may be able to use it. If you are interested in either of these devices, please contact the library at 982-3600 or 1-800-272-8570 to make arrangements for pick up.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS

The Blue Water League of the Blind will enjoy a dutch treat, Valentine's luncheon on February 19th, at the Junction Buoy in Marysville from 1-4 pm. For more information about this or upcoming events, contact Phyllis Magbanua at 810-966-9185. 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.

The Low Vision Support Group meets at St. John River District Hospital in East China on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am. For more information or to find out which speakers are lined up for the coming months, call Paul Dailer at 810-329-5172.

UNIFIED ENGLISH BRAILLE (UEB)

Beginning January 4, 2016, NLS will implement the Unified English Braille (UEB) code. This is the first extensive change to braille code since the 1930's. Current users should make the transition easily as the new code builds on the old system and the same six-dot cell pattern. The new code will drop some contractions, use different spacing rules, and allow for a wider array of symbols. The updates will benefit technology users.

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) has a couple of free publications that will help you make the transition to UEB. The "Overview of Changes from Current Literary Braille to UEB" and "The ABCs of UEB: A Guide for the Transition from English Braille American Edition (EBAE) to the Rules of Unified English Braille (UEB)" explains the differences between the two codes.

To request a free copy of either of these publications in braille, contact Kim Charlson at 617-972-7248 or e-mail: kim.charlson@perkins.org. If you are a computer user you can download these publications from the following website: www.brailleauthority.org.

LADIES HOME JOURNAL MAGAZINE IN BRAILLE

Ladies' Home Journal has switched from a monthly to a quarterly, newsstand-only magazine. The NLS will provide the quarterly edition in braille if a predictable print distribution schedule is established.

MAGAZINES ON CARTRIDGE (MOC)

NLS has increased the loan period for the Magazines on Cartridge (MOC) that come to you in the red box. The type of magazines that are on a cartridge will determine the new loan period. Hopefully this extra time will make your magazines more enjoyable and you won't feel so rushed to get them back on time.

If you receive a cartridge that has just weekly magazines on it, you will have three weeks to read them instead of one week. If the cartridge contains weekly and monthly magazines together, you will have seven weeks to read them instead of four weeks.

FALL SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all who answered the survey that was sent with the fall newsletter. Your responses help us to know what is most important about the library service we offer. Here is what we learned:

Eighty-three percent of you read for pleasure, more than half of you are using just the new digital books and equipment with an 82% satisfaction rate. Most people who have received multiple books on one cartridge have not had a problem using the Bookshelf feature to navigate between books. Everyone rated the library service either excellent or good, and 80% would recommend the service to others. Fifty-five percent of the responders do not use a computer. With that in mind, we will try not to go too heavy on websites in the newsletter.

Travel someplace unexpected with any of the following books as an escape from the snow and cold. Please let us know if you would like any of these books sent to you by calling the library at 1-800-272-8570.

My favorite place on earth: celebrated people share their travel discoveries DB71781, by Jerry Camarillo Dunn.

Seventy-five actors, athletes, writers, journalists, and other noted individuals discuss their favorite places. George Lucas describes his personal connection with Monument Valley, Utah, where he made a student film. Contributors include Buzz Aldrin, Deepak Chopra, Jane Goodall, Suze Orman, James Taylor and Donald Trump. Provides visitor information. 2009.

Weird U.S.: your travel guide to America's local legends and best kept secrets DB61177, by Mark Moran and Mark Scurman.

A collection of seemingly fantastic tales corroborated with actual events and historical data whenever possible. Grouped not by geography but by broad topics including ancient mysteries, unexplained phenomena, bizarre beasts, local heroes and villains, ghosts, and cemeteries. Covers Emily's Bridge in Vermont and the Winchester Mystery House in California. 2004.

Horatio's drive: America's first road trip DB57572, by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns.

Account of the first cross-country automobile trip in the United States. In 1903 Horatio Jackson, a thirty-one-year-old Vermont doctor, bet fifty dollars that he could drive from San Francisco to New York despite only 150 miles of paved roadway in the entire nation. Introduction by Ken Burns, maker of a companion PBS documentary. 2003.

A Week in Winter DB76309, by Maeve Binchy.

Chicky Starr returns home to Stonebridge in western Ireland after twenty years in New York City. Chicky restores a dilapidated mansion and makes it into a boutique hotel with the help of her niece and a friend's son. A motley crew of characters become their first guests. Bestseller. 2012.

CURRENCY READERS FOR THE BLIND

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) Currency Reader project is now open to all qualifying citizens/legal residents of the United States.

All individuals interested in receiving a free currency reader will need to complete and submit an application directly to the BEP. You can print an application from either of these websites:
www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderform.html or
loc.gov/nls/other/currencyreader/index.html. You may also request the application from the BEP call center at 1-844-815-9388.

Another option for those that use an Apple iOS device is to look for the EyeNote at the app store. The app is free and is compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch. This app is optimized for iPhone 5.

LIBRARY CLOSING

The LBPH will be closed the following day:

- Monday, May 25th, 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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