

DIGITAL BOOKS AND PLAYERS

Some of the books you receive may contain updates for your digital player. If you plug in a book and you hear the message, **“Updating your player’s software; please do not power off you player or remove the cartridge from the player”**, do not be alarmed. Your digital player will make beeping sounds while the new software is being installed to the player. When it is finished you will hear the announcement: **“Software upgrade complete; stand by while your player is restarted”** and then the message **“Player on”**. Your player will resume functioning normally by announcing the book that was inserted into the player.

We plan to send out overdue notices again soon. These notices are meant to remind you that the digital books are only checked out for four weeks and we have a lot of books on request lists that other readers are waiting to get. Please contact us if you receive a notice and there are items listed which you don’t have or wish to renew. You may renew an overdue book for an additional four weeks, but please return all books promptly.

After talking to someone who got an overdue notice last fall and told us that they didn’t have the book anymore called back a couple days later to say that the missing book was found behind a piece of furniture balancing on the edge of the shoe molding at the floor. The book wasn’t spotted during regular cleaning because it never landed on the floor where it could be seen.

If you receive an overdue notice and there are books listed that you don’t have, please look around to be sure they haven’t landed in an unlikely place. Call the library and let us know if you received and returned the books already or never got the books. Each library needs to account for materials on loan to patrons and this will help our efforts to serve all book requests as promptly as possible.

BOOKTALKERS BOOK CLUB

The next selections for the book club are: Still Summer by Jacquelyn Mitchard, DB65269, and Home Before Dark by Susan Wiggs, DB 67014. The next meeting will be at the Carriage House 6:30p.m., on April 13th.

The book club is open to anyone who would like to join. Stop by the next meeting or call Mary at the library at 982-3600 for more information.

SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all who responded to the survey that went out with the last newsletter. The following are some of the top answers to questions we asked.

The top three answers to how many hours per week you read were: more than 12, 3-6 hours, and 6-12 hours per week. 85% of the responses said they read for pleasure. Which materials are used the most? 69% use digital books, 39% use cassettes, and 12% read large print books. 78% of the responses indicated that they are getting just the right number of books. If you answered too many or too few books being sent please call us so we can make changes to suit your reading needs.

85% rated the LBPH service as excellent and 17% said it was good. The top three ways patrons have found out about our service was: a friend or relative, a librarian, and their doctor. The top 4 responses to what you like about the new player are: easy to use, better sound, lightweight, and longer lasting battery. 71% of the responses said they do not have a computer and 92% do not use the BARD download website.

Thank you again for your responses and remember if there is anything that we can change to make your reading experience more enjoyable please call the library at: 1-800-272-8570.

DESCRIBED VIDEOS

Some libraries are getting rid of their VHS described video collections to make room for the new DVD format. Our library was able to adopt some titles that we did not have. Please call the library if you would like to borrow any of the following titles.

ET10037 Honey I Blew Up the Kid

ET10030 Frosty the Snowman

ET10728 Shattered Glass

ET10729 Planet Outlaws

ET10730 Ministry of Vengeance

ET10150 Titanic

Et10641 Port of New York

ET10802 Andy Griffith Show "Manhunt"

ET10804 Matlock "The Seduction"

ET10807 Matlock "The Stripper"

We have not added any new DVD's to our collection because most require the help of a sighted person to find and turn on the descriptions.

VISIONS 2012

Visions 2012 is a vendors' fair where more than 70 vendors will exhibit their products and services to the blind and disabled community. This event will be held at the Washtenaw Community College, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor, MI., on Wednesday, May 9, 2012; 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

One of the speakers will be Neil Bernstein, the Research and Development Officer for NLS. To see a complete list of presenters and vendors check the webpage of Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped after April 11th, at <http://wayneregion.lib.mi.us>

BLUE WATER LEAGUE OF THE BLIND

The BLW is now on the World Wide Web. To visit their website, go to www.bwlblind.com. You will find easy links to contact the officers, upcoming events, club bi-laws, and information about how to become a member.

Elections were held since our last newsletter and the new officers are; President Gerald Clay, Vice President Phyllis Magbanua, and Secretary/Treasurer Wayne Lepiors. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. some of their regular events include camping, a ladies card party, and book club.

For those that do not have internet access you may contact the Blue Water League by calling Gerald Clay at 810-329-0124.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

The low vision support group meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the meeting room at River District Hospital. Here is a list of their upcoming guest speakers.

April 4th, Debbie Heraty from the Council on Aging. May 2nd will be a luncheon. June 6th, Jodi Simpson from Homeland Security Planner for the St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management. July 4th, there will not be a meeting. August 1st, Heather Maes from Independent Travel Mobility. September 5th, Gerald Clay from the Blue Water League of the Blind. October 3rd, Daneille Smith from the Michigan Commission of the Blind. November 7th, Victor Arbulu from the Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind.

Please contact Paul Dailer for more information about the Low Vision Support Group at 810-329-5172.

MAGNIFIERS TO GOOD HOMES

We currently have two magnifiers that were donated to the library that are in need of good homes. If you are interested in either of these pieces of equipment please call us at 1-800-272-8570 to make arrangements to pick one up. These are on a first come first serve basis.

We have one Aladdin black and white electronic magnifier. This is an all in one unit; camera and viewing screen are one piece and has a sliding tray under the camera to set your items for viewing. The other piece of equipment we have is called a Video Eye Power Zoom. This item is just the camera on an articulated arm that clamps onto the edge of a table and you connect it to your own TV or monitor.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The LBPH will be closed the following days:

- Friday, April 20th, at noon, for a Library Staff In Service.
- Monday, May 28th, for Memorial Day.
- Wednesday, July 4th, 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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1-800-272-8570 Toll Free

TO CALL THE TTY DIAL:



455-0200 Local Calls
1-866-462-2075 Toll Free



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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