



## Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled

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**This newsletter is available in braille, on cassette, or via email by contacting the library, or on the Utah State Library Division website at <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov> then click on See Note Newsletter**

### **Circulation System Changes**

In Mid-May, 2012, the library made some major changes to the system it uses to circulate its digital books, cassette books, braille books, and large print books. All books now leaving the library have one or more RFID (radio frequency identification) labels attached. Much staff time has been spent applying these labels to books and containers.

When books are checked out and when they are checked in, they pass down a conveyor belt and through a machine that reads the labels and checks the item out or in. This type of inventory control system is commonly used in warehouse distribution centers.

The system also verifies that the contents inside match the container and are complete. The RFID labels are critical to the system's effectiveness. So, **please do not remove any labels from the containers, digital cartridges, cassette tapes, or braille and large print books sent to you.**

## **Out of Books or Running Low on Books?**

Most readers noticed that, beginning in Mid-May, the library did not send out as many books as it usually does. The number of books sent daily was initially reduced as the library implemented the new circulation system. Once the system was fully operational, we were able to increase the number of books circulated daily. We've now resumed normal levels of circulation. We apologize for any inconvenience the disruption of service may have caused.

If you are not receiving a sufficient number of books or are having other problems, please call the library at the phone numbers on the Reader Response Sheet (page 3 of this newsletter), or write in this problem in the space provided on the Reader Response Sheet.

## **Copy Numbers and Dots**

Readers of digital books and cassette books will now notice a copy number hand written on container labels and an orange dot. This lets library staff know that the book has been processed with RFID labels. Please do not alter or black out these numbers and dots.

## **Parton Services Survey**

Please take a few moments to complete the brief survey on pages 5-6 of this newsletter. When you've completed the survey, fold the sheet in half with the library's address displayed and drop it in the mail.

The survey may also be completed online by accessing a link on the library's homepage at <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov>

The library appreciates your participation and feedback.

# Reader Response Sheet

Patron Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## Check Those Items You Would Like to Receive

\_\_\_\_\_ Digital Talking Books Plus 2011 catalog (large print)

Please list book numbers or book titles or other items desired, or explain any service problems you may have:

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Please return this sheet to the library by folding it so that the library's address is on the outside. No postage is necessary.

If you have questions or wish to order by phone, please call

Local: (801) 715 - 6789      Utah toll free: (800) 662-5540

TDD: (801) 715 – 6721      Out of State toll free: (800) 453-4293

or email the library at [blind@utah.gov](mailto:blind@utah.gov)

Please fill in your PATRON NUMBER, name, and address at the top of this sheet. Your patron number appears above your name on the address label of this newsletter. Fold, seal, and return to the library. **THANK YOU.**

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**Fold Here**

**Free Matter for the Blind  
or Disabled**

**Utah State Library  
for the Blind and Disabled  
250 North 1950 West, Suite A  
Salt Lake City, UT 84116 – 7901**

## PATRON SERVICES SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to answer the survey questions for the Library Program for the Blind and Disabled. We appreciate your feedback.

1. Please mark the materials you receive from the Library

Digital Books     Cassette books     Magazines

Large Print Books     Braille Books

2. How satisfied are you with the Library materials you receive?

Satisfied     Unsatisfied     No opinion

3. How satisfied are you with the service provided by library staff?

Satisfied     Unsatisfied     No opinion

4. Do you order materials via the library's website?

Yes     No

5. Please mark your age.

Under 18     18-34     35-49     50-64     65-79     80+

6. Please mark the answer that applies.

Male     Female

7. Please provide your suggestions or comments on the lines below.

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Thank you for answering the survey questions. Please call the Library if you need assistance with your service. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. In the Salt Lake area, call 801-715-6789. Utah toll free call 800-662-5540. Wyoming patrons call 800-453-4293.

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**PATRON SURVEY ENCLOSED**

**FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND  
And PHYSICALLY DISABLED**

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## Digital Talking Books Plus 2011 catalog now available

The large print edition of Digital Talking Books Plus 2011 is now available. It includes all adult, young adult, and Spanish language books on digital cartridge (DBs) and on cassette (RCs) produced by the Library of Congress during 2011. Titles are arranged by nonfiction subject or type of fiction. The catalog also contains a bestsellers index. If you haven't already received a copy (it is blue in color), please check the Reader Response Sheet (page 3 of this newsletter). You may also telephone the library or email the library ([blind@utah.gov](mailto:blind@utah.gov)) to request this item.



## Utah Produced Digital Books Delayed

The local and regional interest books produced at the Reading for the Blind facility at the Utah State Prison have been on hold since May. This is because the State's Information Technology Department is implementing a new system at the facility. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of September, 2012. The library appreciates your patience until the books can be produced again.

Meanwhile, the inmate workers that staff the Reading for the Blind facility have been helping with the application of RFID labels to the library's digital books.

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## **Descriptive Video Service now on Blue Ray DVDs**

Many of the Blue Ray DVD's that are being produced by DVD manufacturers now include DVS (Descriptive Video Service). DVS allows a blind or visually impaired person to hear a description of the action happening during a film when there is no dialogue being spoken by the actors. It allows many individuals to enjoy the full experience of a movie without someone attempting to whisper in their ear.

Blue Ray DVD's are available at most retail stores or online outlets. You can also check out Blue Ray DVD's from some local public libraries. If you are a user of Netflix, you can order Blue Ray DVD's to be sent to your home.

## **NFB Newslines now on your iPhone or iPad**

The National Federation of the blind has created a new way for you to access NFB Newslines. This service offers readers access to synthetic speech readings of articles from a large number of daily newspapers and magazines. The service can be accessed from a telephone or a computer.

There is now an app, titled NFB Newslines, available for download from the App Store onto your iPhone or iPad. The app is free and, once you download it, all you will need is your Newslines login information. Once you start using the app, you will have access to all of the newspapers and magazines you love from NFB Newslines. You can set up your favorites or just scroll through the entire list of publications. If you need help accessing NFB Newslines or have forgotten your login information, please contact Luwana Martin at 801-323-4390 or 800-284-1823.

## **UCB Annual Holiday Boutique**

A contest opens the Utah Council of the Blind boutique season by asking participating crafters to come up with a 'crafty' name that could include something related to blindness in the title. UCB crafters are looking for a name that will attract the attention of everyone interested in the variety of projects with which they are involved. (It cannot be a name that is already in use in the area). The winner will receive the rental of their first table free.

Tables will rent for \$25.00 for the first table and \$20.00 for each table thereafter. The money for the tables goes to the Utah Council of the Blind (UCB). There will be a central check out and tax will be added.

If you wish to participate, please let UCB know as soon as possible. The boutique needs as many participants as possible.

The boutique will be held at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 250 N 1950 W in Salt Lake. Set up will be on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. The public is invited to buy the crafts from Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 – 4:30.

So, crafters, start now to get a good supply of items on hand ready to sell. For more information, please email Arlene Hinman at [ucbvista@gmail.com](mailto:ucbvista@gmail.com) or phone her at 801-294-7564.

## **Shipping Change for Braille Books**

Readers of braille have noticed that the new circulation system requires that only one book or volume be mailed per container. Braille readers will now receive their books in the collapsible containers with velcro closures.

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