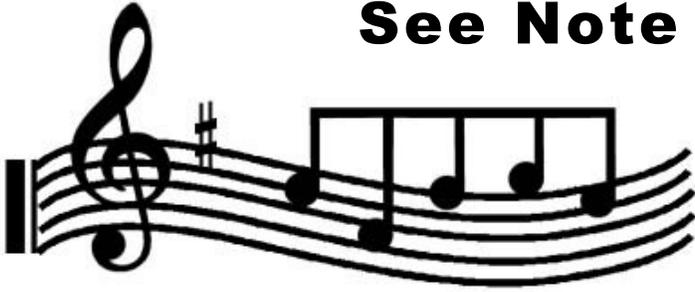


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## **Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled**

### **Winter Book Club Discussion**

Our winter book club selection is “The Book Thief” by Markus Zusak. This unforgettable book is about the ability of books to feed the soul. It has been a #1 New York Times bestseller and is now a major motion picture. The synopsis: It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death (the narrator of the book) has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can’t resist--books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

The book club discussion will take place Tuesday, February 18, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Readers can participate either over the phone lines through a toll-free number or through their own computers. Copies of “The Book Thief” are available from the Utah Library for the Blind and Disabled in braille, large print, and digital cartridge formats. The braille and audio formats are also downloadable from the BARD site. Register by calling the Library at 801-715-6789 or 800-662-5540 or by going to the State Library website at <http://heritage.utah.gov/library/online-book-club>.

## **Staff Retirement**

Mike Sweeney, Reader's Advisor Librarian in the Blind Library Program retired from the Utah State Library during December, 2013. Mike's knowledge of library resources and the quality service he provided to patrons was an asset to the library for over 20 years. We wish Mike the very best in his retirement, and hope that his future includes many trips to the ski slopes.

## **BARD Mobile**

During late October and early November, we mailed a postcard to alert patrons to the new BARD (Braille Audio Reading Download) app that is now available for Mac devices: the iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. We have had a very positive response to the mailing, and want to encourage everyone who has one of these devices to sign up for the BARD mobile app. The BARD mobile app is easy to use, and provides access to thousands of audio and braille book files. If you use a Mac device mentioned in this article and are interested in learning more, or need help using the app, please contact the library.

## **Love is Blind Event**

The Utah Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired is holding an event on Friday, February 7, 2014 to help support the critical services provided to Utah's blind children and youth. The event features dinner, entertainment, both live and silent auctions, and will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Salt Lake City, located at 161 West 600 South. The event kicks off at 6:30 pm with a social hour, silent auction and entertainment. Dinner and the live auction begin at 7:15 pm. Reservations are required to attend, please call 801-209-8492 or visit the website [ufbvi.org](http://ufbvi.org) for information.

## **Volunteers Needed at the Library**

The Library is looking for volunteers who are able to come to the Library for one or more hours per week between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Our current volunteer opportunities include book narrator and book reviewer. Both volunteer positions require familiarity with operating a computer and using a mouse. The Library will provide training in the narrating or editing processes and in using the recording/editing software on the computer.

A **book narrator** speaks in a pleasing tone of voice to record printed material by reading aloud into a microphone, correctly pronouncing and clearly enunciating the words.

A **book reviewer** edits the book files currently in the recording process by closely listening to the recording, and identifying any inconsistencies between the recorded and printed copy.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and be able to read regular printed materials. All recordings are the property of the Utah State Library. To volunteer, please contact Jeri Openshaw for additional information: [jerio@utah.gov](mailto:jerio@utah.gov) or 801-715-6737.

## **Outreach and Training**

If you are planning an outreach event that you would like the Library to participate in, or if you would like us to conduct a training session with your consumer group, agency or clients, please contact us, we are delighted to be involved. Our contacts for outreach and training are: Jeri Openshaw, email [jerio@utah.gov](mailto:jerio@utah.gov) or call 801-715-6737, or Lisa Nelson, email [lnelson@utah.gov](mailto:lnelson@utah.gov) or call 801-715-6720. Please provide us with a minimum of two weeks notice prior to your event taking place.

## Recently Produced Utah Digital Audio Books

**DBU01550** Deep Cover. Abramson, Traci Hunter. (also downloadable)  
This romantic suspense novel brings together Kelsey Weber, an undercover CIA agent, and Noah Cabbott, an FBI agent. Their mission is to thwart a terrorist attack, but with a mole leaking information to the enemy, Salman Nassar, their task becomes more dangerous and deadly.

**DBU01553** Where the River Once Flowed. Hansen, Jennie.  
(also downloadable)

This romantic western takes place in New Mexico in the late 1800's. Travis Telford from the Utah Territory visits the Sebastian ranch where he has been horse-trading for several seasons. He finds the ranch in chaos and the rancher's beautiful widow, Iliana, in the midst of a turbulent land battle. As danger mounts, only their reliance upon each other has the power to save them.

**DBU01556** Drops of Gold. Eden, Sarah M. (also downloadable)  
Layton Jonquil is a man tormented by the lies surrounding the death of his late wife, but he cannot deny his growing attraction for the beautiful governess whose goodness and optimism have touched his dormant heart.

**DBU01664** Proceed with Caution. Green, Betsy Brannon.  
(also downloadable)

Brooke Clayton is in trouble. Deep in the shadowy woods outside Nashville, the young activist stumbled on something she was never meant to see, something she can never reveal if she values her life. Now, as an unknown enemy closes in, she must take drastic measures to disappear. Brooke's only hope for survival is to accept help from her uncle and his team of highly trained operatives.

**DBU01837** Star Struck. Kilpack, Josi. (also downloadable)

Delilah, a small town Utah girl is a nanny for a family in New York City. As a publicity stunt, Hollywood heartthrob, Sam Hendricks, invites her as his date to the Oscars. Delilah at first declines, but then agrees if Sam will first spend two weeks on her parents' dairy farm in rural Utah.

**DBU01877** One Last Chance. Borrowman, Jerry. (also downloadable)

A historical coming of age story that begins during the Great Depression, when Artie Call is orphaned. Tough times result in his nearly being sent to juvenile hall, but he is taken in by a feisty widow who sees his potential. When a good boy with bad problems is given one last chance, he discovers integrity and the reality of the American dream.

**DBU01984** Epicenter: a novel. O'Brien, Sonia. (also downloadable)

A suspense novel set in a tower in downtown Los Angeles at the epicenter of an earthquake. Attorney McKenna Bradford is trapped with a client who is a cold-blooded killer. McKenna's father and best friend race to find her before death does.

**DBU01959** Not in Vain. McCloud, Susan Evans.

This biography of Ellis Reynolds Shipp, the second woman doctor in Utah is a story of courage, determination, sacrifice and fortitude. Covers her journey across the plains as a young girl, her early life in Utah, her journey to medical school and her return home to her husband and family.

