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Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled

Our Library Service

Your patronage is very important to us. Please contact us if you have any questions about your library service. We are here to assist you. Please let us know if:

- You've had a change in your mailing address, including moving to a temporary address for the winter or summer.
- You have questions about using the digital book machine or need a box to return the machine to us.
- You need help with ordering books via our online catalog, downloading books and magazines, assistance with placing book orders, or have specific titles that you want to order.
- Want to put a temporary hold on your library service.

The library's hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Mountain time. To speak to a Reader's Advisor, call us at 801-715-6789 in the Salt Lake metro area; 1-800-662-5540 inside Utah; 1-800-453-4293 outside of Utah. We have voicemail if you call outside of our operating hours. You may also email us at blind@utah.gov.

Talking Book Topics Magazine

The Talking Book Topics magazine on digital cartridge is now sent in a plastic container. The container does **not** have a mailing card to turn over when you are ready to return the magazine. Instead, the return address is located on a label adhered to the plastic container. When you are finished with the magazine, simply put the cartridge in the container and put it in the mail.

BARD Express

BARD, the National Library Service audio and braille downloadable book site now offers BARD Express, a free application for personal computers that is available for download from a link on the BARD main page. BARD Express is a Windows-based application that simplifies searching for, downloading, and transferring audio materials from BARD to a cartridge or USB flash drive for playing on a digital book machine.

You will need an active BARD account and a personal computer running Windows XP, Vista, 7, 9, 8.1 or 10 to use BARD Express. Bard Express does not run on Macintosh computers. The user guide, as well as the BARD Express How-To videos are available from a link in the BARD FAQs. Help screens are also available from inside the BARD Express app.

Local Interest Book-Walk in My Shoes

Ramona Rice, creator of Walk in my Shoes and deafblind advocate

Edited by Charlotte DeWitt

The book “Walk in My Shoes” features the life stories of people living with Usher syndrome, a rare disease that causes both vision and hearing loss. The symptoms of the disease vary with each individual and progress at different rates. The stories provide a glimpse into the world of the deafblind, and depict how the authors, their families and friends adapt to the constant challenges of living with Usher syndrome. Their stories are inspiring, and a testament to the strength of will - to not only adapt to living with the loss of sight and sound, but excelling and achieving. Several of the authors live and work in Utah, and we are proud to count them among our library patrons. The library is in the process of brailleing and recording “Walk in My Shoes”. The book number for the digital audio format is DBU04220, and the braille book number is BRU07436.

“When I discovered libraries, it was like having Christmas every day”

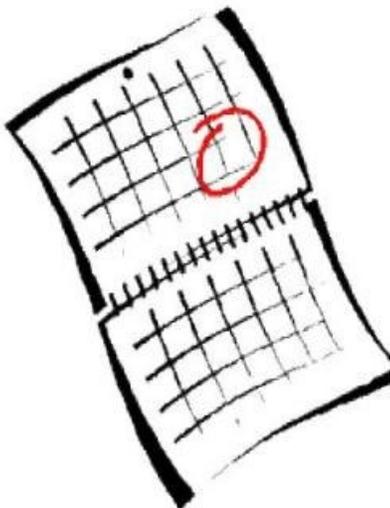
-Jean Fritz

Staff News

One of our longtime staff, Judy Hunt, retired November 1, after 40 years of working for the Utah State Library. Judy worked in several positions at the library before joining the staff in the Blind Library Program. Judy was a reader's advisor for 25 years, and during this time, she oversaw patron magazine subscriptions, was the BARD administrator, and managed the large print book collection. Judy made many friends during her career, and is well regarded by staff and patrons alike. We hope that Judy has many wonderful adventures in her retirement!

Volunteer Spotlight

Alison Jensen has been a volunteer narrator at the library for over eight years! Alison loves to read, and as a narrator, she is able to read new books and give back to the community at the same time. Alison is one of our most dependable volunteers and has a terrific attitude! She is a quick learner, thoughtful, and has a great voice that is pleasing to the ear. The titles Alison has read for our audio book collection include poetry, "How to Build a Better Mousetrap" and several non-fiction titles, "Women of the Old Testament", and "Mark of a Giant: Seven People Who Changed the World". Thank you, Alison, for sharing your wonderful gift with us. We are forever grateful to you for your service to the library and to our patrons.



Holiday Closures

The library will be closed the following dates

President's Day — Monday, February 20

Memorial Day — Monday, May 29

Independence Day — Tuesday, July 4

Pioneer Day — Monday, July 24

Labor Day — Monday, September 4

Book Discussion

Our next book discussion will take place **Tuesday, March 14th from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. We will discuss two books, “Girl Who Wrote in Silk” by Kelli Estes, and “The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game” by Michael Lewis.

A synopsis of “Girl Who Wrote in Silk”: Inara Erickson finds an elaborately embroidered piece of silk in her deceased aunt’s house. The beautiful embroidery was the work of Mei Lein, a young Chinese woman who lived in Washington State a century before. Mei Lein’s life turned tragic when she became a victim of the anti-Chinese riots of 1885. As the book progresses, the stories of Mei Lein and Inara become increasingly intertwined. Inara is forced to make a difficult, life changing decision when she learns Mei Lein’s fate.

A synopsis of “The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game” The story of African American football prodigy Michael Oher, who experienced poverty, neglect and homelessness as a child. As a teen, Michael was adopted by the white Evangelical Christian family of a school friend. With his adopted family’s support, he was able to remain in school and play football. Michael Oher graduated college with a degree in Criminal Justice, and has a successful career in the NFL, currently playing for the Carolina Panthers.

Please contact Reader’s Advisor Paula Stuart if you want to participate in the book discussion. Paula will send you a copy of the digital cartridge books. The numbers of the two books:

DB083170 Girl Who Wrote in Silk

DB063689 The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need”
-Marcus Tullius Cicero

Reader Response Sheet

Please fill in your patron number, name, and address on the lines provided below. Your patron number appears above your name on the address label of this newsletter.

Patron Number _____

Name _____

Address _____

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

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;

Out of State toll free: (800) 453-4293 or email the library at

blind@utah.gov

Free Matter for the Blind

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The Classics - Booklist

So many books, so little time...why not read the classics? We have all the best! Try a few, we think you'll like them!

DB051047 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz - Join Dorothy and Toto as they take a whirlwind trip from Kansas to Oz, an exotic and magical place.

DB064277 The Three Musketeers - D'Artagnan arrives in 17th century Paris to join the king's bodyguards. He duels with three swashbuckling musketeers who ultimately become his best friends.

DB025178 Wuthering Heights - Heathcliff and Catherine, is theirs a tale of true love, jealousy, or vengefulness? Is it all three? Read and decide!

DB026427 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde - Good and evil collide in this epic tale, where a kindly doctor suppresses his wicked side with devastating consequences.

DB025921 Julius Caesar - The pomp and glory of ancient Rome combine with ruthless ambition, betrayal, and murder, all in one play. Quite simply, Shakespeare the bard at his finest.

DB023282 Cheaper by the Dozen - Two efficiency experts have twelve kids and share an unconventional outlook on raising them. The story of an eccentric family living life to the fullest in the 1920's.

DB063706 The Boxcar Children - Four orphans run away to live in an abandoned boxcar, until they are found by their grandfather, who turns out to be a kind and loving man.

DB051057 Persuasion - Ann regrets breaking an engagement with a man deemed unsuitable by her family. When her family's finances require a move to Bath, Ann encounters her former love.

DB035647 Cimarron - Yancey Cravat and his wife, Sabra settle in the frontier town of Osage, Oklahoma. Sabra's business sense makes their newspaper a success, leading her to run for Congress.

DB017732 A Light in the Attic - A wonderful collection of poems ranging from thrilling nonsense to tender sadness. Read and relive the exhilaration of being a child.

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