

OLBPD DIMENSIONS NEWSLETTER

Ohio Library for the Blind & Physically Disabled

At Cleveland Public Library

17121 Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44110

Phone: 800-362-1262

Web: <http://olbpd.cpl.org>

Email: olbpd@cpl.org

Volume 12, Number 30

Talking Book Topics Transition to Digital Cartridge

Beginning with the January–February issue of Talking Book Topics (TBT), some patrons who were receiving the magazine on cassette will now receive it on cartridge. For a time, some individuals will receive TBT on both cassette and cartridge. Those who do receive TBT on cassette will continue to get the order form with their magazine. Patrons who receive the magazine on cartridge should be aware that TBT order forms will be sent out separately from the audio cartridge version of the publication. Patrons need to return their cartridge after they have completed their order form. Please remember to return all cartridges when finished and do not throw away any cartridges. The National Library Service plans to have transition from cassette to cartridge completed by the middle of the year.

NLS Patron Survey

The National Library Service (NLS) announced that they will be conducting a survey of its patrons and potential patrons. In preparation, NLS has contacted various national organizations requesting their participation. When the survey is ready, NLS will provide the procedures for taking the survey either electronically or by telephone. NLS anticipates that this will happen in late February or early March.

NLS Narrators Coming to Family Fun and Learning Day

OLBPD is pleased to announce that it will host two NLS narrators as speakers for Family Fun and Learning Day events in 2013. NLS narrator Michael Kramer will speak at the Cincinnati Family Fun and Learning Day on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at the Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. NLS narrator Laura Giannarelli will speak at the Columbus Family Fun and Learning Day on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at the State Library of Ohio in Columbus as well as the Cleveland Family Fun and Learning Day on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at OLBPD. More event and program details will be announced in future editions of the Dimensions newsletter. Please remember to **SAVE THE DATE** for the Family Fun and Learning Day in your area.

Postal Services Announces New Delivery Schedule

The United States Postal Service announced plans to transition to a new delivery schedule during the week of Aug. 5, 2013 that includes package delivery Monday through Saturday and mail delivery Monday through Friday. Mail addressed to PO Boxes will continue to be delivered on Saturdays. Post Offices currently open on Saturdays will remain open on Saturdays. The Postal Service is making the announcement in advance of implementing the five-day mail delivery schedule to give residential and business customers time to plan and adjust. The Postal Service plans to publish specific guidance in the near future for residential and business customers about its new delivery schedule.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations and is required by law to cover their costs. The materials delivered as part of the National Library Service are sent as “Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped.” According to the USPS manual, “Free Matter” is not considered part of any particular class of mail but is treated as first-class mail.

OLBPD asks that patrons be mindful of the upcoming changes to mail delivery, including the amount of time to send and receive materials which can currently take up to two weeks for delivery. Patrons can also contact OLBPD to increase their shipment of books should they need more in lieu of the pending changes to the mail delivery schedule.

BARD Update Completed

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service was successfully integrated with Web-Braille. Braille books, magazines, and music scores are now available on BARD. If you wish to set your search and browse preference to display only audio or only braille, you may do so by selecting your preference from the combo box labeled “Display results.” Access this option by selecting the link “Update Account Settings” from the BARD main page.

Special collection materials, music books and scores, and foreign-language books produced abroad are also available on BARD. You may access these materials from links on the BARD main page.

Every book and magazine title now links to a page with further details and additional links. The additional links lead to lists of more titles that are by the same author, audio books read by the same narrator, and/or in the same subject categories. Links to additional books in the same series (if applicable), a link to download the title, and a link to add the title to your wish list, are also available on the details page. Your wish list may be accessed from the BARD main page. Detailed information about the new materials and features are available at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/NLS/NewBARDOverview.html>.

For more information about BARD, or technical assistance, or to register for BARD, please contact OLBPD.

Overdue Notices Sent

OLBPD mailed overdue notices for digital talking books on loan to readers longer than six months. OLBPD does not issue due dates on books but simply asks that patrons return books when finished. Patrons are not being charged fines for any of the books listed on their overdue notices. OLBPD does not collect fines on books.

If patrons still have the digital books listed on their overdue notice, these items should be returned if finished or renewed. If patrons have returned books listed on their overdue notice, then they should contact OLBPD to clear these items from their record. Overdue notices will continue to be mailed periodically. Patrons can contact their librarian with any concerns or questions about overdue notices.

Returning Materials to OLBPD

When returning materials, OLBPD would like to remind patrons to please put the correct cartridge or cassette in their correct container. Also, please try and avoid leaving notes or placing other items inside the mailing containers or wrapping ribbons, string, tape, or yarn around containers and media. Likewise, please do not write on any of the materials you receive including containers. If you are experiencing problems with your service, please contact us directly by phone or email so we can quickly resolve any problems with your library service.

Book Club Discussions

OLBPD hosts a monthly book discussion on the second Thursday of each month, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Please visit the OLBPD home page at <http://olbpd.cpl.org> for more information about the Cyber-Dialogue discussions, such as book titles, instructions for logging in, and a direct link to download books for discussion when available. Patrons can participate using their own computer with a sound card and Internet connectivity. Patrons who do not have computer access can also participate in book discussions from their telephone. For more information or to participate via telephone, please contact OLBPD.

Staff Retirement

At the end of December, Michael Pride retired as OLBPD Library Assistant and reader advisor. Michael spent over 29 years working with the Ohio braille and talking book program. On behalf of OLBPD and our patrons, thank you Michael for your commitment, dedication, and all of your years working for OLBPD and its patrons!

Recommended Reading from OLBPD Staff

Here are new reading recommendations from OLBPD staff. Remember that staff may recommend books that contain sex, strong language, or violence, so be sure to check before ordering.

Carol: “Anna Karenina” by Leo Tolstoy – DB 72059; Literature

Ken: “Franklin and Winston” by Jon Meacham – DB 57644; Biography

Rose: “Light between Oceans” by M.L. Stedman – DB 75192; Historical Fiction

Stephanie: “Sound of Freedom” by Raymond Arsenault – DB 70880; Biography

Will: “Gone Girl: a novel” by Gillian Flynn - DB 74888; Suspense

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I receive just “Martha Stewart Living” from Magazine of the Month?

A: No. Magazine of the Month is a special NLS program designed to provide a limited substitute for newsstand browsing. Readers are sent a different magazine each month not otherwise available through network libraries. Magazine of the Month titles cannot be individually requested.



OHIO LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND
AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED
AT CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
17121 LAKE SHORE BOULEVARD
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44110
TOLL FREE: 1-800-362-1262

| |
|--|
| <p>FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED</p> |
|--|