

OLBPD DIMENSIONS NEWSLETTER

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Cassette Book Collection Withdrawal by 2015

Beginning in 2012, the National Library Service (NLS) has initiated a plan for the withdrawal of all recorded books on cassette (RC) by 2015. Under this plan and current timeline, the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled (OLBPD) will withdraw its entire RC collection by the end of 2015. OLBPD will withdraw over 116,000 RC copies each year through 2014, and then withdraw our remaining cassette master copies in 2015. By the end of 2015, OLBPD will have withdrawn over 406,000 copies of RC books from our collection.

What does this mean for our patrons? First, patrons can still continue to order and receive books on tape through 2014. Those patrons receiving only RC books will need to switch to a digital talking book player by 2015 to continue reading books. NLS is currently working to convert analog RC books to digital books. Older books and popular series that were once only available on cassette will be available as digital talking books.

NLS is also currently working on transitioning magazines from cassette to digital cartridge. NLS plans to offer magazines on digital cartridge by the end of 2012. Until then, patrons will continue to receive NLS magazines on cassette or they can download them through OHIO-BARD. Locally produced magazines, such as Cleveland Magazine, Cincy Magazine, Ohio Magazine, Good Old Days, and Timeline will continue to be distributed on cassette, but will also switch to digital cartridges once NLS transitions their magazines from cassettes to digital cartridges.

State Library of Ohio still has cassette book machines available if patrons need them. If patrons would like to request a cassette player, contact OLBPD or the State Library of Ohio Talking Book Program at 1-800-686-1531.

As OLBPD withdraws RC books from our collection, patrons receiving only cassette books may notice longer waiting periods. Keep in mind that patrons who do not have a digital talking book player can receive one right away. OLBPD staff can help patrons with learning the new digital player. Plus patrons will have more copies and newer titles to choose from than what will be available on cassette. For more information about this transition, please contact OLBPD.

**Save the Date: Family Fun & Learning Day
Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at OLBPD**

BARD Only Service Option

Quite often, patrons ask whether they can cancel their book service and simply download their books using OHIO-BARD. Actually, using OHIO-BARD is just one component of the many services provided by OLBDP to our patrons. Patrons can download their own books and elect not to receive them from OLBDP, but they are still active patrons with our service.

Upgrading Your Digital Book Player

OLBDP patrons who have a standard digital talking book player can exchange their player for an advanced player if they wish. State Library has sufficient quantities of both players available. The advanced player has five additional features: a Menu button for choosing how to navigate the book, Prev and Next buttons to jump forward and backward in the book, an Info button to hear current reading position and other information, and a Mark button to set bookmarks. Patrons are still limited to having only one player. Patrons can contact OLBDP or the State Library of Ohio at 1-800-686-1531 to request an advanced player.

Web-Braille and BARD

For patrons using Web-Braille, the National Library Service has announced plans for the integration of the Web-Braille service into the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) system in 2012. Web-Braille users will use BARD to access and download materials. All Web-Braille users will need to register for a BARD account if they do not already have one. Web-Braille users will be notified about the integration, and when they should start using BARD instead of Web-Braille.

Aurora Ministries

Aurora Ministries is no longer distributing English versions of the audio Bible on cassette. Aurora Ministries does offer a digital cartridge loading service, but they do not furnish blank cartridges or flash drives. Anyone interested needs to send a blank 2GB cartridge or flash drive to Aurora Ministries or for a donation Aurora Ministries will purchase a cartridge, load the Bible, and mail it.

Bibles are also available on MP3-CD or DVD discs, and are also available for download through the Aurora Ministries web site. Aurora Ministries require users to register and prove eligibility before downloading. For more information, visit their web page at <http://audiobiblesfortheblind.org/> or contact them by phone at 941-748-3031 or by email at Bibles@auroraministries.org.

Archived BARD-Support

Since mid-2011, when the BARD-support list became a one-way-only list, NLS BARD-support has published several short pieces with the hope of disseminating useful information for getting the most out of BARD. Since NLS BARD-support started posting this information, they have received quite a few new members, so it occurred to them that people who joined the list recently might want to know what they've missed and how to obtain it.

To retrieve BARD-support postings point your browser to the NLS BARD-support listings at <http://sun8.loc.gov/archives/bard-support.html>. Choose the month containing the message you want to see and follow the instructions. If this is your first time retrieving messages from this list, select the link to create a new password. Enter the email address that is subscribed to the list, and then enter the password you want to use. If you already had a LISTSERV password, but cannot remember what it was, this procedure will automatically replace your existing password. Enter that password a second time for verification. An email confirmation will be sent to the email address you provided. Open that message and select the link it contains to confirm your password within 48 hours. You will be asked to log in, and you should be able to view the messages posted during the month you requested. Since you now have this cookie in your browser, you should not have to log on next time. If you are working from a public computer, you must remember to log off when you are done, or someone else will be able to use your account. On a private computer, you may set the cookie once, and never need to log off.

Recommended Reading from OLBDP Staff

Debuting in this newsletter are reading recommendations from OLBDP staff. Remember that staff may recommend books that contain sex, strong language, or violence, so be sure to check before ordering. Feel free to contact OLBDP and let staff know how you liked their book.

Judy: "Merle's Door" by Ted Kerasote - DB 65346; Non-fiction and Dog Behavior

Ken: "Helter Skelter" by Vincent Bugliosi – DB 36994; Non-fiction and Crime

Michael: "Odd Hours" by Dean Koontz – DB 66749; Suspense and Series

Rose: "Mistaken Identity" by Don Van Ryn – DB 66537; Biography

Stephanie: Percy Jackson & the Olympians series – DB 63443; Juvenile fiction

Will: "Swamplandia!" by Karen Russell – DB 72823; Fiction and Alligators

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I received a large-print order form for catalogs produced in 2010–2011 and those that will be produced in 2012. Where should I send my order form?

A: Select the catalogs you would like to receive in the format you want. An enclosed postage paid envelope should have been included that is already addressed. Simply place your completed form in the envelope and mail it.

Q: Does OLBDP have tax forms?

A: No. Individuals who are blind or visually impaired can download hundreds of the most popular federal tax forms and publications from IRS.gov. These products range from accessible PDFs to e-braille formats and are accessible using screen-reading software and refreshable braille displays. Visit IRS.gov Accessibility at <http://www.irs.gov/accessibility> to download forms and publications.

People who are unable to complete their tax return because of a physical disability may get assistance from a local IRS Tax Assistance Center or through a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance or Tax Counseling for the Elderly site (VITA or TCE). To find a Tax Assistance Center near you visit IRS.gov, select Contact IRS, and then select Contact Your Local IRS Office. You can also find a nearby VITA or TCE location by calling 1-800-906-9887. The IRS sponsors VITA and TCE.



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