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TBBS NewsLink is available in braille
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 by contacting the State Library
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www.ilbph.org
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Receive TBBS newsletters by email

The fall newsletter was not printed due to the Illinois budget impasse, although it was available in other formats and on the TBBS website at www.ilbph.org. Sign up for the TBBS email distribution list and never worry about missing another issue — all newsletters and other items of interest will be sent directly to your email address. Family members and caregivers can also sign up. Call 800-665-5576, ext. 1 or email ilstbbs@ilsos.net and request to be added to the list.

Advisory Committee openings

Three seats need to be filled on the Talking Book and Braille Advisory Committee for the term beginning July 1, 2016. The committee assists the State Library by improving services offered through TBBS. The meetings are held quarterly by conference call. Members of the committee serve three-year terms and represent TBBS users in all regions of the state. Applications will be accepted until April 15. Applicants from previous years will need to reapply to be considered for the new openings. If you are interested in serving on the committee or would like more information, please call Maryann Bartkowski at 847-683-3633.

Past best-sellers

Take a look at the books that spent the most time at the top of The New York Times Best Sellers List in years past. Revisit these titles or read them for the first time — call your Reader Advisor to order or download from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) website.

10 Years Ago — #1 for 5 weeks in 2006

“For One More Day” by Mitch Albom — **DB 63390**

When his mother Pauline dies, Charles "Chick" Benetto falls into alcoholism. Chick describes the loss of his job and family, as well as his isolation and depression. After his suicide attempt, Pauline's ghost takes Chick on a tour of her life as a single mother and heals his broken heart.

20 Years Ago — #1 for 9 weeks in 1996

“Primary Colors” by Anonymous — **DB 41822**

Parallels Bill Clinton's 1992 presidential campaign. When Jack Stanton, a southern governor, makes a run for the presidency, he recruits Henry Burton as his deputy campaign manager. At first Henry sees the opportunity to gain an insider's view of politics as a welcome distraction. But the business of politics soon builds a formidable backdrop to Henry's personal identity crisis. Includes strong language.

30 Years Ago — #1 for 12 weeks in 1986

“It” by Stephen King — **DB 28045, BR 07678**

In 1958, seven imperiled children searched in the drains beneath the New England town of Derry for the horror they believed lurked there. Twenty-seven years later, they recall their buried memories. Again, the most heinous violence awaits them. Includes strong language, violence and some descriptions of sex.

40 Years Ago — #1 for 22 weeks in 1976

“Trinity” by Leon Uris — **DB 53391**

Traces the fate of three Irish families from 1840-1916. The Larkins of County Donegal are Catholic peasants living under the rule of the English aristocratic Hubble dynasty. The MacLeods of Belfast are Protestant shipyard workers originally from Scotland. Includes some descriptions of sex, some violence and some strong language.

50 Years Ago — #1 for 28 weeks in 1966

“Valley of the Dolls” by Jacqueline Susann — **DB 50906**

Set in New York City in 1945, three beautiful young women — Anne, Neely and Jennifer — become best friends as each seeks success in the world of show business. Their dependence on pills, referred to as dolls, becomes their way of coping with life. Includes explicit descriptions of sex.

Illinois Veterans' History Project celebration

Secretary of State, State Librarian and Archivist Jesse White launched the Illinois Veterans' History Project to create a permanent record of the names and stories of veterans and civilians who served our state and country during war. Secretary White hosted "Preserving Their Memories," a celebration to honor veterans and their contributions to this project, held on Sept. 22, 2015, at the Illinois State Library in Springfield.

At the event, WWII veteran and TBBS patron, Dale Hunter, was formally awarded the Republic of France's Knight of the Legion of Honor Medal by Jean-Christophe Paris, deputy consul general for the Consulate General of France in Chicago. Prior to the ceremony, Hunter and other veterans in attendance had their oral histories recorded by volunteers for inclusion in the Illinois Digital Archives.

For more information about the Illinois Veterans' History Project, visit: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/public/veteransproject.html>. All Illinois veterans who served in the U.S. military, in any capacity, from WWI to the present and are no longer serving, and U.S. civilians who served in support of a U.S. war/conflict in a professional capacity, such as, war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc., are encouraged to participate.

Adult Reading programs

TBBS is pleased to announce that Carol G. and Jimmy I. are the winners of the 2015 Adult Summer Reading Program, "Explore and Soar: Destination Outer Space at the Library." Each winner received a Wilson Digital Voice Recorder and a library-themed canvas tote bag. All participants received a letter, certificate of participation and a thank-you gift.

Join the 2016 Adult Winter Reading Program "I Cannot Live Without Books: Celebrating the Joy of Reading and the 85th anniversary of the Talking Book Program!" Participants will be sent a program catalog filled with engaging books, from best-sellers and memoirs to stories of adventure, romance, mystery and more; all in celebration of this significant anniversary. Read at least 10 books from the catalog and return the completed reading log to the library by April 30, 2016, to be entered into a multiple-winner, grand-prize drawing. To register, please call the Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center at 800-426-0709.

Illinois Assistive Technology Program

The Illinois Assistive Technology Program (IATP) provides assistive technology (AT) information and services in the areas of education, employment, community living and IT/telecommunications. IATP also works with state agencies and disability organizations to increase AT access and funding.

Located at its main office in Springfield, the IATP demonstration center features assistive devices in real-life settings, showcasing an accessible bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, office, toy room, sensory room and more. A guided tour includes hands-on exploration of assistive devices; information on the latest technology, low-tech solutions and adaptations; and vendor sources. IATP's device loan program lets potential AT users tryout devices prior to purchase and borrow one while waiting for a device delivery or repair. Inventory includes devices related to communication; hearing; computers; daily living; learning, cognition and developmental; environmental adaptations; mobility, seating and positioning; vehicle modification and transportation; and recreation, sports and leisure.

The Illinois Assistive Technology Program also provides the website for AT Classifieds as a free service for AT consumers to buy, sell or donate pre-owned equipment.

For more information about these and additional IATP services, call 800-852-5110 or visit www.iltech.org.

BARD Mobile app for Kindle Fire devices

The BARD Mobile app for Android devices, version 1.0.2, is now available at the Amazon App Store for patrons who wish to install the app on a Kindle Fire. Note that only second-generation Kindle Fire devices (2013 to present) are equipped to run the BARD Mobile application, and not all of these devices include accessibility features.

BARD Mobile app for iOS devices

The BARD Mobile app for iOS devices, version 1.1, is now available at the App Store. This updated version of the app includes the following features:

- Built-in sleep timer
- New setting that keeps device from sleeping while download is in progress
- Add to wish list directly from details screen
- Enhanced braille search function
- Improved VoiceOver hints and labels

- New braille shortcut key
- Improved Magic Tap response
- Works with iOS 9

The app enables NLS patrons to download audio and braille books, magazines and music scores directly to their iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, provided they have a BARD account. A refreshable braille display is required to read downloaded braille materials. The user guide is available in the Help section of the app and online in HTML format at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/apidocs/BARDMobile.userguide.iOS.1.1.html>.

Employment of People with Disabilities: A Resource Guide

This 2015 NLS guide lists national organizations that provide information on a range of issues related to recruiting, hiring, training, and retaining employees with disabilities. Specific subjects addressed include worksite accommodations, job analysis, small-business opportunities, supported employment and personal assistance services. The information found in this guide is intended for individuals with disabilities, their families, the professionals who work with them and employers.

Some organizations maintain sites for employers to post available positions, allowing individuals to search for jobs online. Others assist young people in their transition from school to work by providing internship and mentoring opportunities. Still others offer information about training, certification and continuing education in rehabilitation.

In addition to providing organizational addresses and phone numbers, this edition of the guide lists social media platforms on which each organization is active. The guide is available on the NLS website at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/guides/employment.html>.

Information regarding jobs with Illinois state agencies for individuals with disabilities can be found at <http://www.illinois.gov/employment/Pages/DisabledWorkers.aspx>.

DirectionsForMe

Horizons for the Blind developed the website, www.directionsforme.org, as a one-stop source for accessible packaging information for common grocery, health, beauty and general merchandise items. All applicable product details are presented

in a uniform, easy-to-use format and include directions, nutrition facts, descriptions, ingredients, warnings, UPC code and package data. The site is completely accessible with text-to-speech screen readers, magnifiers and braille displays as well as Web-enabled cellphones.

BANA offers new publication — The UEB Reader

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) is pleased to make available the Unified English Braille Reader (UEB), a resource designed to introduce braille readers to UEB. This introductory hard copy braille booklet incorporates several key resources found on the BANA website into one document. The UEB Reader is available free of charge upon request.

The UEB Reader includes content from BANA's publication, Overview of Changes from Current Literary Braille to UEB, plus several example documents transcribed for readers to use as practice. This resource was compiled to help current braille readers, transcribers, teachers and families become more familiar with UEB.

To receive a free braille copy of The UEB Reader, contact Kim Charlson at kim.charlson@perkins.org with your name and address. Requests for the UEB Reader including your name, address and phone number can also be left on the UEB Information Line at 617-972-7248.



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- Illinois State Library TBBS800-665-5576, ext. 1
- Chicago Public Library Talking Book Center.....800-757-4654
- Illinois Talking Book Outreach Center.....800-426-0709

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