



Great Lakes Talking Books Summer 2022 Newsletter

Thank you for being a patron of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. You often refer our services to your friends and family who may need the service and we sincerely appreciate your help reaching out and sharing the message so that all may read.

There are two photos at the top of this page. The first photo features a woman in a kitchen listening to a talking book on a Digital Talking Book Machine. The second photo features a man outdoors listening to a talking book using the BARD mobile app on his smartphone.

The people in the photos above are enjoying the books that they are listening to. Can you say the same? Your talking book account is managed by staff at Great Lakes Talking Books in Marquette, Michigan. We serve patrons in the Upper Peninsula and in Alpena and Crawford Counties in the Lower Peninsula. Our job is to make sure that you are getting books and magazines you enjoy. If you don't like the books you receive, please give us a call and we'll adjust the interests and preferences on your account to make reading more fun.

We know that a large print newsletter doesn't work for many of our patrons as they are unable to read standard print and they don't have a helper or someone to read the newsletter to them. Therefore, we record

the newsletter to make it more accessible. Patrons may listen to the newsletter online at greatlakestalkingbooks.org or ask to have the newsletter in audio format mailed to them by USPS mail (a digital talking book machine is required to play the cartridge), or ask GLTB staff to read the newsletter over the phone. Please let us know how you prefer to receive our bi-annual newsletter.

Included with this newsletter is a large print patron survey. We're asking you to answer questions about customer satisfaction and the technology available to you. After completing the survey, remove it from the newsletter, fold it, and mail it back to us for free. You may also complete the survey online at greatlakestalkingbooks.org or call us to complete the survey by phone.

Thank you,

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Upcoming Events

October 6 - Virtual Meeting with Patron Linda Lieburn

Join our virtual event with GLTB patron Linda Lieburn who will share her vision loss journey, her experience training at the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Training Center minicamp, taking courses with the Hadley School in Chicago (and her deep connection with the school because, like her, the founder, William Hadley, lost his eyesight later in life due to infection), the life-changing and affordable iPhone SE, how voiceover functions have reliably remained unchanged over the years despite the many iOS changes, how she takes photos, adds contacts, makes calls, uses apps, texts, adds emoji's , and about her favorite apps (Seeing AI, taptapsee, dice world, etc.). Time will be provided at the end of the program for participants to share and ask questions.

Program: Linda Lieburn: My Vision Loss Journey

Date: Oct 6, 2022

Time: 3:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85824947744?pwd=MEZRSTY5RW1JR0ROUHNSam9YYIRSdz09>

Meeting ID: 858 2494 7744

Passcode: 212109

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kjmlpXvMA>

September 12 - NLS Patron Corner

As part of the Patron Engagement Section's (PES) mission to offer services, resources, and programs to enrich the library experience for patrons, PES will host a quarterly Patron Corner virtual event where patrons can learn more about various services directly from NLS staff. The programs are interactive, last for one hour, and have a designated topic of discussion.

The next NLS Patron Corner will be held at 7 p.m. eastern time on September 12, 2022. Nearly 200 patrons joined NLS during the first Patron Corner in June for a lively discussion on how NLS chooses books for its talking book and braille collections.

Bring your questions and your thoughts and join NLS on September 12. If you are unable to attend the September meeting, mark your calendars for future meetings planned on December 12, 2022, and March 13, 2023.

Use the Zoom link:

<https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600983343?pwd=VW9tRWtwY3BsdHRac0s2MmJkN0RCZz09>.

Or you can join by telephone by calling any of these numbers: 669-254-5252, 646-828-7666, 669-216-1590, or 551-285-1373. (These are not toll-

free numbers, so long-distance charges may apply, depending on your phone plan.) When prompted, enter Meeting ID 160 098 3343.

For more information, please contact: Tamara Rorie, tror@loc.gov.

August 11 - The Many Faces of BARD

Beginning August 11, 2022, the Patron Engagement Section will offer a monthly program called The Many Faces of BARD. This program will occur on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. It will last for one hour and will cover one aspect of BARD (the Braille and Audio Reading Download). Each program will start with a brief presentation. The remainder of the time will be spent answering questions about the presentation or other questions related to BARD usage. NLS will announce the topic for the next presentation at the end of each program. The first presentation will provide an overview of all of the available BARD products.

These sessions are open to all patrons. They can be joined by going to <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1611161911?pwd=bVh5ejFsWFBIL21KY0VqaHRMUISQT09> on a computer or calling 1-669-245-5252. Full Zoom invitation information follows. To call into a session, participants must use the telephone numbers provided in this newsletter for Zoom.gov rather than the regular Zoom telephone numbers.

Join Zoom Meeting

One tap mobile: US: +16692545252,,1611161911# or
+16468287666,,1611161911#

Meeting URL:

<https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1611161911?pwd=bVh5ejFsWFBIL21KY0VqaHRMUISQT09>

Meeting ID: 161 116 1911

Passcode: 489758

Join by Telephone. For higher quality, dial a number based on your current location. Dial: US: +1 669 254 5252 or +1 646 828 7666 or +1 669 216 1590 or +1 551 285 1373

Meeting ID: 161 116 1911

Passcode: 489758

September 3 - Library of Congress book festival

The 22nd annual Library of Congress National Book Festival will be held at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, September 3rd, this year's theme is "Books Bring Us Together." The festival is free and open to the public—but you don't have to be there in person to join in the fun! A selection of programs will be livestreamed online and videos of all programs will be available shortly after the festival. Get the details at www.loc.gov/events/2022-national-book-festival/about-this-event.

Announcements

Large print magazines have ceased production

Due to the ongoing worldwide paper shortage and significant increases in printing costs, NLS has made the difficult decision to cease production of all large-print serialized publications. These publications – Talking Book Topics, Braille Book Review, and Musical Mainstream – will continue to be available in all other forms in which they are currently produced.

Talking Book Topics (TBT) will remain available in HTML and PDF at www.loc.gov/nls/tbt and in audio from BARD, BARD Mobile, or by mail as a magazine on cartridge subscription and as a digital book. Braille Book Review (BBR) will remain available in hardcopy braille, ebraille from BARD or BARD Mobile, and HTML at www.loc.gov/nls/bbr. Musical Mainstream (MM) will continue to be available in braille, ebraille, and in audio available to subscribers on cartridge and on BARD.

The last large-print issue of Braille Book Review (BBR) will be September–October 2022. To subscribe to BBR in hardcopy braille, please contact GLTB.

To view both new issues and back issues of BBR in HTML, please visit the NLS website at www.loc.gov/nls/bbr. To subscribe to BBR in ebraille, visit BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download service, or BARD Mobile. Back issues of BBR are also available through BARD. If you have not signed up already for a free BARD account, visit www.loc.gov/nls/bard for instructions on how to enroll.

Discontinued magazines

The following magazines have ceased publication:

- Martha Stewart Living, braille format

- People en Espanol, audio format
- Eating Well, braille format
- ESPN: The Magazine, braille format
- Popular Science, braille format
- Cowboys & Indians, audio format

Parents, braille format will be replaced in October 2022 by Today's Parent.

Get on the list for a free refreshable braille display

Do you read Braille? You may want to get on the waiting list for a free refreshable braille display, please send an email to btbl@michigan.gov.

What is a braille display? Braille displays raise and lower pins on a device, converting text displayed on a computer screen into braille. A braille display can show up to 80 characters and is refreshable—that is, it changes based on the point of focus using the mouse or speech/keyboard commands.

Braille-on-demand program launches

If you're an NLS patron and read braille, you can now request one hard-copy braille book per month to keep for your personal use! You can choose from any of the 16,000-plus ebraille titles currently available on BARD. A short form to request a braille-on-demand book is at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLSbrailleondemand>. You may complete the form yourself, or contact us at GLTB and we'll be glad to help. You may also contact the NLS Reference Section at nlsref@loc.gov for assistance in completing the form.

Get on the list for the Michigan History Magazine

To get on the waiting list for the Michigan History magazine on cartridge, please send an email to btbl@michigan.gov.

Talking books available in world languages

The number of books available in world languages continues to grow, thanks to the Marrakesh Treaty. Here's the latest count for some of the more popular languages: 24 Japanese, 47 Norwegian, 901 French, 27 Finnish, 3,708 Spanish, 197 Italian, 345 German, and 70 Chinese. If you're interested to receive books in a language other than English, please give us a call.

You can find a selection of the most popular foreign language titles recently added to the NLS collection in Foreign Language Quarterly (FLQ), an online publication found at www.loc.gov/nls/flq. The most recent issue—which features 148 books in sixteen languages—was posted in May; the next will come out toward the end of the summer.

BARD available in French and Spanish

The default language used on the BARD Website is English and you may switch the language to French or Spanish. Patrons who would prefer to use BARD in French or Spanish should:

By way of the mobile app (iOS):

1. Log into the BARD mobile app
2. Tap GET BOOKS
3. Tap BARD website
4. Scroll down and tap ACCOUNT SETTINGS
5. In LANGUAGE INTERFACE SETTINGS, tap the drop-down box to select a different language.
6. Scroll down the page and tap on the blue UPDATE button.

By way of the BARD website:

1. Log into the BARD website nlsbard.loc.gov using the same email address and password that you use to login to the BARD mobile app.

2. Click on ACCOUNT SETTINGS
3. Go to LANGUAGE INTERFACE SETTINGS and use the drop-down menu to select the language preferred.
4. Click on the UPDATE button at the bottom of the page.

That All May Read - The significance of July 26, 1990

“A bill to establish a clear and comprehensive prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability,” also known as the Americans with Disabilities Act, was signed into law on July 26th in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush. You can explore the history and implications of the ADA with these titles from the NLS collection:

“Americans with Disabilities: Exploring Implications of the Law for Individuals and Institutions (BR12996, DB51493)” or

“Disabled Rights: American Disability Policy and the Fight for Equality (BR14882, DB56788).”

Resources, training, and services available at BSBP

The Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) helps blind and visually impaired people with job and living skills and, in some cases, connects them to adaptive equipment, computer software, and postsecondary education. Call BSBP 906-786-8602 for more information.

The National Federation of the Blind NFB-NEWSLINE

The National Federation of the Blind is a transformative membership and advocacy organization of blind people. The NFB-NEWSLINE is a free audio and Braille service for anyone who is blind, low vision, deafblind, or otherwise print disabled, which offers access to more than 500 publications, popular magazines, emergency weather alerts, job listings, and the list, keeps growing. National Federation of the Blind | nfb.org | 866-504-7300 | nfbnewsline@nfb.org

Aurora Ministries to close

Aurora Ministries will be closing on June 30th and will continue to offer NLS talking book Audio Bible cartridges until June 15th—or until remaining inventory runs out. They will not be able to accept any new orders for the handheld “**Hear My Bible**” or the J. Vernon McGee “**Solar Bible Bus players.**” However, you may still purchase these players directly from the manufacturer at AudioBibles.com.

GetSetUp

GetSetUp helps people over 55 to learn new skills, connect with others and have new experiences. The GetSetUp program is currently provided at no cost through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Library of Michigan partnership until the fall of 2023. GetSetUp offers a variety of topics such as digital literacy, cooking, health, aging, financial planning, and more. For more information, go to <https://blog.getsetup.io/>.

New podcast: Taking the Lead

If you listen to podcasts, you may enjoy “Taking the Lead,” a podcast from the folks at Leader Dogs for the Blind. The latest podcast features some amazing stories from clients and the journey of Melissa Weisse from volunteer to Chief Philanthropy Officer. New episodes are released every Thursday. The podcast is available wherever you stream podcasts or at the link below. We know you’ll enjoy hearing stories from Leader Dog graduates and meeting many of the people who comprise the Leader Dog community. Listen at www.leaderdog.org/taking-the-lead. If you have any questions, call or email Leslie Hoskins, Outreach Services & Community Engagement Manager, 248-650-7104, leslie.hoskins@leaderdog.org.

NFL football schedules in braille

Another NFL season is just around the corner. You can get a complete schedule of pro football games in braille by searching for “National Football League” under Braille Magazines in BARD.

Want to learn more about the history of the NFL and some of its greatest players and coaches? Start with the audio and braille books in our Pro Football minibibliography, on the NLS website at www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/lists-nls-produced-books-topic-genre/listings-on-narrow-topics-minibibliographies/pro-football.

Xavier Society for the Blind

Given the news about Aurora Ministries' closing, it is important to mention that Xavier Society for the Blind serves NLS patrons with audio and braille books for people of all faiths seeking to deepen their faith and spirituality. To get started with Xavier:

- Visit their website at xaviersocietyfortheblind.org
- Call 800-637-9193 or 212-473-7800
- Email them at info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org
- Follow them on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook @XavierSociety

Books and Book Clubs

Two Books Two Communities selections announced

The Two Books Two Communities reading program began as a partnership between Northern Michigan University and the Marquette County community which expanded in 2019 to include Alger County. Two Books Two Communities' purpose is to share the joy of a community reading the same book and they invite the entire University community, students, faculty, staff and all Marquette and Alger County residents—and beyond—to participate!

The selections for 2022 are *The Lightkeeper's Daughters and Me and You and the Red Canoe*, both by Jean E. Pendziwol. *The Lightkeeper's Daughters* tells the story of a young woman who reads the journals of her father, taking her back in time to his days as light keeper on Lake Superior. *Me and You and the Red Canoe* is a fishing trip that is as mindful of the journey as the destination, noticing the beauty of being on the water surrounded by wildlife.

We have suggested the books to be added to the NLS collection. In the meantime, hard copies of the books are available through Peter White Public Library or through inter-library loan. The audiobook is available through the Libby app. Call your local library for more information.

Beginning in September, there will be author events and programs in Marquette and Munising, visit nmu.edu/onebook for more information.

Join the Detroit Disability Power Book Club

The mission of Detroit Disability Power's book club, 'You Can't Put Us Down!' is to create a space for DDP members to connect over literature and shared interests in the realms of advocacy, networking, and disability

pride. With support from the Michigan Braille and Talking Book Library, this book club will commit to and model a high level of accessibility for participants with any and all disabilities.

What to expect from You Can't Put Us Down!

- A space that prioritizes the involvement and leadership of people with disabilities, and also fully welcomes caregivers and non-disabled allies.
- Lively discussion and an invitation to participate in every aspect of the book club planning, from selecting books to facilitating the dialogue.
- A focus on books in the genres of nonfiction, personal development, memoirs, and social justice literature.

Go to <https://www.detroitdisabilitypower.org/book-club> to join.

Books recommended by GLTB patrons

DB 101686

Migrations by Charlotte McConaghy. Nomadic Franny Stone arrives in Greenland with one goal--to trail what is possibly the final migration of the world's last Arctic terns. She talks her way onto a fishing boat, but as Franny's history is revealed, it becomes clear that there is more to her mission. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

James Reece Series by Jack Carr

DB 94686 Terminal List: Book 1

DB 96363 True Believer: Book 2

DB 99473 Savage Son: Book 3

DB 103250 Devil's Hand: Book 4

On his last combat deployment, Navy SEAL Lieutenant Commander James Reece's entire team was killed in a catastrophic ambush. But when those

dearest to him are murdered on the day of his homecoming, Reece discovers that this is a conspiracy that runs to the highest levels of government. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

DB 100379

Hitler's True Believers by Robert Gellately. An examination of Hitler and the Nazi Party's ideology and why the historical context of that time made the nationalist and socialist aspects of that ideology appealing to so many. 2020.

DB 100970

A life on our planet: my witness statement and a vision for the future by David Attenborough. Naturalist in his 90s reflects on his decades as a science communicator and the changes to the planet he has witnessed since his early days in the field. Presents policies for addressing issues like climate change and bettering the world to pass on to the next generation. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

DB 34310

Mustang War by Frank Roderus. An environmentalist couple is appalled to hear that grazing-range wars have led to the slaughter of hundreds of protected wild mustangs in Nevada. Determined to stop the destruction, they attempt to photograph the killers in action. Instead, they find themselves in a violent confrontation with three men who are trying to save their family ranch. Strong language and violence.

DB 87767

Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann. An examination of the 1920s murders of wealthy Osage Indian Nation members in Oklahoma. When the newly-formed FBI

bungled the investigation, young Director Hoover turned to ex-Texas Ranger Tom White, who put together an undercover team, including one of the only American Indian agents in the Bureau. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

DB 106262

Ali & Nino by Kurban Said. Ali and Nino grow up together in Baku, on the Caspian Sea, where they are drawn into the events of World War I and the Russian Revolution. While Ali joins the defense of Azerbaijan from the Red Army, Nino flees to the safety of Paris with their child. Translated from the original German. Some violence. 1937.

DB 100477

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston. This classic novel tells the story of Janie, a black woman who had three marriages: to middle-aged Logan Killicks, a prosperous farmer; to Joe Starks, a go-getter who makes Janie Mrs. Mayor Starks of Eatonville, Florida; and to Tea Cake Woods, who teaches Janie, at forty, the reality of love and happiness. Commercial audiobook. 1937.

DB19358

The Robe by Lloyd C Douglas. Historical novel about a young Roman soldier who wins Christ's robe in a dice game following the crucifixion. The robe has a profound influence on his life and character. 1942.

Victoria E. Wolf Recording Booth: new book available

The following locally recorded book is available for request and download.

DBC 19555 Cinder Pond

Annotation: Fall into a bygone world on the shores of Lake Superior with *The Cinder Pond* from celebrated juvenile fiction author Carroll Watson Rankin. Set in an old fishing wharf in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the novel follows protagonist Jeannette Huntington Duval as she leaves her struggling family to live with affluent relatives. Juvenile. 6 hours.

About the author: Carroll Watson Rankin was born in 1864 in Marquette, a town on the shore of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where she began her writing career as a reporter for the *Daily Mining Journal*. Her freelance stories were widely published and her best known novel is *Dandelion Cottage*

About the Narrator: Laura Kantola, an Ishpeming resident, has lived in the UP nearly all her life. A retired teacher, she enjoys walking, cross-country skiing, biking, kayaking, and of course, reading. She finds narrating a fulfilling way to reach out to those who otherwise wouldn't be able to read the written word.

Myth Busters

Let's dispel common myths about the talking book service!

A doctor must certify the application.

Nope! There are tons of professionals in your community who can certify an application; such as a librarian, eye doctor, social worker, teacher, nurse, activities director, therapist, and more. If you can't find someone to help you, just call great lakes talking books and we'll sign you up over the phone.

The service is just for blind people.

Nope! The service is available to anyone with a reading disability like dyslexia or a physical disability that prevents them from reading,

such as the inability to hold a book for long periods of time, turn pages, or moving eyes to read.

A person isn't eligible for the service if they can still read Large-print books.

Nope! Needing Large-print in order to read a book qualifies someone for the service, along with anyone else who is unable to read standard print.

The service is just for Senior Citizens.

Nope! We serve folks of all ages; Juvenile, Young Adult, and Adult.

The service doesn't have current titles or bestsellers.

Nope! NLS isn't late to the party! They buy new audio books from commercial publishers and make them available fairly quickly.

The collection doesn't have textbooks for students.

This is true, however, we partner with Learning Alley and Book Share to connect our students with textbooks.

There are long waitlists for new books.

Nope! Due to special licensing, NLS patrons never have to wait in line for other patrons to finish reading a book as they can all read the books at the same time without limits.

Help us Stay in Touch

Have you moved recently or updated your phone number or email address? Please contact us so we can update your account and keep you informed of any and all important library-related updates, as well as providing the fastest possible delivery of materials.

Great Lakes Talking Books - By the Numbers

506

The number of
GLTB patrons

44

The number of GLTB
institutions, such as
libraries and care facilities

27

The number of
audiobooks in Finnish

The count of GLTB patrons by county:

County	Patron Count
Alger	12
Alpena	35
Baraga	3
Chippewa	44
Crawford	10
Delta	59
Dickinson	42
Gogebic	23
Houghton	36
Iron	22
Keweenaw	5
Luce	7
Mackinac	12
Marquette	130
Menominee	43
Ontonagon	13
Schoolcraft	10
Total	506

197

The number of
audiobooks in Italian

346

The number of
audiobooks in German

3,739

The number of
audiobooks in Spanish

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How to Contact the Great Lakes Talking Book Reader Advisory and Outreach Center in Marquette, Michigan

Reader Advisor	Tonia Bickford
Email	tb@greatlakestalkingbooks.org
Local call	1-906-228-7697, ext. 0
Toll-free	1-800-562-8985, ext. 0
Visit our website at	https://greatlakestalkingbooks.org
We are open	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 – 5

Unable to Reach Us?

If you are unable to reach us, please call the Braille Talking Book Library in Lansing.

Toll-free	1-800-992-9012
Email	btbl@michigan.gov