**Spring 2009 Newsletter of the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library**

**Library Announces New Regional Librarian**

The Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped proudly introduces their new Regional Librarian, Meredith Wittmann. You may have met Meredith during one of her many excursions as our Outreach Librarian. She is very excited about her new position and the opportunity to continue working in such a great department.

Best described as energetic, vivacious, creative and caring, Meredith is always interested in new ideas, making her eager to get the digital transition underway. Her other plans include expanding efforts to spread the word about the library, and to broaden our collection, beginning with additional audio described movies. When the library gets new books by some of her favorite authors like John Irving, Richard Russo and Mary Higgins Clark, Meredith's glee is hardly concealed.

Meredith is eager to meet as many library users as possible and encourages them to call or email her.

**Audubon Magazine Now Available**

Here at the Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped we have a new magazine on recorded cassette that you can subscribe to for free! Audubon Magazine discusses current events related to birds and their habitat, but also discusses broader global topics like conservation and preservation of the environment as well. This magazine is quite interesting, even if you don't care for birds!

To get your free subscription to Audubon (or any of the many other magazines that we offer on cassette) call, email, or write your friends here at the Wisconsin Regional Library and we'll get you set up right away!

**Suggested Reading - Hot Romance Writers**

Cold winters and hot romances seem to go together. Here are some of our most popular writers of steamy romances-old favorites and some new writers too. After each name is the number of books we have by that author. Call the library if you would like us to add any of them to your list of favorite authors.

Elizabeth Adler (9)
Catherine Anderson (17)
Jennifer Blake (9)
Barbara Taylor Bradford (23)
Sandra Brown (57)
Shirlee Busbee (12)
Jackie Collins (19)
Janet Dailey (41)
Jude Devereaux (43)
Barbara Delinsky (20)
Dorothy Garlock (21)
Jayne Ann Krentz (24)
Johanna Lindsey (45)
Elizabeth Lowell (27)
Judith McNaught (16)
Fern Michaels (63)
Linda Lael Miller (31)
Doris Mortman (6)
Amanda Quick (22)
Julia Quinn (14)
Nora Roberts (103)
Rosemary Rogers (17)
Danielle Steel (84)
Katherine Stone (12)
Kathleen Woodiwiss (15)

**Louis Braille Exhibit**

Louis Braille was born on January 4, 1809 and the Wisconsin Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped prepared a bicentennial exhibit about his life and the role of Braille in the lives of blind people. The exhibit was displayed in the Milwaukee Public Library Central Library Building and will travel to several MPL branch libraries. Almost sixty blind children participated in three tours of the exhibit and heard a short talk about the life of Louis Braille.

**Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped Survey of Readers**

How are we filling your needs for library services?
Please take the time to fill out this survey and return by mail or e-mail.

**Name** (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
*(Please tell us who you are if you would like information or assistance with any topic below!)*
Gender: □ Male □ Female
Age: □ Under 18 □ 19-35 □ 36-50 □ 51-65 □ 66-80 □ Over 80
Do you live: □ Alone □ With family □ In a residential facility
How long have you used WRLBPH? □ Less than a year □ 1-5 years □5-plus years
Do you also buy recorded books? □ Yes □ No
Do you also get books from your local public library? □ Yes □ No
Do you have access to the Internet? □ Yes □ No
Are you interested in downloading books and other materials direct to your computer? □ Yes □ No

**Library Services:**
Please tell us any services you would like more information about:
The new Digital books and new format book player? □ Yes □ No
Magazines for free subscription in audio or Braille? □ Yes □ No
Newspapers (local and national) read over the telephone? □ Yes □ No
Audio-described videos or DVDs? □ Yes □ No Would you prefer DVDs or VHS? (circle one)
Old Time Radio shows? □ Yes □ No
OverDrive downloadable books? □ Yes □ No
National Library Service BARD download program? □ Yes □ No
ABLE volunteers record or Braille personal items and things the Library doesn't have? □ Yes □ No
Large print or Braille sheet music, and audio or Braille music instruction materials? □ Yes □ No

**Customer Satisfaction:**
Have you phoned or written to the Library in the past year? □ Yes □ No
Would you like us to call you concerning: Book selections Your address change Cassette player problems Other needs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
*(Please remember to give us your name and phone number so that we may contact you!)*
Are there authors or kinds of books you would like to read?
On a scale of 1 (best) to 4 (worst), how satisfied are you with our service? □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4
Comments / How could we improve our service to you?

*Thank you for completing this survey.*

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