

## **What’s Been Happening at WTBBL**

Spring is officially here! Before you get too busy with the flurry of spring activities, we have a few things to share:

* Summer Reading (SR) is around the corner! Participate in the WTBBL and NLS Summer Reading programs. We have some information about the programs in this Newsletter, and please call us between now and early June for more details.
* Plan your reading for the WTBBL SR. Stock up on books to read! We have a list of new Braille books and DBCs in this Newsletter.
* Enjoy a movie night, any night. We have new audio-described DVDs (Oscar winners!) in our collection.
* Join the WTBBL Book Club; the next meeting is on Tuesday, June 11th.
* Again, if you haven’t signed up for BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download), we highly encourage you to do so. You need an email address, and you can download audiobooks and magazines that can be read using the BARD Mobile app on a personal iOS or Android device, an NLS talking-book player, or a commercial player. More than 170,000 audio and braille books and magazines are available on BARD, and the service has more than 44,000 users!

Please reach out to us with any questions about our service. Enjoy the wonders of spring, stay healthy, and keep on reading.

## **Summer Reading Program**

Please join us again this summer for Summer reading! We will be doing Alphabet Bingo! This is in addition to the NLS sponsored programs that include: a kick-off party with Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, virtual games, an author talk, and a virtual tour of the Jefferson Building.

If you would like to participate in any of these events contact us at WTBBL for more information about registration **1-414-286-3045** or **1-800-242-8822** or by email at [wtbbl@milwaukee.gov](mailto:wtbbl@milwaukee.gov).

## **New Audio Magazine Available on BARD**

Four new audio magazines are being added to the NLS collection.

### **Best Friends**

Frequency: 6 issues/year

First issue: expected late spring

Description: *Best Friends* magazine is the nation's most uplifting magazine for pet lovers; full of engaging stories and happy tales of rescue. The magazine is the official publication of Best Friends Animal Society, a national nonprofit organization.

### **Magnolia Journal**

Frequency: Quarterly

First issue: expected late spring

Description: “The *Magnolia Journal* is a quarterly magazine by Chip and Joanna Gaines containing inspiration for life and home. Useful as a resource and a guide to living well, the *Magnolia Journal* contains stories, recipes, tips, and useful information you will refer back to again and again.”

### **Mother Jones**

Frequency: 6 issues/year

First issue: expected late spring

Description “*Mother Jones* is a nonprofit American progressive magazine that focuses on news, commentary, and investigative journalism on topics including politics, environment, human rights, health and culture.”

### **Overseas Outlook**

Frequency: biannual

First issue: March 2024

Description: *Overseas Outlook* is a newsletter for patrons living outside the United States. Its contents also may be useful for all NLS patrons.

Availability: MOC and BARD

Please contact WTBBL if you would like to start receiving any of these magazines on cartridge. Phone: **1-800-242-8822** or email: [wtbbl@milwaukee.gov](mailto:wtbbl@milwaukee.gov).

## **WTBBL 2024 Adult Book Club**

The WTBBL Adult Book Club meets by phone every other month on a Tuesday by using a toll-free phone number: **1-855-753-0200.** There are two sessions from which to choose: **1:30 to 2:30 pm** or **6:30 to 7:30 pm**. The same book is discussed at both sessions. Contact us for more information, or you can just call in at the appointed day and time!

### **Tuesday June 11th, 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

### ***The Invention of Miracles: Language, Power, and Alexander Graham Bell's Quest to End Deafness*** by Katie Booth **DB108369**

"We think of Alexander Graham Bell as the inventor of the telephone, but that's not how he saw his own career. As the son of a deaf woman and, later, husband to another, his goal in life from adolescence was to teach deaf students to speak. Even his tinkering sprang from his teaching work; the telephone had its origins as a speech reading machine. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

### **Tuesday, August 6th 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

### ***Klara and the Sun*** by Kazuo Ishiguro **DB102764**

Klara, an Artificial Friend, possesses great observational skills, and loves to watch the humans around her. When she is purchased to act as a companion for an ill girl, she studies the emotions of her new family closely and tries to learn from them. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2021.

### **Tuesday, October 8th 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

### ***Five Decembers*** by James Kestrel **DB108204**

"December 1941. America teeters on the brink of war, and in Honolulu, Hawaii, police detective Joe McGrady is assigned to investigate a homicide that will change his life forever. The trail of murder he uncovers will lead him across the Pacific, far from home and the woman he loves, as Japanese fleet is already steaming toward Pearl Harbor. Violence and strong language. Edgar Award. 2021.

### **Tuesday December 3rd, 2024 1:30 and 6:30**

### ***Radar Girls*** by Sara Ackerman **DB110294**

An extraordinary story inspired by the real Women's Air Raid Defense, where an unlikely recruit and her sisters-in-arms forge their place in WWII history. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

## **Discontinued Audio Magazine**

***American History*** magazine will no longer be available as a print publication for audio producers to narrate. The Spring 2024 issue will be the last issue available to NLS patrons in audio.

## **New Audio-described DVDs**

WTBBL has audio-described movies and TV shows available on DVD. You may check out three movies at a time. The loan period for each is one month.

A new movie catalog is available from WTBBL in large print, braille, or digital cartridge. Here are some of the new DVDs by genres:

### **Action and Adventure**

DVD01359 The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes

DVD01367 The Marvels

### **Animated, Children’s Movies &TV**

DVD01348 Migration

DVD01349 Trolls Band Together

DVD01368 Wonka

DVD01362 Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken

### **Biographical**

DVD01371 Oppenheimer

### **Comedy**

DVD01372 Barbie

DVD01370 Dream Scenario

DVD01369 Dream Scenario (Blu-ray Disc)

DVD01286 The Holdovers

### **Detective and Mystery**

DVD01360 Eileen

### **Drama**

DVD01361 Mudbound

DVD01374 Past Lives

### **Horror**

DVD01350 Nanny

DVD01352 Suitable Flesh

DVD01354 Thanksgiving

DVD01353 The Last Voyage of the Demeter

### **Science Fiction and Fantasy**

DVD01366 Chappie

DVD01365 District 9

DVD01264 Meg 2: The Trench

DVD01363 The Meg [Blu-ray Disc]

### **Thriller**

DVD01373 Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning, Part 1

DVD01356 Silent Night

DVD01355 Silent Night [Blu-ray Disc]

DVD01358 The Marsh King’s Daughter

DVD01357 The Marsh King’s Daughter [Blu-ray Disc]

## **New Wisconsin Titles Available**

ABLE (Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement) has produced more Wisconsin books for your reading pleasure. These titles are available on DB cartridges or on BARD.

### ***Abraham*** by Jennifer Beckstrand **DBC27331**

The second installment in the Petersheim Brothers series finds the Petersheim twins playing matchmaker between their shy older brother, Abraham, and the popular, outgoing Emma Wengerd. Adult.

### ***Andrew*** by Jennifer Beckstrand **DBC27330**

This romantic story taking place in a Wisconsin Amish community contains themes of forgiveness and second chances. The first installment in the Petersheim Brothers series. Adult.

### ***Brewtown Tales: More Stories from Milwaukee and Beyond*** by John Gurda**DBC27326**

Milwaukee's preeminent historian takes an eclectic look at how the city's past has shaped its present in this collection of short essays. The follow-up to Cream City Chronicles (DBC27347). Adult.

***Cream City Chronicles: Stories of Milwaukee’s Past*** by John Gurda**DBC27347**

This collection gathers stories from John Gurda's Milwaukee history column originally published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. Adult.

### ***Death's Door: True Tales of Tragedy, Mystery, and Bravery from the Great Lakes' Most Dangerous Waters*** by Barbara M. Joosse; illustrated by Renée Graef **DBC27390**

This book for young readers includes five nautical stories from a dangerous section of Lake Michigan known as “Death’s Door.” For grades 3-6.

***His Amish Sweetheart*** by Jennifer Beckstrand ***DBC27326***

While Austin Petersheim is excited to find himself involved in a new romance with the beautiful Priscilla Lambright, his little brothers help him see that he may have been taking his friend Hannah Yutzy for granted. Third installment in the Petersheim Brothers series. Adult.

***The Composer and the Ballerina: (A Musical Novel)*** by James R. Kocovsky ***DBC27373*** A composer travels to Russia to write and meets an interesting lot of people including Mary, a ballerina, whose injury alters the course of her life. Adult.

***The Net Beneath Us*** by Carol Dunbar ***DBC27339***

Elsa struggles to cope with the challenges of daily life in rural Wisconsin, raising two small children after the loss of her husband in a logging accident. Adult. Descriptions of sex. Some strong language.

***Wrong Tree Adventures in Wildlife Biology*** by Jeffrey M. Wilson; illustrations by Terry Daulton ***DBC27371***

Jeff Wilson shares stories from his career in wildlife management in the Northwoods of Wisconsin and beyond. Adult.

## **Print/Braille Picture Books and Adult Braille**

WTBBL has print/braille picture books that are great for sharing with a child. We also have a few adult braille books listed as well. The new books are contracted braille using the Unified English Braille Code.

***Henrietta Who?*** by Catherine Aird **BR 24542**. 2 volumes. Some strong Language. Adult. Also available as **DB110580**.

***How to Communicate: Poems*** by John Lee Clark**BR 24891**. 1 volume. Adult. Also available as **DB110580**.

**I Am Golden** by Eva Chen **BR 24409**. 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2. Also available as **DB106996.**

***I Color Myself Different*** by Colin Kaepernick **BR 24406**. 1 volume. For Preschool-grade 2. Also available as DB108166.

***If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad*** by Ebony Wilkins **BR 24671**. 1 volume. For grades 2-4. Also available as **DB11947**.

***I’ll Meet You in Your Dreams*** by Jessica Young; illustrated by Rafael López **BR 23888**. 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2.

***Infestation*** by Heidi Lang and Kati Bartkowski **BR 24727**. 3 volumes. Some violence. For grades 4-7. Also available as **DB112839**.

***Knight Owl*** by Christopher Denise **BR 24405**. 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2. Also available as **DB113183**.

***Koshersoul: The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew*** by Michael W. Twitty **BR 24554**. 5 volumes. Some strong language. Adult. Also available as **DB110375**.

***Last Sacrifice*** by Richelle Mead **BR 24680**. 6 volumes. Violence, some strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. Also available as **DB 72514**.

***Late Lunch with Llamas*** by Mary Pope Osbourne **BR 24630**. 1 volume. For grades 2-4. Also available as **DB110781.**

***Make it Ahead*** by Ina Garten **BR 24335.** 3 volumes. Adult. Also available as **DB109159**.

***Momofuku Milk Bar*** by Christina Tosi with Courtney McBroom **BR 24336**. 3 volumes. Adult. Also available as **DB108759**.

***Murder in Chelsea: A Gaslight Mystery***, book 15 by Victoria Thompson **BR 24613**. 3 volumes. Some violence and some strong language. Adult.

***Murder on Sisters’ Row: A Gaslight Mystery***, book 13 by Victoria Thompson **BR 24559**. 3 volumes. Some violence. Adult.

***Murder on Trinity Place: A Gaslight Mystery***, book 22 by Victoria Thompson **BR 24723**. 3 volumes. Some violence. Adult. Also available as **DB 95364.**

***Narrative of the Life and Adventures of Henry Bibb, an American Slave, Written by Himself*** by Henry Bibb **BR 24696**. 2 volumes. Strong language. Adult. Also available as **DB112260**.

***Night of the Squawker*** by R.L. Stine **BR24893.** 1 volume. For grades 3-6. Also available as **DB114884**.

***On Critical Race Theory: Why it Matters & Why You Should Care*** by Victor Ray **BR 24538.** 2 volumes. Strong language. Adult. Also available as **DB110561**.

***One-hour Comfort: Quick, Cozy, Modern Dishes for All Your Cravings*** by America’s Test Kitchen **BR 24466**. 5 volumes. Adult. Also available as **DB109749**.

***Our Planet!: There’s No Place Like Earth*** by Stacy McAnulty; illustrated by David Litchfield **BR 24408**. 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2. Also available as **DB107562**.

***Out of Darkness*** by Ashley Hope Pérez **BR 24728**. 4volumes. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers. Also available as **DB 84432**.

***Robert B. Parker’s Revenge Tour: A Sunny Randall Novel*** by Mike Lupica **BR 24568**. 3 volumes. Strong language and violence. Adult. Also available as **DB108065**.

***Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams’s Photographs Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration*** by Elizabeth Partridge and Lauren Tamaki **BR 24856**. 1 volume. For grades 6-9. Also available as **DB111538**.

***Soccer on Sunday*** by Mary Pope Osbourne **BR 24626.** 2 volumes. For grades 2-4.

***Some Die Eloquent*** by Catherine Aird **BR 24799.** 3 volumes. Adult. Also available as **DB113036**.

**S*tar Child: A Biographical Constellation of Octavia Estelle Butler*** by Ibi Annu Zoboi **BR 24806**. 1 volume. For grades 5-8. Also available as **DB106570**.

***Stinetinglers: All New Stories by the Masters of Scary Tales*** by R.L. Stine **BR 24513**. 2 volumes. For grades 3-6. Also available as **DB110134**.

***Stories from the Tenants Downstairs*** by Sidik Fofana **BR 24874**. 2 volumes. Adult. Some explicit descriptions of sex and strong language. Also available as **DB110968**.

***Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott*** by Mara Rockliff **BR 24874**. 1 volume. For grades K-3. Also available as **DB107576**.

***Tales from a Not-So-Best Friend Forever*** by Rachel Renée Russell with Nikki Russell **BR 24765**. 2 volumes. For grades 4-7. Also available as **DB113103**.

***Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star*** by Rachel Renée Russell **BR 24765**. 2 volumes. For grades 4-7. Also available as **DB 96815**.

***The 500 Million Dollar Heist: Isabella Stewart Gardner and Thirteen Missing Masterpieces*** by Tom Sullivan **BR 24558**. 1 volume. For grades 3-6.

***The Adventures of Robin Hood Retold from the Howard Pyle Original*** by John Burrows **BR 24575**. 1 volume. For grades 3-6.

***The Best American Poetry 2005*** by David Lehman **BR 24443**. 3 volumes. Some descriptions of sex, strong language, and some violence. Adult. Also available as **DB 62016**.

***The Best American Poetry* 2007** by David Lehman **BR 24446**. 2 volumes. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Adult. Also available as **DB 65375**.

***The Book of Spies: An Anthology of Literary Espionage*** edited and with introduction by Alan Furst **BR 24673**. 5 volumes. Also available as **DB 62037**.

***The Crossover*** by Kwame Alexander **BR 24707.** 2 volumes. For senior high and older readers. Also available as **DB 79528**.

***The Dictionary of Difficult Words: With More Than 400 Perplexing Words to Test Your Wits*** by Jane Solomon **BR 24414**. 1 volume. For grades 2-4 and older readers.

***The Hero of This Book*** by Elizabeth McCracken **BR 24651**. 2 volumes. Strong language. Adult. Also available as **DB111596**.

***The Know-Nonsense Guide to Money*** by Heidi Fiedler **BR 24524**. 1 volume. For grades 3-6. Also available as **DB110339**.

***The Last Boyfriend: Inn BoonsBoro Trilogy***, book 2 by Nora Roberts **BR 24670**. 4 volumes. Adult. Also available as **DB 74671**.

***The Night Before Kindergarten*** by Natasha Wing **BR 24403**. 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2.

***The Poop Song*** by Eric Litwin **BR 23886**. 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2.

***The Rock from the Sky*** by Jon Klassen **BR 23759**. 2 volumes. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3.

***The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo: A Novel*** by Taylor Jenkins Reid **BR 24491**. 5 volumes. Adult. Also available as **DB 88665.**

***The Wok: Recipes and Techniques*** by J. Kenju López-Alt **BR 24304**. 13 volumes. Adult. Also available as **DB109226**.

***Time for School, Little Blue Truck*** by Alice Schertle **BR 23889.** 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For preschool-grade 2.

***Total Stories*** by Rebecca Miller **BR 24540**. 2 volumes. Some violence, some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Adult. Also available as **DB110489**.

***Trumpet of Death: A Martha’s Vineyard Mystery*** by Cynthia Riggs **BR 24577**. 3 volumes. Strong language and some violence. Adult.

***Welcome to the Cypher*** by Khodi Dill; pictures by Awuradwoa Afful **BR 24401**. 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3.

***What the Road Said*** by Cleo Wade; illustrated by Lucie de Moyencourt **BR 23887**. 1 volume. PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3. Also available as **DB103048**.

***Where Cooking Begins: Uncomplicated Recipes to Make You a Great Cook*** by Carla Lalli Music **BR 24562**. 3 volumes. Adult.

***Widow’s Wreath: A Martha’s Vineyard Mystery*** by Cynthia Riggs **BR 24609**. 4 volumes. Strong language. Adult.

***Stack the Cats*** by Susie Ghahremani **BR 24363.** 1 volume.PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2.

***Zip, Zoom!*** by Kelly Starling Lyons; pictures by Nina Mata **BR 24365.** 1 volume.PRINT/BRAILLE. For Preschool-grade 2.

***The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess*** by Tom Gauld **BR 24366.** 1 volume.PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3.

***Anzu the Great Kaiju*** by Benson Shum **BR 24367.** 1 volume.PRINT/BRAILLE. For grades K-3.

***Mammoth Math (with a Little Help from Some Elephant Shrews)*** by David MacAulay **BR 24413.** 2 volumes. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

***Empty Smiles*** by Katherine Arden **BR 24473**, book 4 in Small Spaces Quartet series. 2 volumes. For grades 5-8.

***Tales from a Not-So-Perfect Pet Sitter*** by Rachel Renée Russell with Nikki Russell and Erin Russell **BR 24624.** 2 volumes. For grades 4-7.

***High Time for Heroes*** by Mary Pope Osborne **BR 24640.** 2 volumes. For grades 2-4.

***Hurry Up, Houdini!*** by Mary Pope Osboorne **BR 24641.** Contains complete text in uncontracted and contracted braille. 2 volumes. For grades 2-4.

***Tales from a Not-So-Friendly Frenemy*** by Rachel Renée Russell with Nikki Russell and Erin Russell **BR 24720.** 2 volumes. For grades 4-7.

***Maizy Chen’s Last Chance*** by Lisa Yee **BR 24792.** Asian/Pacific American Award. 2 volumes. For grades 4-7.

***Wildoak*** by C. C. Harrington **BR 24842.** 3 volumes. For grades 4-7.

***Tumble*** by Celia C. Pérez **BR 24875.**  3 volumes. For grades 5-8.

## **New Audio Books**

Check out some of the new audio books added to the collection by the NLS.

***The Wind Knows My Name*** by Isabel Allende **DB115139**

***The Women*** by Kristen Hannah **DB118896**

***The Narrow Seas: A Novel of Viking Age England*** by James L. Nelson **DB118890**

***Crime of Privilege: A Novel*** by Walter Walker **DB116065**

***North of Nowhere*** by Allison Brennan **DB116126**

***Happiness Falls: A Novel*** by Angie Kim **DB116360**

***Super Dog Tricks: Make Your Dog a Super Dog with Step-by-Step Tricks and Training Tips*** by Sara Carson **DB114653**

***Tailspin***by John Armbruster **DB115416**

***Books and Islands in Ojibwe Country: Traveling through the Land of my Ancestors*** by Louise Erdrich **DB115437**

**2024 Holiday & Post Office Closings**

March 29, 2024 Good Friday

May 27, 2024 Memorial Day

June 19, 2024 Juneteenth Day

July 4th 2024 Independence Day

September 2, 2024 Labor Day

October 14, 2024 Postal Holiday

November 11, 2024 Postal Holiday

November 28, 2024 Thanksgiving

November 29, 2024 Day After Thanksgiving

December 24, 2024 Christmas Eve

December 25, 2024 Christmas Day

December 31, 2024 New Year’s Eve

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