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Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled

BARD Android App

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped has released the Android version of the BARD Mobile app. The BARD app is available as a free download from the Google play store. Using the app requires an active BARD account and an Android device running OS 4.1 or later. The user guide is available on the bookshelf of the app. Help screens are available from inside the app, and can be accessed by activating the “context menu” or “more options button” and choosing help.



Library Service to Alaska

The Program for the Blind and Disabled at the Utah State Library entered into a partnership with the Alaska State Library in July to provide library services to Alaskans.

Alaskans receive audio, braille and large print books from Utah. All equipment transactions including new equipment, and any returns or exchanges are handled by the Alaska State Library. We are in the process of recording *Alaska* magazine and are ordering titles by Alaskan authors and/or titles of Alaskan interest to record for our collection of locally produced materials. Please contact Utah if you have Alaskan interest titles you would like us to consider recording or brailleing.



Emergency Preparedness Booklets Available in Braille

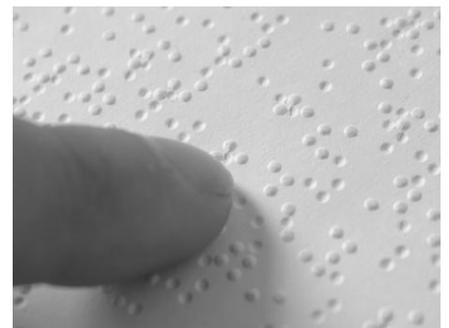
The Federal Emergency Management Agency provides booklets and brochures to assist people with developing and implementing emergency preparedness plans. The library has received multiple copies of four of the booklets in braille. The booklet titles are:

- Preparing Makes Sense — Get Ready Now
- Preparing Makes Sense for Older Americans — Get Ready Now
- Preparing Makes Sense for People with Disabilities, Others with Access and Functional Needs, and the Whole Community
- Preparing Your Pets for Emergency Makes Sense — Get Ready Now

If you would like a copy, please contact the library. We anticipate that the booklets will be recorded in the near future, but do not have a time line for when the recordings will be completed and available.

Unified English Braille (UEB)

The date for implementing the production of braille in Unified English Braille (UEB) code is January 4, 2016, the 207th birthday of Louis Braille. The move to UEB is being implemented at the national level by the National Library Service, Library of Congress. Effective January 2016, we will begin to use UEB code for our Utah produced braille materials. The handout titled *Frequently Used UEB Symbols* is now available. Please contact the library if you would like to receive a copy. More information about UEB braille code can also be found on the Braille Authority of North America (BANA) website: <http://www.brailleauthority.org/>.



“Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body” — Joseph Addison



Holiday Boutique



Blind and visually impaired crafters invite you to share in the fun! On November 20 and 21, 2015, blind and visually impaired crafters will be holding a boutique where you can shop or sell your handmade gifts. The boutique will be held at the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired located at 250 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City, in the auditorium from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Come and shop for loved ones and get a start on your Christmas list! If you wish to sell your crafts, a table is \$10. You are welcome to share with a friend if you do not feel that you can fill a table by yourself. Crafters should contact Pat at 801-783-5426. Everyone is welcome to shop, and we hope to see you there.

Facts about the Library

A few facts about the library that we hope you find interesting. We provide full library services to patrons living in Utah, Wyoming and Alaska, and braille service to 19 states nationwide. The library has a braille production operation, where books for our local interest collection are embossed. There are eight recording rooms at the library and eight recording rooms at the Reading for the Blind facility at the Utah State Prison, where volunteers record and edit audio books for our local interest collection. In addition to the Library for the Blind and Disabled, the State Library building houses the Multistate Center West, the Library of Congress's center that provides braille, audio books, supplies magazines, and catalogs to libraries located west of the Mississippi River. The Multistate also provides playback machines to all libraries in the U.S. that serve the blind, visually impaired and physically disabled. We request books from the Multistate Center if all our copies are checked out or if the book that is requested is not in our collection.





Book Discussion Club

Our online book club reads and discusses a book every other month. The next discussion is scheduled for **September 15, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Mountain Time**. The title we are reading is *My Beloved World*, written by Sonia Sotomayor, Justice of the United States Supreme Court. The synopsis of the book is:

A Memoir of United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court. Justice Sotomayor reveals her life's story - beginning with her childhood growing up with her Puerto Rican family in a Bronx housing project. She recalls the death of her alcoholic father when she was nine, the impact the diagnosis of juvenile diabetes had on her life, and how treatment of the disease led her to be self-reliant. She also discusses her education at Princeton and Yale Universities, her failed marriage, and becoming a district court judge in 1992. The book was a bestseller in 2013.

The book is available from the library in digital cartridge, braille and large print format. You can participate in the book discussion online, via your computer, or over the phone. Please contact the library and speak to Reader's Advisor Paula Stuart for more information about the book club or to borrow a copy to read for the discussion.

Cassette Books and Damaged Books

If you are using books on cassette, please rewind them before placing them in the container to return to the library. The next person to receive the book will appreciate this courtesy. If you get a cassette or cartridge book that will not play in your machine, if possible, please mark the box on the mailing card that says damaged or draw an **X** on the card. This will make it easier for our staff to identify that there is an issue with the book when we receive it, and will help us avoid sending it on to another patron. A reminder, for your library service to remain active, you need to borrow or download at least one book a year.

Playback Equipment

The National Library Service provides the library with the playback machines that we lend to you. To ensure that there are sufficient machines for all patrons, the National Library Service has established policies for libraries to follow for lending machines. This machine policy allows each patron to have **one cassette machine** and **one digital machine** (either one standard model or one advanced model digital machine) checked out at a time. If you currently have more than one cassette machine and/or more than one digital machine checked out, please return the additional machine to the library in the state you currently reside in. If you need a mailing box to return the machine, and live in Utah please contact the Program for the Blind and Disabled at the Utah State Library. If you live in Wyoming please contact the Vision Outreach Services office that serves the county you live in. If you live in Alaska please contact the Alaska State Library. All machines and library books travel free matter in the mail via the United States Postal Service.



Volunteer Spotlight

Dave Toronto

David (Dave) Toronto has been volunteering for the Utah State Library's Blind and Disabled Program for just about 10 years. Dave says he has always loved reading books, and recording them for the blind and disabled is a win-win situation for him. "It allows me in my retirement years to be of service to others," says Dave. "It also puts me in contact with some great literature." Since Dave is retired, when he isn't in the library's recording studio, he is frequently outdoors, enjoying backpacking, fishing and camping, either alone or with his children and grandchildren. He also loves bicycling and running, and in fact ran the 2014 Ogden Marathon. In good weather Dave rides his bike to USL. Dave is an asset to the recording program, and his volunteer service goes far beyond giving back. Dave, thank you for giving the USL Blind and Disabled Program patrons the chance to share great literature through your voice.

Project Strive

Project STRIVE is a transition program created by the National Federation of the Blind of Utah for youth from 7th grade to age 26. STRIVE stands for Successful Transition Requires Independence, Vocation and Education. Project STRIVE meets one Saturday each month, and as the new school year begins, we hope you will plan to include Project STRIVE in your busy calendar. Project STRIVE also works closely with the Utah Association of Blind Students (UABS) to prepare blind students to attend college. Students involved in Project STRIVE participate in activities, play bubble ball, soccer/wrestling, human foosball, goalball, relay races, etc. For more information about getting involved with Project STRIVE, and/or to get a calendar of this year's activities, please contact Program Coordinators Cheralyn Creer: 801-651-5504, cheralyn.creer@yahoo.com or Barbie Elliott: 801-513-8552. We are looking forward to a great year, join us for fun, learning and building your future!

Reader Response Sheet

Please fill in your patron number, name, and address on the lines provided below. Your patron number appears above your name on the address label of this newsletter.

Patron Number _____

Name _____

Address _____

Please list book numbers or book titles or other items desired, or explain any service problems you may have:

Please return this sheet to the library by folding it so that the library's address is on the outside. No postage is necessary. If you have questions or wish to order by phone, please call:

Local: (801) 715 - 6789; Utah toll free: (800) 662-5540;

Out of State toll free: (800) 453-4293 or email the library at
blind@utah.gov

Free Matter for the Blind

**Utah State Library, Program
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Stories of the West

Louis L'Amour wrote stories of the west, full of adventure, exploration and new beginnings. Featured here are a few of his titles to get you started on your own western reading adventure!

DB011910 Under the Sweetwater rim

A wagon carrying the major's pretty daughter, a dashing cavalry officer and sixty thousand dollars in gold mysteriously disappears.

DB015111 The Empty Land

Gold is discovered in the Utah hills, resulting in a boomtown full of trouble - until Matt Coburn arrives to clean things up.



DB016244 The Man Called Noon

A hoard of gold is buried on Fan Davidge's ranch, and people are willing to kill for it. Ruble Noon vows that Fan will keep her ranch - and the gold.

DB016730 To Tame a Land

Rye Tyler is a legendary gunfighter who falls in love with Liza Hetrick. When Liza is kidnapped, Rye sets out to find the outlaw who stole her.

DB017737 The Cherokee Trail

Spunky widow Mary Breydon runs an isolated stage station in Colorado. There she encounters Flandrau, the outlaw who shot her husband and is now running for governor.

DB062475 The Quick and the Dead

Con Valian guides the McKaskel family across the prairie, fighting off rustlers, Hurons and a lion along the way.

DB068460 Westward the Tide

A wagon train heads toward the Big Horn mountains. Drifter Matt Bardoul, attracted to the leader's daughter, signs on and discovers outlaws among the party.

"Once you have read a book you care about, some part of it is always with you" — Louis L'Amour

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