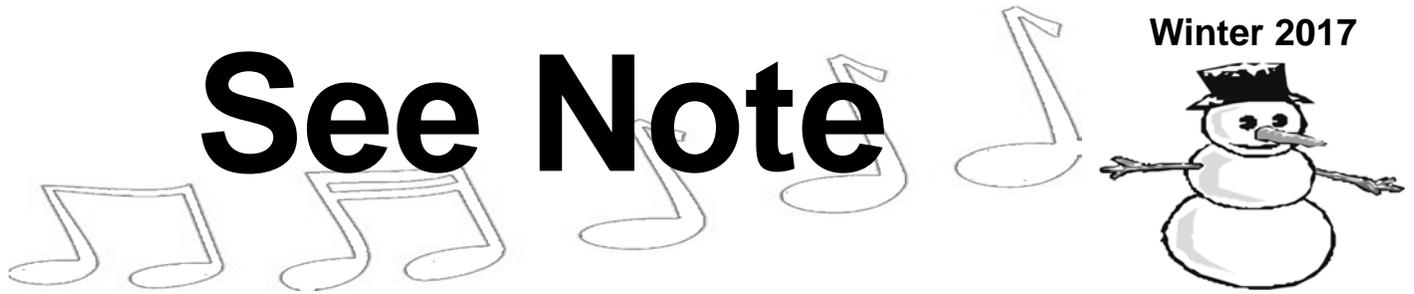


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## **Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled**

### **New Nations Exhibit - Utah State Capitol**

The Library is participating in an art exhibit on the 4th floor of the State Capitol titled "Who Tells Your Story?" that opens January 18th and runs through June. It is a part of The New Nation Project, a state-wide effort to celebrate the Founding Era of America that was inspired by the play *Hamilton: An American Musical*. This exhibition and all The New Nation Project programs provide an opportunity for everyone to engage in the conversation surrounding *Hamilton* when it arrives in Utah this spring. The Library staff contributed to the exhibit by writing, brailleing, and recording the physical descriptions of the art objects - the material composition, size, shape, color, and texture. The exhibit is free, and is open to the public. We are thrilled to be a part of this exhibit, and to have helped to make it accessible to people who are blind and visually impaired.

### **State Librarian Retirement**

Donna Jones Morris, Utah's State Librarian retired December 29, 2017. Donna served as the Director of the Utah State Library for over 14 years, and during her tenure, provided guidance and mentoring to staff working in libraries around the state. She also represented Utah's libraries on local and national boards. Donna is a strong advocate for all types of libraries and the services they provide. We wish Donna the very best, and hope she has many wonderful adventures during her retirement.

*"Do what you love, love what you do, and with all your heart give yourself to it."*

*- Roy T. Bennett, The Light in the Heart*

## Volunteer Spotlight

We are shining the spotlight on our wonderful and dedicated volunteer narrator, Karen Squires. Karen initially volunteered at the Library to read newspaper articles for the Radio Reading Service. She has been narrating books for over six years with a break in the middle to serve an LDS Mission in England. Karen says she came back to USL to volunteer because she loves serving in this capacity and feels it is very important to give back in some way. Karen is retired from 31 years as an elementary school teacher and principal. When she is not narrating books for the library, she loves to travel, work on genealogy and of course read on her own time. Thank you Karen for your wonderful service to the Library, and for sharing your great voice with members of the blind and disabled community.

*“Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.” — Marcel Proust*

## Your Favorites

Some of our patrons maintain a list of their favorite authors and genres, and we send books to them from that list of favorites. It's not a surprise to any of the Readers Advisors that our patrons' favorite author is Louis L'Amour. In fact, he's liked by more than twice as many patrons as Danielle Steel, the author who comes in second. Your favorite fiction books are Mysteries, followed by Historical Fiction, Fiction Bestsellers, and then Western stories in fourth place. Your favorite nonfiction subject is Biography, with Humor in second place. Our most requested book series is The Work and the Glory by Gerald Lund, followed by the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. Do those library-wide preferences come at all close to matching your personal preferences?



## Book Discussion

Our next book discussion will take place **Tuesday, March 13 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**. We will discuss two books, **“The Christmas Train”** by David Baldacci, and **“Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race”** by Margot Lee Shetterly.

### **A synopsis of The Christmas Train:**

Journalist Tom Langdon takes a cross-country train from the East Coast to Los Angeles to spend Christmas with his girlfriend. While on the trip he meets a host of zany characters, including his former lover. Sparks fly until Tom’s girlfriend shows up in Chicago.

**Digital book DB055045; Braille BR014463.**

**A synopsis of Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race:** Daughter of a NASA engineer profiles the black women who worked as human computers for NASA, and its predecessor agency, NACA. Discusses their lives prior to joining NACA/NASA, the challenges they faced due to gender and race discrimination, and their impact on the development of the space program. This book was the basis of the 2016 movie. **Digital book DB086234; Braille BR021798.**

Please contact Reader’s Advisor Paula Stuart if you want to participate in the book discussion. Paula will send you a copy of the braille or the digital cartridge book.

*“One must always be careful of books,” said Tessa, “and what is inside them, for words have the power to change us.” — Cassandra Clare, Clockwork Angel*



## **Braille Legislative Roster for the 2018 Session**

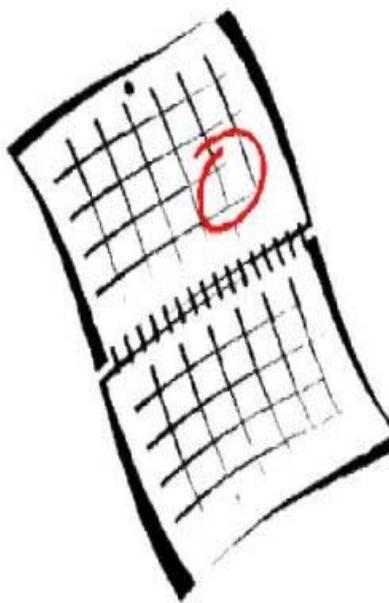
The Legislative Roster in braille for Utah's 2018 session is now available. If you would like a hard copy please contact us and we will send you one. You can also pick one up at the library. The roster is available on our website as a download: [blindlibrary.utah.gov](http://blindlibrary.utah.gov). A limited number of rosters are available at both the House and Senate offices, if you wish to pick one up while on the Hill.

## **Large Print Books**

We have an extensive collection of books in large print, and add many new titles every month. We provide catalogs of the large print book genres, however, because of printing costs, we are not able to update them as often as we receive new books. Our online catalog is an easy way to discover the newest titles in the collection, or give us a call and we will assist you.

## **Holiday Closures - 2018**

The Library will be closed the following dates. If you call please leave a message with your name and phone number, and we will return your call the next business day.



President's Day -- Monday, February 19

Memorial Day -- Monday, May 28

Independence Day -- Wednesday, July 4

Pioneer Day -- Tuesday, July 24

Labor Day -- Monday, September 3

Columbus Day -- Monday, October 8

Veterans Day -- Monday, November 12

Thanksgiving Day -- Thursday, November 22

Christmas Day -- Tuesday, December 25

New Year's Day -- Tuesday, January 1

# 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.

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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**

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## South America - Booklist

We are featuring books about South America this time. Take on adventure and read about the land and the people of this fascinating continent.

**DB080548 Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of Thirty-three Men Buried in a Chilean Mine, and the Miracle That Set Them Free.** A chronicle of the men trapped in a Chilean mine for sixty-nine days after the cave in on August 5, 2010. Describes living conditions, interpersonal relations, coping with stress, and eventual rescue. Some strong language.

**DB075354 Turn Right at Machu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time.** Travel magazine editor Mark Adams retraces Hiram Bingham III's 1911 discovery of the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu. Adams describes his own adventures in the Peruvian Andes and discusses his investigation of the controversies surrounding Bingham.

**DB075034 The Golden Empire: Spain, Charles V, and the Creation of America.** Continues the history of Spain's conquest of Latin America between 1522 and 1566, during the reign of King Charles V. Discusses the Spanish explorers who visited the New World during his reign, including Cortés, Pizarro, Orellana, and Coronado as well as the Incan and Mexican empires.

**DB084111 Way Around: Finding My Mother and Myself among the Yanomami.** David Good recounts his trips to the Amazon rainforest to reconnect with his mother and her remote tribe, the Yanomami. Describes a sense of disconnect with his upbringing in the United States, his relationship with his father, and his Yanomami family.

**DB069852 Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotten Jungle City.** History professor Greg Grandin discusses Henry Ford's rubber plantation in the Brazilian Amazon Basin, and chronicles the experiment from the land purchase in 1927 to the project's demise in 1945. Examines the clash between Ford's puritanical vision and the jungle's ecology and population.

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