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Spring 2021



Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled

Library Operations Update

The Library will open for in-person appointments beginning May 31st. Please contact us in advance to set up an appointment. Appointments will be limited to 30 minutes. We will follow all current health related protocols to ensure the safety of staff and patrons. If you wish to pick up materials, you may call in an order and it will be available for pick up on the table outside the library's double wooden doors. Please allow us 15 minutes to prepare your order.

Duplication on Demand Service

We are migrating patrons that currently receive audio books to the duplication on demand service. This service provides multiple books on a single cartridge. With this system, there is no more waiting for a book to be available. We will send you the same number of books you are used to receiving on fewer cartridges. It is possible to tailor each cartridge to your reading tastes, by including favorite authors, subject genres, series, or a mix of everything you enjoy. Each cartridge contains audio instructions about how to move from book to book, and the mailing card lists the titles on the cartridge. Address labels are adhered to the cartridges and containers now, so the mailing card can be discarded prior to returning the books. Please contact the library if you have any questions or need assistance.

Updating Contact Information

If you have moved since becoming a library patron, please contact us with your new address. This includes apartment, unit or room number changes. Occasionally mail is returned from the post office and we will contact you to verify that we have your correct mailing address. If you are unsure whether we have your current information, please call us to verify.

Change in Certification Requirements for Print Disabilities

The National Library Service has expanded the list of certifying authorities that are able to sign the library service application for people with print disabilities. A school psychologist, educator, social worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, and case worker can now certify a print disability. Please contact us with any questions.

New Book Collection

We are thrilled to offer a new collection of children's books with tactile elements and transparent braille overlay. Our aim is to promote familiarity with braille at an early age to encourage interest from our youngest readers. Please spread the word, and contact us for more information.

BARD Account Inactivation

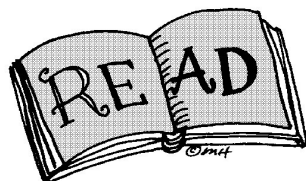
If you do not log into your BARD account for 30 days or more it is suspended by NLS for security purposes. Download a book from the BARD website or the BARD app every month to prevent inactivation. If you are locked out of your BARD account, please contact us to reactivate it for you. You must download using the reactivated account within 24 hours or it will be inactivated again.

Mail Delivery Delays

The U.S. Postal Service is experiencing significant delays with mail delivery nationwide. Please allow extra time for mail to arrive before calling if you have not received your order. Once the materials leave the library, we have no way to trace or locate the items in the postal system. With this noted, the duplication on demand service puts fewer items into the postal system, and we are hopeful that books will arrive to you much quicker. Downloading books via BARD is also an option, if you have a computer, smart phone, or tablet.

Alaska Senior Voice Magazine

We are now recording the Senior Voice, an Alaskan interest magazine. The Senior Voice will be produced as a bi-monthly subscription, to allow for recording, production and mailing time. The initial issue will include select articles and information for the months of April and May. Please contact us to set up your subscription.



New Website Design

Our website has a new design! We've tested the site for accessibility, and hope you find it easy to navigate and use. We have a blog on the site, where we post library information, new booklists, and other topics of interest. We are happy to have this feature available to us, and hope that you will check it frequently! The address is the same, blindlibrary.utah.gov.

Library Service Application on Our Website

Spread the word! We are making it easier to apply for our library service. The new library service application on our website can now be filled out online, digitally signed, saved and emailed to us.

Staffing Changes

We have a new State Librarian of Utah, Chaundra Johnson! She was previously the manager of the Library Development Program. Chaundra brings knowledge, great ideas, and expertise to the position. We are all looking forward to working with Chaundra as she begins her new job.

Vince Silas, an employee of the library for over 16 years retired in May of 2020. Vince provided support to our staff and operations. We miss his quick wit and sense of humor, which brightened so many days.

Julie Anderson, the administrative assistant for the library retired in November 2020 with over 30 years of service. Julie provided back up with answering patron calls, and also managed library contracts.

Faye Fischer is our new staff person managing the library's contracts. Faye is doing a wonderful job and is learning her new duties. Faye will be backing up the Reader's Advisors on the phones by this summer.

Holiday Closures 2021

The library will be closed the following dates this summer and autumn:

Memorial Day, May 31

Labor Day, September 6

Independence Day, July 5

Columbus Day, October 11

Pioneer Day, July 24

Veteran's Day, November 11

Paradise will be a kind of library. —Jorge Luis Borges



Book Discussion

We are doing something a bit different this summer, and are inviting you to be a part of a statewide book discussion initiative that invites all Utahns to read a common book and then get together virtually to enjoy, reflect, and discuss. The book discussion program is called One Book, One Utah. One Book, One Utah will use Zoom as the virtual discussion platform.

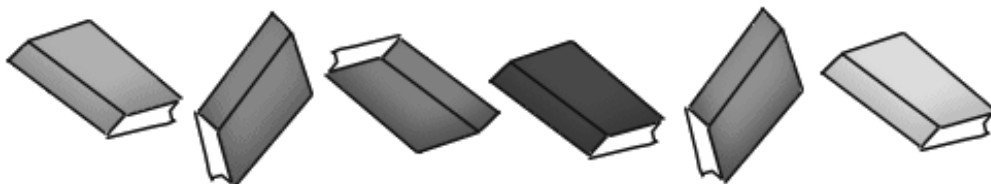
The first book is called **Virga & Bone: essays from dry places by Craig Childs**. A synopsis of the book is: A deeply felt essay collection focusing on a vivid series of desert icons, including a sheet of virga over Monument Valley, white seashells in a dry desert, and boulders impossibly balanced. The author delves into the starkest landscapes and profound nature of the desert. Digital book **DBU05031**, and braille **BRU7625**.

There will be a free, virtual evening with the author, held Thursday, May 27, 2021 from 7:00-8:00 pm, MDT. Register for the event at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-voice-from-the-desert-an-evening-with-craig-childs-tickets-141058215921>. Registered participants will receive a Zoom link via email prior to the event.

A second statewide book discussion will take place in August. The book that will be discussed is Summerlost by Utah author Ally Condy. A synopsis of this book is: Following the sudden deaths of her father and her autistic younger brother, Ben, Cedar and her remaining family return to Iron Creek. Cedar spends the summer working at a Shakespearean theater festival, makes a new friend, and comes to terms with her grief. Digital book **DB084026**

Please contact Reader's Advisor Paula Stuart if you want to participate in either of the book discussions. Paula will send you a copy of these books on a digital cartridge.

Librarians are the tour guides for all knowledge—Patrick Ness



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



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Book List

Murder most strange. What's this, death by toaster?? We have books about mysterious deaths caused by ordinary things. Check out our reading list!

Evans to Betsy by Rhys Bowen—DB055367

Psychic powers and a new age center. Someone is killed in a locked steam room turned on to maximum. Sixth in the Constable Evans mystery series.

Savage run by C. J. Box—DB055849, BR021979

Death by exploding cow? Joe Pickett, a Wyoming game warden discovers a plan by local ranchers to assassinate high profile environmentalists using bizarre methods. Second in the Joe Pickett series. (Violence)

Roald Dahl's Tales of the Unexpected by Roald Dahl—DB033207

Roald Dahl offers 24 wonderful stories that are tantalizing, comically terrifying, and grotesque. How does the wife get away with murder? By feeding the murder weapon to police, of course! (Some strong language)

A Fatal Grace by Louise Penny—DB067293, BR020546, LP023478

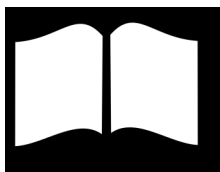
Oh Canada! An electric heater becomes a murder weapon during a curling match. Inspector Gamache of the Surete du Quebec investigates the suspicious death. Read and find out who died and why! Second book in the Chief Inspector Gamache series. (Some strong language)

The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco—DB19739

In the year 1327, Brother William is sent to investigate heresy in a Franciscan abbey. Bizarre deaths occur soon after his arrival, spurring Brother William to turn detective. Along with the novice Adso, he relies on the logic of Aristotle and the theory of Aquinas to discover a murderer and how a book can kill...

Seventy-seven Clocks by Christopher Fowler—DB97172

Detectives May and Bryant work in the Peculiar Crimes Unit, and the slew of murders they investigate in London involve death by exploding clock, toxic makeup, and a venomous snake bite. Third book in the Bryant & May series. (Violence and some descriptions of sex)



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