

Fall/Winter 2023



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Newsletter for the Utah State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

Message from the Library

So much has happened at the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled over the last six months. Of particular interest has been the restarting of our audio recording program since the prison moved to a new location. We are busy recording new books at the Reading for the Blind facility. We have also been able to clean up and make 100s of backlogged recordings available. All titles are recorded at our in-house recording studio or at the Reading for the Blind program at the Utah State Prison. Look for local interest titles from Utah, Alaska, Wyoming, and Montana!

Annual Seminar

The library shares the building with the State of Utah's Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (DSBVI). At the end of February, we will host a joint seminar with DSBVI, and hope you will be able to attend. There are amazing resources available for people with low vision and blindness, and the open house is the perfect way to learn more about the library and the programs offered by DSBVI. A reminder with more information about the seminar will go out in the mail closer to the date of the event. If you are interested in learning more about DSBVI, call 801-323-4343, Utah toll free (800) 284-1823 or online: <https://jobs.utah.gov/usor/dsbvi/>.



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Holiday Closures

The library will be closed the following days this fall and winter:

Labor Day, September 4

Columbus Day, October 9

Veteran's Day, November 10

Thanksgiving, November 23

Christmas Day, December 25

New Year's Day, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 15

Presidents' Day, February 19

Staff Updates

Updates to our library team!

Jason Powers is the new audio recording manager. Jason's expertise in audio technology is a great boon for the library. He works hard to create high quality recordings for our patrons.

Michelle Nealey started as the receptionist and moved to a position as a full-time reader's advisor. This job is a natural fit for Michelle who actively participates in the local blind community and culture with her husband.

Derek Jones started in the warehouse over ten years ago and has recently joined the team as a reader's advisor. Working with patrons directly has helped Derek gain a greater perspective of the scope of work that the library does.

Paula Stuart retired on March 31, 2023, after many years of service to the Multistate Center West and Utah State Library for the Blind. Paula was a great asset to the library, and we thank her for her commitment and years of service. We miss her expertise and knowledge of books and wish her the best luck with her new endeavors!

Library Survey

This newsletter contains a survey. Please take a few minutes to fill it out. After you complete the survey, please drop it into the mail. The library's return address is printed on the back of the survey, so there is no need to pay for postage.

Locally Produced Magazines Available in Audio Formats

The Utah State Library records the following locally produced magazines for our patrons. If you are interested in reading them, reach out to our readers advisors.

Alaska Magazine - Since 1935 this magazine has shared the authentic Alaska through stories and photographs.

Montana Outdoors - This magazine shares stories about the wonders of Montana's fish, wildlife and outdoors.

Montana The Magazine of Western History - This publication showcases the people, places, and events that shaped the region.

Sunset - Celebrates the western lifestyle, providing inspiration for travel, home design, recipes and more.

Utah Historical Quarterly - This is the state of Utah's premier history journal with articles, information, book reviews and more.

Utah Valley Magazine - This publication is for people who live in or love Utah Valley and covers all things lifestyle.

Salt Lake City Magazine - Readers of this magazine trust it to be on the front lines of local fashion, trends, dining, and cultural events.

Wyoming Wildlife - This publication is written for the anglers, hunters, and wildlife enthusiasts in the state of Wyoming.

Staff Picks and Favorites

Faye's recommendation: **A White Bird Flying** by Bess Streeter Aldrich
LP004698, DB043586

Laura Deal's grandmother has died, but Laura still holds on to the dream they shared "to write lovely things." Following this "white bird," Laura attends the University of Nebraska, dreaming of a literary career, but in the end recognizes the stronger claim of love.

Lisa's recommendation: **Death comes to Pemberley** by P.D. James
DB074076, BR019476

Darcy and his wife Elizabeth have been married six years and are relaxing on the night before their annual autumn ball. Elizabeth's wayward sister Lydia arrives unexpectedly, declaring that her husband Wickham has been murdered on Darcy's estate.

Winter Reading Program

The 2024 theme is Get Cozy! As the days get shorter and the weather gets colder, our instinct is to head indoors and stay there! A blustery winter day is the best time to curl up with a good book. We hope you will warm up and read with us.

The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living by [DB087391](#). The Danish word hygge loosely translates to the English word cozy, and infers a sense of comfort, togetherness, and well-being. This book focuses on practical ways of enjoying life's simple pleasures and the philosophies of contentment.

The Children's Blizzard by Melanie Benjamin [DB101802](#). A surprise blizzard sweeps across the Dakota territories, requiring two young teachers to make a life and death decision for the students in their school. This novelization of a little-known natural disaster in U.S. history is drawn from oral histories of the storm's survivors.

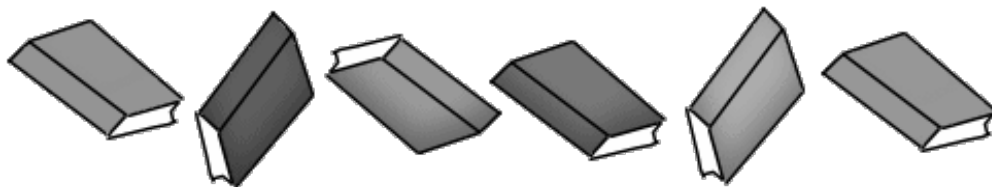
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott [DB058830](#). A home full of laughter, love, heartbreak, several warm fireplaces, and amazing breakfast spreads. Follow the March sisters as the seasons come and go and they navigate life in Civil War era America.

Snow: A Scientific and Cultural Exploration by Giles Whittell [DB097985](#). Learn fascinating facts and anecdotes about snow, including scientific and cultural histories of this weather phenomenon. This book presents an extraordinary journey across centuries and continents to experience the wonders of snow.

The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden [DB087310](#). Young Vasilisa Petrovna lives in the Russian wilderness and can see and talk to the ancient spirits that protect her village. When her stepmother and a village priest speak out against the old ways, Vasilisa uses her power to save her people.

The Murder of Twelve by Jessica Fletcher and John Land [DB100617](#). The unflappable Jessica Fletcher gets trapped in the Hill House Hotel during an unexpected blizzard and must deal with a contentious wedding party and the threat of murder.

If you'd like to register for this year's reading program, please contact the library to request a winter reading cartridge. Every registered participant will receive a memento at the end of the program.



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

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