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Great Lakes Talking Books (GLTB)
Reader Advisory and Outreach Center
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Dear Patrons,

We've had an excellent response to the GLTB survey that was included in the last newsletter. I'd like to thank each of you who took the time to fill it out and return it to us. From the results, we've gotten to know you, our Patrons, better and what we can do to improve our services. Some requested magazines or a change in their profile, but didn't include their name. Please contact me. Here some of the things we learned:

While over half of our patrons have contacted our office at least once during the past year, almost half have never contacted us. If you have any questions or suggestions about your Talking Book services, please call or email me at tb@greatlakestalkingbooks.org

Most of you are "very satisfied" with the number of books you receive, but there were many who are "somewhat satisfied" with the subject matter of the books. I can make changes in your profile so that the books you receive are better matched to your interests. Call or email me so that I can do this. Also, if we set your book profile to "Request Only", you'll receive only the books you've selected, not the ones that the computer has selected from your Profile Subject list. However, you will need to send me a list of the books you'd like. You will need to take some time to go through the *Talking Books Topics* catalog and make your selections. There is an order form at the back of the catalog for checking the titles you choose. Mail this to me or call and give me the book numbers, and I'll enter them into your *Request* list. You can also make requests for a book by calling or emailing me the name of the author or title, and I'll see if it's available.

If you do not request books, the computer will choose them for you based on the subjects or authors that you have requested. These can be changed or added to at any time, just give me a call.

All of the responses indicated that you, our Patrons, would recommend our services to a friend or family member. This is good to hear!

Good communication is essential for good service, so please call me, Monday-Thursday, 8:30AM-2:30PM, at 1-800-562-8985. I look forward to hearing from you!

~Lynn Buckland-Brown, Reader Advisor

Some Comments/Suggestions from some of you!

“Thank you for access to literature- classic, contemporary and even silly. What a boon to living a full and stimulating life.”

“Thank you for having this service. I love listening to the books and being able to talk about them with friends who’ve read the same ones... I would never be able to do this if this service was not available. Thank you again.”

“This program has saved my life- living at the end of country road, two miles in! Tell people that it takes a while to learn to listen to the books or tapes, to not fall asleep.”

BARD Training

GLTB now has a training area set up for patrons at our Talking Books Center in Marquette. One-on-one tutoring to learn how to download audio books from BARD is available. If you have a laptop or iPad, bring that along. We can also help new patrons with the use of the Talking Book Machine. If you would like training but you live too far from Marquette, we are also available for telephone training and support.



Lynn's List: Here are some books you might enjoy!

***DB76196 *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: A Novel* by Rachel Joyce**
(September's Book Club selection) Meet Harold Fry,
recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who
seems irritated by almost everything he does, even down to how he butters his
toast. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning the mail
arrives, and within the stack is a letter addressed to Harold from a woman he
hasn't seen or heard from in 20 years. His journey begins!

DB72129 *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and*
***Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand** Written by the
author of *Seabiscuit*, this is another true-life account about beating unbelievable
odds. In May of 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean
and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and
blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared.....

DB34768 *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien Hailed by *The*
New York Times as "a marvel of storytelling", *The Things They Carried's* portrayal
of the boots-on-the-ground experience of soldiers in the Vietnam War is a
landmark in war writing.

DB75192 *The Light Between Oceans: A Novel* by M. L. Stedman A
captivating, beautiful, and stunningly accomplished debut novel – the story of a
lighthouse keeper and his wife who make one devastating choice that forever
changes two worlds. In 1918, after four harrowing years on the Western Front,
Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia to take a job as the lighthouse keeper on
remote Janus Rock. To this isolated island, where the supply boat comes only
four times a year and shore leaves are granted every other year at best, Tom
brings a young, bold, and loving wife, Isabel. Three years later, after two
miscarriages and one stillbirth, the grieving Isabel is tending the grave of her
newly lost infant when she hears a baby's cries on the wind.

BOOK CLUB

You're Invited to join the Great Lakes Talking Books Book Club

What: A new book club that will meet on a monthly basis to discuss best selling fiction and non-fiction audio books.

When: Thursday, October 29th

Where: Great Lakes Talking Books Center

1615 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette (across from the Superior Dome)

Or join us from home using our toll-free number

Time: 1:00-2:00 PM (EST)

Please call me at 1-800-562-8985, Ext. 0, by Monday September 14th if you are interested in joining us. I will send audio books to all participants a month before each meeting. September's book will be **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: A Novel* by Rachel Joyce.