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**Great Lakes Talking Books (GLTB)
Reader Advisory and Outreach Center
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Greetings! I hope you had a lovely summer. As always, it passed much too quickly for me, but I am looking forward to a slower pace and more time to read.

I hope that you will take a few minutes to fill out the attached Reader Survey. Your input is important to us and provides valuable information for improving our services. If you have a question, suggestion, or problem, please put your name and phone number on it, so I can call you.

If you are not getting enough books, or too many books, or the wrong kind, please call me at **1-800-562-8984, EXTENSION 0** or **1-906-228-7697**

Mondays 11:30 am-5:00 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00 am-2:30 pm

Read On!

~Lynn

News from the NLS

During the next three to five years, NLS looks forward to releasing BARD Express to improve the efficiency of the online download service. They plan on acquiring eText to allow patrons to use text-to-speech to read books not selected for recording. Longer-term, NLS hopes to launch a new talking-book player with wireless capabilities.

Winners of the 100th Annual Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction - *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen DB-82047

History - *Custer's Trials: A Life on the Frontier of a New America* by T.J. Stiles DB-83009

Biography - *Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life* by William Finnegan DB-82098

Nonfiction - *Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS* by Joby Warrick DB-82561

Drama – *Hamilton: The Revolution* by Lin-Manuel Miranda DB-84175

Care and Feeding of your Digital Player

Feed your digital player lots of books and keep it plugged in when not in use. This practice keeps the battery charged and ready for next time. If the player is unplugged for an extended period of time, the battery power could drop to a level low enough that it will not recharge. If your player refuses to hold a charge, please contact me and I will arrange to have a new player mailed to you and the old one can be returned for repair.

Braille Books

In addition to audio books, we also circulate Braille books. Our Braille patrons receive their books through the mail, or they can download Braille files from BARD, to be read via a refreshable Braille display. Please call if you are interested in receiving Braille books.

Contact Information

Have you moved, changed your phone number, or email address? Don't forget to tell us! Without accurate and up-to-date contact and mailing information, we cannot provide you with great service.

How Long May I Check Out Books?

Books are checked out for a two month period, with a one month extension, if you need more time. Please remember to return your books as soon as you finish listening to them. Other patrons of the library could be waiting to read them.

Mismatched Digital Books and Containers

Please ensure that the number on the book matches the number on the box before sending it back. This will help us get books processed, on their way to you faster, and will reduce the number of "mistake" books you receive.

Help Us Spread the Word!

As patrons and supporters, you know the library's value. So, could you join us in spreading the word about Great Lakes Talking Books? You may know people at church, in civic groups, friends, or relatives who could benefit from our services. Recently, a Forbes article said, "According to Nielson, 92% of consumers believe recommendations from friends and family over all forms of advertising." I would also be happy to visit your town and share information. If you have suggestions for groups, events or venues in your area, please contact me at 1-800-562-8985. Thank you for your help!

New DV Descriptive Videos Available

Here is a list of new DV Descriptive Videos that are now available for all of our Michigan Talking Books patrons to borrow. If you are not registered to borrow DVDs, call and they will be added to your Book Services. Each of these DVDs has a described track, some are easy to find – it will be the first screen that pops up when the DVD starts. Others you will need to locate. Most often it's in *Languages*, but it can also be under *Special Features*.

DV 787	Daddy's Home	DV 785	Concussion
DV 788	Deadpool	DV 784	The Choice
DV 790	Eddie the Eagle		
DV 792	The Finest Hours		
DV 793	Gods of Egypt		
DV 796	How to Be Single		
DV 797	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2		
DV 800	Joy		
DV 801	Krampus		
DV 802	The Lady in the Van		
DV 808	The Other Side of the Door		
DV 809	The Peanuts Movie		
DV 810	Point Break		
DV 811	Pride and Prejudice and Zombies		
DV 812	The Revenant		
DV 813	Ride Along 2		
DV 814	Risen		
DV 815	Sisters		
DV 818	Victor Frankenstein		
DV 821	Zoolander No. 2: The Magnum Edition		
DV 826	London Has Fallen		
DV 829	In the Heart of the Sea		
DV 830	My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2		
DV 777	The 5th Wave		
DV 778	Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip		
DV 779	10 Cloverfield Lane		
DV 780	13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi		
DV 781	Anomalisa		
DV 782	The Big Short		

How Do Individuals Who Are Blind Use A Computer?

You may think computers, smartphones, and tablets are beyond the use of those who cannot see because these devices rely on visual images on a screen. Many of our patrons are able to use computer devices by utilizing a tool called a "screen reader." Screen readers are special programs installed on the computer that will speak aloud a description of items on the screen. Through this human-sounding, synthesized speech, individuals who are blind can access text and graphics, and interact with programs on the screen.

Trouble Reaching an Advisor?

The days and hours that Lynn Brown works at Great Lakes Talking Books are listed at the top of this newsletter. Nick is usually in the office to answer questions or take messages to share with Lynn on her next work day. Occasionally, she does outreach and visits patrons and directors at libraries or health care providers. Please be assured that if you call and leave your **Name** and **Phone Number** *on the answering machine*, Lynn will call you back on her next work day.

Bestsellers Available Now

Fiction

<i>Here's to Us</i>	by Elin Hilderbrand	DB 84787
<i>The House of Secrets</i>	by Brad Meltzer	DB 84347
<i>Modern Lovers</i>	by Emma Straub	DB 84619
<i>Eve</i>	by William Young	DB83309

Nonfiction

<i>But What if We're Wrong</i>	by Chuck Klosterman	DB 84705
<i>Lust and Wonder: A Memoir</i>	by Augusten Burroughs	DB 84237
<i>The Wright Brothers</i>	by David McCullough	DB 82175

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart." ~Helen Keller