

UPPER PENINSULA NEWSLETTER



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Greetings Readers!

It feels so good to be working on this Spring/Summer newsletter, which means that winter must be on its way out! There are several new happenings that I'd like to share with you.

Great Lakes Talking Books now has a Facebook page! I've posted information that you might be interested in, a list of new Michigan books, and NEW best sellers that are available. News and articles will be added on a regular basis. You can find this page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/gltbuppermichigan>

New Michigan books are being recorded every month by the Braille and Talking Book Library in Lansing. A monthly email will be sent out with a list of the books completed the previous month. If you'd like to receive this, make sure I have your email address.

Happy Reading!

Lynn Buckland-Brown

Remote Control Available for Talking Book Machines

A new remote control accessory is now available. Being that there is a limited quantity, they will be issued on a "need to have" basis for patrons meeting the following criteria:

- A physical issue that prevents a patron from easily reaching out to the machine/buttons on the digital player.
- Veterans and only those that have a need as described on the previous page will be given priority.

- Special circumstances beyond what is noted above need to be approved by the BTBL machine inventory technician in Lansing. Call Lynn if you need a remote control accessory and machine.

Brookridge Assisted Living Book Club

The Brookridge Assisted Living Book Club has been meeting monthly in Marquette. This winter we've read and discussed *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck, *The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson, *Street Lawyer* by John Grisham, *Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House* by Michael Wolff, and *Serpent: NUMA Files* by Clive Cussler.

If you would like to join our group, please call Lynn. You need not be a resident at Brookridge to attend the meetings or to have copies of the books sent to you.

If you would like to help start a book club in your area for Talking Book patrons, please call Lynn (800-562-8985, Ext. 0)

NEW MICHIGAN BOOKS

Biography

DBC11184 - *Thank God Ahead of Time: the Life and Spirituality of Solanus Casey* by Michael H. Crosby Appointed by the Vatican as the "External Collaborator to the Relator" for the cause of canonization of Capuchin Father Solanus Casey, the first man born in the United States to be declared "Venerable" by the Catholic church, Michael Crosby gives us an inspiring and insightful story of one person's unswerving faith in God's abiding presence throughout the universe. 1985. (10h 1m)

DBC05943 - *The Drummond Girls: a Story of Fierce Friendship Beyond Time and Chance* by Mardi Jo Link An inspiring and heartfelt memoir about the friendship between eight women forged over two decades. They vacation on Drummond Island, Michigan, every year, but due to aging, the memory of one of the friends is beginning to lapse. They attempt to keep their memories alive with stories and humor. Some strong language. 2015. (15h 44m)

DBC11163 - *Beer Money : a Memoir of Privilege and Loss* by Frances Stroh The author reveals the complexities of her childhood as a member of the Stroh's beer family. Once in possession of the largest private beer fortune in America, the iconic Detroit label's decline

paralleled that of the slow unraveling of the author's family and the city. Strong language. A 2017 Michigan Notable book. 2016. (6h 31m)

Michigan Fiction

DBC11178 - *Wolf's Mouth* by John Smolens, read by Michael P. Donovan - During WWII, Italian officer Captain Francesco Verdi is captured by Allied forces and sent to a POW camp in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He escapes from the camp and meets an American woman who helps him elude capture. They build a new life together in postwar Detroit, but as a series of brutal murders rivets Detroit, he is caught between American justice and Nazi vengeance. Some strong language and some violence. A 2017 Michigan Notable book. 2016. (11h 32m)

Michigan Non-Fiction

DBC11188 - *Michigan Legends : Folktales and Lore from the Great Lakes State* by Sheryl James, read by Nicholas Colovos - A collection of stories drawn from Michigan's rich folk heritage that range across historical time periods and locales. The legends feature a collage of Michigan's ethnic and cultural traditions. 2013. (5h 46m)

DBC11183 - *Dear Fahrenheit 451 : Love and Heartbreak in the Stacks* by Annie Spence, read by Betsie Bush - A librarian's snarky, laugh-out-loud funny, and deeply moving collection of love letters and break-up notes to books in her life that comment on feminism, culture, health, poverty, childhood aspirations, and more. Strong language. 2017. (5h 26m)

Mysteries

DBC05928 - *Murder at the Stadium* by Richard L. Baldwin, narrated by Michael P. Donovan - Eddie Williams, the father of three talented football sons and one estranged daughter is found dead in a media trailer outside the University of Michigan stadium the day of the game with their rival school, Michigan State University. 2014. (6h 7m)

DBC11106 *Ice Run* DBC11107 *A Stolen Season* and DBC11109 *Misery Bay* by Steve Hamilton

Steve Hamilton's Alex McKnight series introduces an ex-Detroit cop who rents cabins in the Paradise, near Sault Ste. Marie. Reluctantly, he investigates suspicious murders and searches for missing people. Violence and strong language.

True Crime

DBC11139 - *Luke Karamazov* by Conrad Hilberry

A vivid and detailed true crime account of serial murderers and brothers Luke Karamazov and Tommy Searl in Kalamazoo, Michigan in 1964. Violence and strong language. 1987. (5h 59m)

DBC11143 - *Dreams Gone Wrong : Peace, War, and Murder at Michigan State University* by Lingg Brewer

Analyzes Michigan State University and its faculty's involvement with the Vietnam War and the circumstances that led to the deadly violence in East Lansing during January 1975. 2013. (13h 17m)

Discovering the Peoples of Michigan Series

There is a book on just about every nationality, including the Finnish, Italians and Swedes, that immigrated to Michigan, as well as Native Americans. Here are two of the new latest books added to the collection. Printed books are available from Amazon.

DBC11159 - *Hungarians in Michigan* by Eva V. Huseby-Darvas

Examines the history and impact of Hungarian communities in Michigan. Discovering the Peoples of Michigan series examines the rich multicultural heritage of the Great Lakes State and reveals the unique contributions that different and often unrecognized communities have made to Michigan's historical and social identity. For high school and adult. 2003. (2h 23m)

DBC11160 - *Cornish in Michigan* by Russell M. Magnaghi

Examines the history and impact of Cornish communities in Michigan. Discovering the Peoples of Michigan series examines the rich multicultural heritage of the Great Lakes State and reveals the unique contributions that different and often unrecognized communities have made to Michigan's historical and social identity. For high school and adult. 2007. (2h 40m)

Children's Books

DBC11126 - *Double Trouble in the Everglades* by Mary Morgan

Ben and Bekka visit Everglades National Park in Florida and uncover a get-rich-quick scheme. Sequel to Snow Den at Yellowstone (DBC11125). For grades 3-6. 2015. (2h 57m)

DBC11165 - *Mine Collar Mystery* by CLK Elementary, narrated by Lili

Krezel - Copper Country history comes to life in this time-travel mystery written by children living in the Keweenaw National Historical

Park. It's 1900, and Paavo, a 12-year-old Finnish boy, is about to start his first day of work in the mines. Tripping over a large piece of copper, he finds himself on a schoolyard in 2006. For grades 3-6. 2008. (35m)

To access the complete catalog of Michigan books, visit <http://michigan.gov/btbl> and click "Michigan's Locally Recorded Digital Talking Books" in the *Other Materials* section.

Summer Engineering Program for Blind and Low-vision Teens

The National Federation of the Blind Engineering Quotient (EQ) program is a weeklong summer engineering program for blind and low-vision teens, grades 9-12, from across the country. It runs from July 29-August 4 at the NFB Jernigan Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. There are no registration fees. Costs for travel, room, and board are covered. Deadline to apply is May 1st. Visit blindsience.org/nfbeg

Patron Input Needed

Our library has been bequeathed a generous amount of money. I am inviting our GLTB patrons to become part of a conversation that will decide the best way to use this donation. A committee will be meeting the end of March. Please call Lynn if you're interested in joining this conversation: [1-800-562-8985, Ext. 0](tel:1-800-562-8985)

Please fill out this form at mail it to us if you need assistance with your book service. Mail it to the address at the top of this newsletter.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

I'm getting too many books.

I'm not getting enough books.

I don't like the books I'm getting.

I'd like to talk with someone, please call me.

I'd like to cancel my book service.

I'd like my services to be put on HOLD for a while.

I'd like an application to give to a friend/relative.

I'd like to join a book club

I'm going to be moving. When? _____

Other issues: _____

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