

NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2015

Great Lakes Talking Books

Reader Advisory and Outreach Center

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<http://greatlaketalkingbooks.org/> or 1-800-562-8985**

Dear Patrons,

First of all, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Lynn Buckland-Brown and I'm the new Reader Advisor here in Marquette at the Great Lakes Talking Books Reader Advisory and Outreach Center. Our former Reader Advisors, Ruth and Joanne, have retired. They miss all of you that they came to know as dear friends. Even though I had excellent training from Ruth before she left, I learn something new every day and I thank you for your patience!

I grew up in Escanaba and have recently moved to Marquette after retiring as a Special Education and art teacher. My mother-in-law is a Talking Books Patron and enjoys listening to her audio books very much. I am excited about working here and assisting all of you with your Talking Books experience.



Please feel free to call me Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM, or stop in for a visit! We're in the process of remodeling the interior of our office and plan on having a Listening Center for those who would like training concerning the use of the Digital Machines or learn how to download audio books onto personal computers and iOS devices.

Breakthrough Smartphone App Reads Print

The KNFB Reader iPhone app allows blind or print-disabled users to quickly and independently scan and read a variety of documents on the iPhone 5 or newer, running iOS 7 or higher. The user can snap a picture of a printed page to hear the words read aloud. Text may also be read using a connected Braille display. Critical for the blind user are the auto rotate feature and the field of view report which help frame the document in the camera and tell you how much of the document is visible. The new KNFB Reader was named one of the “Top 10 Assistive Technology Breakthroughs of 2014” by the Perkins School for the Blind. **The GLTB Library does not endorse any company, product, website, or service mentioned in this newsletter. The information offered is meant for personal reference about new resources or services of interest to our patrons.*

Using Bookshelf to Find Book Titles on a Thumb Drive

Locating specific book titles on a cartridge or thumb drive containing multiple titles is easy if you use the Bookshelf feature. It allows you to navigate back and forth through the cartridge to find the book title you want to read. After inserting the cartridge into the digital player, hold down the GREEN Play/Stop button until you hear the word “Bookshelf”. Release the Play/Stop button and tap down on the white arrow-shaped FAST FORWARD button to move through the titles on the cartridge until you hear the title of the book you want to read. To move BACK through the titles, hold down the Play/Stop button until you hear “Bookshelf”, then tap down on the white arrow-shaped REWIND button.

Digital Player’s Battery Life

It is important to remember to keep your digital player plugged in when not in use. If it is unplugged for an extended period of time, the power level in the battery could drop to a very low level and won’t ever fully recharge.

Spring/Summer 2015 Great Lakes Talking Books Library Survey

We would like your help in evaluating our service and planning for the future. Please fill in this survey and return it by June 1, 2015. Detach it from this newsletter, fold it in half with the GLTB address showing, seal and mail it. No postage is necessary. To complete this survey by phone, call our library at 1-800-562-8985.

This is an anonymous survey, however you may elect to include your name and phone number. Thank you for your input!

1. (Optional) Name: _____ Phone: _____

2. How did you learn about the Talking Book Library?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor's office | <input type="checkbox"/> Librarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach person from GRTB | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Agency (e.g. Veterans Affairs) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bureau of Services for Blind Persons | |

3. On the average, how many audio books/magazines from our library do you listen to each month:

- None
- One-four
- Five-ten
- Eleven-twenty
- More than twenty

4. How often do you contact GLTB by phone, email, or in person?

- Daily Weekly Monthly Annually Never

5. If you have contacted GLTB within the past 6 months, what was the purpose of your call, email, or visit? (Check all that apply.)

Apply for services/ask for application form

Order books, magazine, or machine

Questions about my services

Update my profile

Report a problem with the book selections, service, or machine

Other: _____

6. How would you rate the service you received by phone, email, or in person?

Poor Fair Neutral Good Excellent

7. Are you satisfied with the number of books you receive?

Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Not satisfied

8. How satisfied are you with the subject matter of the books you've received?

Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Not satisfied

9. Do you own or have easy access to a computer, tablet, or other device connected to the Internet or through another means such as local library, friend, or relative?

Yes

No

*If you answered YES to Question #9, do you use the Braille and Talking Books Library Online Catalog?

Yes

No

10. Downloadable digital talking books are available from BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download website) and recently, the BARD Mobile app for iPhones, iPads, and Ipod Touch. Choose one of the following statements the best describes your experience with downloading digital talking books.

I have not registered with the BARD website and do not plan to do so.

I have not registered to use the BARD website, but plan to in the future.

I have registered to use the BARD website, but have not yet downloaded any books.

I am registered with the BARD website and have downloaded one or more books/magazines.

I have installed the BARD Mobile app on my iOS device(s) and have successfully downloaded one or more books/magazines to the device.

11. How do you rate your overall experience with Great Lakes Talking Books?

Poor Fair Neutral Good Excellent

12. Would you recommend our services to a friend or family member:

Yes Maybe No

Your comments are greatly appreciated! Comments:

Thank You for helping us to serve you better!

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Pulitzer Prize Winners and Finalists of 2015

DB78463 *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert (General Nonfiction)

Journalist examines the causes of the five prehistoric mass extinctions and compares previous conditions with those existing in the twenty-first century. Posits that humanity is on the brink of the sixth mass extinction and is the primary cause of it.

DB79182 *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr (Fiction)

When Paris is invaded by the Nazis, Marie-Laure LeBlanc's father evacuates her to St. Malo to stay with her great-uncle. Blind since the age of six, Marie-Laure must learn the town by the scale model her father has left. Then, the Germans arrive. Violence and some descriptions of sex.

DB78327 *The Pope and Mussolini: The Secret History of Pius XI and the Rise of Fascism in Europe* by David I. Kertzer (Autobiography)

Brown University professor uses Vatican archives released in 2006 to investigate the relationship between Pope Pius XI and Italian fascist leader Benito Mussolini, who both came to power in 1922. Discusses the ways they used each other to achieve their goals and the pope's ultimate regret over their bargain.

Other Best Sellers That You Might Enjoy...

DB75641 *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich

North Dakota, 1988. Thirteen-year-old Joe Coutts's mother Geraldine, a tribal enrollment specialist, is brutally raped at the Ojibwe Round House. Joe and his father, a judge, each search for Geraldine's attacker to bring him to justice. Strong language, some violence, and some descriptions of sex.

DB75547 *Winter of the World: Century Trilogy, Book 2* by Ken Follett

The five families from *Fall of Giants* (DB 71970) continue to struggle through the tumultuous 1930s and 1940s. Violence and some strong language.

**FREE MATTER
For the Blind &
Handicapped**

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The Michigan Bureau of Services for Blind Persons (BSBP) believes in the capacity of people who are blind or visually impaired to achieve employment and independence. BSBP provides training and other services that empower people to achieve their individual goals.

If you live in Michigan and you're blind or visually impaired, the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons will work with you to define your goals and identify appropriate training and other services. Funded by federal and state taxes, BSBP provides counseling and training in skills for daily living without vision. Depending upon your needs and eligibility for specific services, BSBP may also provide some types of adaptive equipment, computer software, and postsecondary education. For more information, call the office nearest to you: Escanaba 906-786-8602 800-323-2535 Gaylord 989-732-2448