



Indiana Insights

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Staffing Changes at the Talking Book & Braille Library

A Note from the Outgoing Regional Librarian:

By Laura Williams

After over a decade working for the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library, I have moved on to another department within the Indiana State Library. It has been a pleasure interacting with all of you throughout my tenure with the library. I have seen many changes in TBBL, and I know the program will continue to accomplish great things.

Happy reading!

An Introduction of the New Regional Librarian:

The Indiana State Library is pleased to announce Judy Gray as the new Talking Book and Braille Library supervisor.

Prior to working for the Indiana State Library, Judy spent 23 years working for the Indianapolis Public Library. She joined the staff of the Indianapolis Public Library as a circulation assistant while she completed her master's degree in library science from Indiana University. She then progressed to a librarian, a community branch manager, and a regional branch manager; always staying in patron service roles.

"Helping patrons find what they need has always been my favorite part of being a librarian," Judy said.

For relaxation, she likes to read, watch sports and spend time with her family. However, her main hobby is volunteering her free time at the Whitewater Valley Railroad Museum in Connorsville, where she is the archivist, a brakeman, a conductor, and an engineer for their passenger trains.

Judy is super excited about the new challenges ahead for her in the Talking Book and Braille Library. She can be reached at 317-232-3684 / 1- 800-622-4970 or jugray@library.in.gov

Get Ready for Summer Reading

Children ages 4 -18 are invited to join the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library's Summer Reading Program for "All Together Now" from May 30th to August 4th. Books will be available to borrow from the library in braille, large print, and digital audio formats; participants can also download digital audio books and Braille files from BARD at nlsbard.loc.gov or use the BARD Mobile app available from the iTunes app store, the Google Play store, or the Amazon App Store.

Any book borrowed from the library within the time frame will count toward a participant's total. Note that only books borrowed or downloaded from the library will count towards a reader's total. Every reader will receive prizes! We will be sending out materials throughout the program including prizes, activity sheets, crafts, and more!

To enroll, or if you have questions about the program, please contact Abby Chumin at achumin@library.in.gov or by phone at 317-232-3684 / 1- 800-622-4970. Applications will be mailed to eligible readers in the coming months.



New York Times Fiction Best Sellers of 2022

Booklovers by Emily Henry (BR 24476, DB 107926, LP 21920)

Cutthroat literary agent Nora Stephens agrees to go to Sunshine Falls, North Carolina, when her sister Libby begs her to accompany her on vacation. Surprisingly, Nora keeps bumping into Charlie Lastra, a bookish, brooding editor from back in the city. It would be a meet-cute, if not for the fact that they've met many times and it's never been cute. 2022.

The Hotel Nantucket by Elin Hilderbrand (BR 24451, DB 109007)

In 1922, a fire at the Hotel Nantucket killed 19-year-old chambermaid Grace Hadley. The Hotel then become more and more abandoned, the once beautiful and bright inner walls slowly withered. Until Xavier Darling, a British billionaire, purchased and revived it. Xavier hires Lizbet Keaton as his general manager, and Lizbet, in turn, assembles an energetic and inexperienced team with the purpose of turning around the hotel's destiny.

Fairy Tale by Stephen King (BR 24552, DB 110155)

Traveling to a secret other world to save your old, sick dog sounds simple, doesn't it? The dark fantasy novel, *Fairy Tale* was just creepy enough to reflect the author's style, but at the same time, it doesn't slip into the morbid category. The novel contains elements from almost all classic fairy tales, all spiced up with a bit of King's horror. 2022

Run Rose Run by Dolly Parton & James Patterson (BR 24102, DB 107053, LP 21913)

Annie Lee Keyes is hitchhiking her way to Nashville, determined to make it in the music industry. But she's fleeing her past, and her rise as a country music star is dogged by the dark secrets trying to destroy her. Violence and strong language. 2022.

This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub (BR 24331, DB 108110)

"A moving story about a father-daughter relationship. . .chronicles what happens when one 40-year-old woman wakes up and is suddenly 16 years old again. But it's not her youth she's riveted by—it's her father's."—*Marie Claire Magazine*. Contains strong language and some descriptions of sex.

New York Times Non-Fiction Best Seller of 2022

I'm Glad my Mom Died by Jennette McCurdy (DB 110152)

Jennette McCurdy was a Nickelodeon teen star from *iCarly* and *Sam & Cat*. Everything that happened to Jennette in her life, the things that her mother did to her, that she made her do as she raised her, is so horrible.

And There was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle by John Meacham (DB 111374)

This book tells the story of Lincoln from his birth on the Kentucky frontier in 1809 to his leadership during the Civil War to his tragic assassination in 1865: his rise, his self-education, his loves, his bouts of depression, his political failures, his deepening faith, and his persistent conviction that slavery must end.

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times by Michelle Obama (DB 111237)

There may be no tidy solutions or pithy answers to life's big challenges, but Michelle Obama believes that we can all locate and lean on a set of tools to help us better navigate change and remain steady within flux.

So Help Me God by Mike Pence (DB 111606)

So Help Me God is the chronicle of the events and people who forged Mike Pence's character and led him to that historic moment, on January 6, 2021 when the Vice President refused to leave the Capitol, and once the riot was quelled, he reconvened Congress to complete the work of a peaceful transfer of power.

Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization by Neil deGrasse Tyson (DB 110636)

Bringing his cosmic perspective to civilization on Earth, Neil deGrasse Tyson shines new light on the crucial fault lines of our time—war, politics, religion, truth, beauty, gender, and race—in a way that stimulates a deeper sense of unity for us all.

Check out our book talks!

Let TBBL help you choose your next book to read! This year’s book talks are in full swing.

When Breath Becomes Air (DB 83643, BR 21371) is now available on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaTBBL>.

Angela’s Ashes (DB 42805, BR 12543),

The Season of Styx Malone (DB 92720),

The Personal Librarian (DB 103929 BR 24012),

The Midnight Library (DB 100906, BR 23507),

and a special presentation of Indiana children’s authors are all coming to YouTube and Facebook throughout the rest of this year.

2023 Vision Expo

Mark your calendars to join us on September 9th, 2023, from 10am to 2pm at the Indiana State Library for Vision Expo!

Vendors and speakers will be at this event as well as snacks. Meet the staff of Talking Books & Braille Library as well as your favorite vendors from across the state. The Indiana State Library address is 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46204.



Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Calendar:

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| Friday | April 7, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Tuesday | May 2, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Monday | May 29, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Tuesday | July 4, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Monday | October 9, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Tuesday | November 7, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Friday | November 10, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Thursday | November 23, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Friday | November 24, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Monday | December 25, 2023 | Library Closed |
| Tuesday | December 26, 2023 | Library Closed |

Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

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