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Extra Books for the Holidays

With the holiday season in full swing, it is time to start planning for mail delays. This year, the library will be closed on Thursday, December 23rd, Friday, December 24th, and Friday, December 31st. As a result, there will be no incoming or outgoing mail on those days so your book deliveries will be interrupted. We encourage you to take a few moments and order extra books to have on hand during that time; please have all requests for additional books in before Friday, December 17th to ensure that your books have plenty of time to get to you. Remember that up to 10 books can go onto a single cartridge, so getting more books doesn't have to mean getting more cartridges. As always, the best way to ensure that you do not run out of books is to return them as you finish them rather than returning them all at the same time as we do not automatically send replacements until we receive books back from you.

The holiday season is a great time to think about signing up for BARD or downloading the BARD Mobile app. BARD will give you instant access to over 100,000 audio books and magazines, braille books and magazines, and music scores from the comfort of your home, even when the library is closed! For more information on BARD, please visit www.nlsbard.loc.gov or call us at 1-800-622-4970. If you are interested in signing up for BARD, please be aware that we will not be able to approve your BARD application on days the library is closed.

Book Talks on Facebook

Talking Books is going to be recording several book talks that will be posted on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/IndianaTBBL>. If you want to read any of the books below, please contact us! Here is a sneak peek at the books we will be reading and discussing. The first book talk about ***The Nightingale*** by Kristin Hannah (BR 23299, DB 81189, LP 19795), has already been posted. Each talk will run between 10 and 15 minutes and include information about plot, characters, and themes.

January 2022: ***The Night Circus*** (DB 73783, BR 21370) by Erin Morgenstern

March 2022: ***Educated*** by (DB 90188, BR 22656) Tara Westover

May 2022: ***Life of Pi*** (DB 54950, BRC 01223) by Yann Martel

July 2022: ***The Boys in the Boat*** (DB 77138, LP 19018, BR 21495) by Daniel Brown

September 2022: ***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*** (DB 44769, BR 21736) by Betty Smith

November 2022: ***Tuesdays with Morrie*** (DB 44849, LP 12543, BR 12800) by Mitch Albom

Meet our New Staff Members

If you have called the library recently you may have noticed that we have two new people answering the phone. Abby is our new librarian and Camden is our new reader advisor. They have already had the opportunity to speak to many of you. If you have not had the chance to meet them yet, here are introductions from each of them:

Abby: My name is Abby Chumin and I have been the Librarian at the Talking Book and Braille Library since June of 2021. I received my bachelor's degree in secondary English education and taught 8th grade for a time. I transitioned into libraries and received my Master of Library Science from Indiana University Purdue University of Indianapolis in 2017. I

have been working in various libraries for seven years. I feel incredibly lucky to be able to work for Talking Books and make a difference for our patrons.

My hobbies include cross-stitching, baking, spending time with my pets, and of course, reading. As a former teen librarian, I enjoy reading young adult books, mysteries, thrillers, horror, and fantasy. Some of my favorite authors are Stephen King, Bridgid Kemmer, Grady Hendrix, Patricia Briggs, and Neal Shusterman.

Camden: My name is Camden Wright, and I began working in the TBBL department as a Reader Advisor in August. It has been a wonderful experience so far getting to know all our patrons, and I'm slowly but surely getting my footing! Before starting with TBBL I had a few different library and service positions ranging from public library clerk to 911 dispatcher, with a completed degree in Fine Arts and an ongoing degree in Library Science. My reading interests are varied, mainly focusing on fantasy, cozy mysteries, and classics. In my free time, I love curling up with my cats, a cup of coffee, and a good book of poetry!

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Magazine Updates

Magazine subscribers may be experiencing delivery delays with audio magazines. The issue is supply chain related. NLS does not know when these delays will subside. Please contact us if you have any concerns about your magazines.

Here are some recent magazine updates:

- The braille magazine *Boys Life* has changed its name to *Scout Life*. Subscribers to *Boys Life* will automatically be switched over to a *Scout Life* subscription.
- NLS has added *Essence* to its audio magazine lineup. *Essence* is a monthly lifestyle, beauty, and fashion magazine for African American women. Patrons who were subscribed to *Ebony*, which ceased print publication in 2019, were automatically switched over to an *Essence* subscription.
- *Reader's Digest* is now available in hard copy braille as well as ebraille on BARD.
- The following braille magazines are now or will soon be available: *Cricket*, *Dell Sunday Crosswords*, *Knitscene*, *National Geographic Kids*, and *Sports Illustrated Kids*.

If you are interested in receiving any of these magazines, please let us know.

Book Recommendations

Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner (DB 103413)

The author reflects on her experiences growing up Korean American, struggling with expectations, meeting her husband, and losing her mother to cancer. She also discusses her journey to forge her own identity and claim the taste, language, and history left to her by her mother. Unrated. Bestseller. 2021.

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah (DB 102287)

Texas, 1921. Elsa Wolcott has few prospects before her as she's considered too old to marry. Then she meets Rafe Martinelli. Thirteen

years later, everything on the Martinelli farm is dying--including their marriage. Elsa must decide to fight for the land of her heart or head to California. Unrated. Bestseller. 2021.

The Wife Upstairs by Rachel Hawkins (DB 101851)

In this modern retelling of Charlotte Brontë's *Jane Eyre* (DB 10886), Jane is newly arrived in Birmingham, Alabama and working as a dog-walker in a fancy gated community. She feels like an outsider until she meets handsome widower Eddie Rochester. Unrated. 2021.

The Kindest Lie by Nancy Johnson (DB 102560, BR 23701)

Needing to reconnect with the baby she gave up for adoption years earlier, an Ivy League-educated African American engineer uncovers devastating family secrets before her bond with a young white misfit scandalizes her racially torn community. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2021.

The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan (DB 102780)

In an effort to help housewives with World War Two food rationing, a BBC radio program is holding a cooking contest. For four very different women, winning the competition would present a crucial chance to change their lives. Includes supplement with recipes. Unrated. 2021

Libertie by Kaitlyn Greenridge (DB 102829, LP 21543)

Coming of age as a freeborn Black girl in Reconstruction-era Brooklyn, Libertie Sampson is all too aware that her mother, a practicing physician, wants Libertie to go to medical school. But Libertie, drawn more to music

than science, wants to forge her own path. Some violence and some strong language. 2021.

What Comes After by JoAnne Tompkins (DB 105268)

In coastal Washington State, Isaac lives alone with his dog, grieving the recent death of his teenage son, Daniel. Next door, single mother Lorrie struggles with a heinous act committed by her own teenage son. The two are isolated by their great losses until a pregnant sixteen-year-old girl shows up. Unrated. 2021.

Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty by Patrick Radden Keefe (DB 102965)

Author of *Say Nothing* (DB 94329) examines the history of the Sackler family who has donated money to many prominent cultural and educational institutions, but who have made their money off drugs like Valium and OxyContin. Discusses legal challenges the family and their companies have faced. Unrated. 2021.

Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law by Mary Roach (DB 105210)

Author of *Grunt* (DB 86098) analyzes the investigation and crafting of policy around human-wildlife interactions and conflicts. Roach highlights the work of animal-attack forensics investigators, human-elephant conflict specialists, bear managers, and "danger tree" faller blasters. She discusses the ways conservation efforts are influenced by human impact. Strong language and some violence. 2021.

Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Calendar:

Thursday	December 23, 2021	Library Closed
Friday	December 24, 2021	Library Closed
Friday	December 31, 2021	Library Closed
Monday	January 17, 2022	Library Closed
Friday	April 15, 2022	Library Closed
Tuesday	May 3, 2022	Library Closed
Monday	May 30, 2022	Library Closed
Monday	July 4, 2022	Library Closed
Monday	September 5, 2022	Library Closed
Monday	October 10, 2022	Library Closed
Tuesday	November 8, 2022	Library Closed
Friday	November 11, 2022	Library Closed
Thursday	November 24, 2022	Library Closed
Friday	November 25, 2022	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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