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Thank You to all the patron and vendors who attended the 2023 Vision Expo.

On Saturday, September 9 the Indiana Talking Book and Braille library hosted the 2023 Vision Expo at the Indiana State library. The attendance for this year's event was great, and the staff at the Indiana Talking Book and Braille library were so happy to meet so many of our patrons and so many new friends.

Both speakers were highly anticipated, and their presentations did not disappoint. Unfortunately, one of our speakers, Julie Flaherty, was stuck in New York and had to present her traveling with visual impairments talk over Zoom. Christine Donmoyer discussed her book, "Invisible Disability: Living with Macular Degeneration".

Image on left – Library patrons listen to Christine Donmoyer in the Indiana Authors room of the Indiana State library.

Image on right- Library patrons listen to Julie Flaherty on Zoom in the Indiana Authors room of the Indiana State library.

This year we had door prizes for those patrons and visitors who attended the event could register to win. The door prizes included magnification devices and braille games. All prizes have been mailed out. Our 6 winners were:

- Nicollette Humphries
- James Lucas
- Antonio Sousa
- Larry Tiller
- Wanda Stanley
- DeeAnn Hart

The next Vision Expo will be in September 2025. We hope to see you then.

Adult Winter Reading Book Bingo!

For the first time ever, Talking Books will be hosting an adult winter reading program! In this newsletter is a form to fill out to receive a bingo card. Send the form in to sign up for adult winter reading and you will receive your bingo card in the mail (ages 18 and up). Winter is a great time to try something different, branch out, and discover a new favorite genre. Haven't read the classics since high school? Pick one up this winter! Friends with a westerns fan? Find something you can read together! With the various genres we have, there is something for everyone.

If you're still not sure where to start, contact us. We have extensive knowledge on the various genres and are happy to help you find something you will enjoy. If you have any questions about the winter reading, call Abby at 317-232-3738.

Keep track of the books you read November 1st through January 31st. Book Titles may be used only once per bingo card. You do not need to write your titles on the bingo card, simply mark the box. Once the season is over, send us your completed card. Each bingo on your card will count as one entry to a prize raffle, and Blackout cards will be entered into an extra special raffle. Everyone who submits a card will win a prize. All cards must be submitted by **February 12th**.

The Jewish Braille Institute

For over 90 years JBI (The Jewish Braille Institute) has provided people of all ages who are blind or print disabled with free braille, audio, and large print specific to Jewish interest.

The Jewish Braille Institute offers:

- 13,000 circulating audio books, braille titles and large print materials.
- Free customized accessible materials on demand to help patrons participate fully in Jewish life and learning.
- Accessible liturgical material, prayer books and Jewish calendars for all denominations
- Periodicals: our bi-monthly compilation of articles of broad Jewish interest from widespread news sources, offered in English or Russian audio, or braille.
- Jewish-themed twin-view children's books and kits of a print copy with large print or audio accompaniment
- Delivery of all materials by mail all over the world - available in English, Russian, Yiddish, Hebrew, Hungarian, Romanian, Polish, and Spanish!

With the upcoming Jewish High Holidays, Jewish calendars, prayer books and other materials are available so that everyone who wants to can participate. Anyone can order free calendars and other High Holiday materials by clicking https://jbilibrary.org/our-library/high-holy-day-materials

Want to sign up for JBI? Register https://jbilibrary.org/register-with-jbi

Free Telecommunications Equipment for Eligible Individuals with Combined Hearing and Vision Loss

iCanConnect is a Federal Communication Commission (FCC) funded program, also referred to as the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP). iCanConnect provides free modern equipment and training for distance communication purposes to people with both significant vision and hearing loss, who meet disability and income guidelines.

iCanConnect is a nationwide program with local contacts to help people stay connected with friends, family, their community, and the world.

People eligible for iCanConnect services receive a personalized assessment to identify solutions to support their distance communication needs. Then, participants are provided with equipment and training that meets their

specific situation. Examples of equipment might include smartphones, tablets, computers or laptops, large print screen magnification software, and refreshable braille devices.

In Indiana, Easter Seals Crossroads is responsible for the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution & Program services. Contact Belva Smith for any questions about applying for the program.

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Upcoming Music Program

Join NLS on Zoom on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. (EDT) for "Time Out for 'Take Five'," the first quarterly NLS Music Notes meeting! Music Section Head Juliette Appold and Music Reader Services Librarian Brian McCurdy will discuss the Dave Brubeck Quartet's "Take Five" and its relevance to the NLS Music collection. A Q&A will follow. This is now a past event.

You can read Brian's 2020 blog post on "Take Five" at https://blogs.loc.gov/nls-music-notes/2020/05/song-stories-time-out-for-take-five

Talking Books Topics

Did you know that you can find the current issue and back issues of Talking Book Topics online? https://www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/latest-books-in-braille-and-audio/talking-book-topics-bimonthly-magazine/

Or go to https://www.in.gov/library/tbbl/
Scroll down and click on Talking Book Topics

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Adult Winter Reading: November 1st-January 31st

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number ( )_____

Email _____

Would you like the bingo card in braille? _____Y _____N

Would you like the bingo card digitally? _____Y _____N

Check the reading media you would like to use this winter:

Digital _____ Braille _____ Large Print _____ BARD_____

Do you have a machine borrowed from our library?

Yes ____ No____ Using BARD Mobile Only ____

List titles and types of books you would like us to send you:

Please Return by October 23rd

To return the application, fold the letter in half, tape it shut, and put it in the mail.

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Spooky Good Reads for Adults:

Ghost Story by Peter Straub (BR004623, DB013843)

Four old men gather to tell each other stories—some true, some made-up, all of them frightening. A simple pastime to divert themselves from their quiet lives. But one story is coming back to haunt them and their small town. A tale of something they did long ago. A wicked mistake. A horrifying accident. And they are about to learn that no one can bury the past forever.... Some strong language. 1979.

The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson (DB021679, LP001158)

During his scientific investigation of the ghosts in an old, abandoned house, Dr. Montague invites a young man and two women to participate in his experiments. 1959

A Head Full of Ghosts by Paul Tremblay (DB082566)

Teenager Marjorie begins showing signs of mental disturbance. Her worried family calls in the Catholic Church for an exorcism and films a reality television show about it. But is Marjorie mentally ill, demonically possessed, or faking it all? Some violence, some strong language. 2015.

Meddling Kids a novel by Edgar Cantero (DB088386)

The teenaged members of the Blyton Summer Detective Club last solved a case together in 1977. Thirteen years later, they return to where their adventures began, to confront their inner demons and the real monsters that are waiting for them. Unrated. 2017.

The Outsider by Stephen King (BR023150, DB092110, LP020820)

When the body of an eleven-year-old boy is found, all the evidence points to one of Flint City's local teacher Terry Maitland. Terry has an ironclad alibi, which leaves Detective Ralph Anderson wondering how a man could be in two places at once. Violence and strong language. 2018.

The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires by Grady Hendrix (BR023373, DB099550, DB106223 Spanish)

The one thing Patricia Campbell has to look forward to is her book club of Charleston women united by their love of true crime. When James Harris moves into the neighborhood, Patricia senses there is something not right about the man. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Salem's Lot by Stephen King (BR022530, DB016381, DB062402, LP010901, DBG18017- Spanish)

Chilling tale of exorcism set in the small town of Jerusalem's Lot. 'Salem's Lot, as the natives call it, is what appears to be a ghost town. Its streets, however, are deserted only in the daylight hours, for the villagers have turned into vampires. Some strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 1975

Secondhand Spirits; A Cast-Off Coven; Hexes and Hemlines: Witchcraft Mysteries, Bks. 1-3 – by Juliet Blackwell (DB079913)

Books one through three, written between 2009 and 2011, featuring a San Francisco witch who solves mysteries and runs a vintage clothing boutique with her miniature potbellied pig, Oscar. Some strong language. 2011.

Something Wicked this Way Comes by Ray Bradbury (BR012583, DB050233, DB009245)

Will Halloway and Jim Nightshade, both thirteen, are fascinated by the carnival that comes to their small town. But after a series of frightening events, the boys realize there is something sinister about the show and its owner. 1962.

Tales of Ghosts from Indiana

Ghost Stories of Indiana by Edrick Thay (DBC13521).

A chilling collection of tales from the Hoosier State that includes not only the most famous tales of Indiana, but many little-known ones as well. (2001).

Haunted Hoosier trails: a Guide to Indiana's Famous Folklore & Spooky Sites by Wanda Lou Willis (DBC13563).

Wanda Lou Willis takes readers on a frightening journey across Indiana, exploring haunted houses, rivers, and other locations. Supplemented with excellent original maps, photos, and illustrations, Haunted Hoosier Trails is a collection of spooky tales and real-life horror stories that doubles as a Halloween travel guide. For high school and adult (2002).

Haunted Tales from the Region: Ghosts of Indiana's South Shore by Dorothy Salvo Davis (DBC13575).

South Shore lights blaze through the night, warding off restless spirits that slink among shadows. Join paranormal researcher and author Dorothy Salvo Davis as she reveals the legends and ghouls that haunt this generally peaceful

area. Cut the lights at your own peril because the ghouls of the South Shore won't soon find solace. (2010)

Chilly Children's Tales

Bunnicula: A Rabit tale of Mystery by Deborah & James Howe (BR017165, DB065299)

Harold, the family dog, recalls the time the Monroes brought home a cute baby bunny they found at a Dracula movie and named Bunnicula. But Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that the rabbit is really a vampire. For grades 3-6. 1979.

The Dragon Halloween Party by Loreen Leedy (DB027806)

Ma Dragon and her ten children are having a Halloween party! directions for making costumes, decorations, and delicious treats; and suggestions for games and activities. For preschool-grade 2.

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (BR 018241, DB068027, LP017672)

A toddler enters a cemetery pursued by the knife-wielding stranger who just murdered his family. Resident ghosts Mr. and Mrs. Owens protect and adopt the child, naming him Nobody "Bod" Owens. Bod's graveyard upbringing serves him well, but why was his family targeted? For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2008.

House of Hollow by Krystal Sutherland (DB102984)

Something happened to Iris Hollow and her two older sisters, Grey and Vivi, when they were children that they can't remember and that left them with half-moon scars. When Grey goes missing, Iris must decipher the mystery of their past. For senior high and older readers. 2021.

How to catch a Monster by Adam Wallace (DB101002)

After being cast as the Ninja Master in his school's play, a boy decides it is time to catch the monster in his closet. For preschool-grade 2. 2017.

Took: A Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn (BR021192, DB082822)

Local kids taunt siblings Daniel and Erica with frightening tales of a witch called Old Auntie, who is said to lurk near their new farmhouse. Dismissive at first, Daniel quickly becomes a believer of the legend when his sister Erica vanishes. For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2015.

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Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Calendar:

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)