



DIVISION OF **BLIND SERVICES**



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Touch and Listen

The Newsletter of the Florida Braille and Talking Book Library

Spring/Summer 2024

What's Happening in Florida

From the Bureau Chief, Nicole Sanders

Spring was magnificent, and the summer heat is sizzling! It seems like the year is flying by quickly. We have been busy here at the library and are excited to be bringing new opportunities. E-Readers are here! If you are interested in receiving one, please contact your reader advisor to request it.

Programming is here! We are offering some engaging and fun options for all patrons. We are working very hard to meet your needs. Please join us if you see something that interests you. It is going to be fantastic!

In this edition of the newsletter, we included the patron survey. Please take a moment to give us your feedback. Your input is valuable to us, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you and happy reading!

Patron Satisfaction Survey

The Florida Division of Blind Services is grateful to have you as a patron of the Braille and Talking Book Library! We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with quality, entertaining, and enriching audio and braille materials. With every service we provide, we aim to meet and exceed your expectations.

Here's your chance to tell us how we're doing. We'd love your feedback! You will not be asked or required to provide your name or any identifying information.

There are **two ways** you can choose from to complete the brief survey.

- **Online:** Use your computer and go to this SurveyMonkey form:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VB53G2S>
- OR-
- **By Mail:** Remove and fold the pre-addressed section in the middle of this newsletter.

Please complete either method by August 31, 2024, and thank you for your help!

Tech Talk

To make text larger in Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge you can:

- Launch the web browser.
- On a Windows or Chromebook machine, hold down the Control key and rotate the scroll wheel on your mouse. Depending on which direction you spin the wheel, the text will become larger or smaller.

OR

- Launch the web browser.
- Press the Control key and the plus sign key at the same time to increase the text size, or the Control key and the minus sign key at the same time to decrease the text size. Repeat both as needed.
- Press the Control key and zero to reset the text size to the default.

Programming at your Florida Braille and Talking Book Library 2024

Reading Challenge: Spring Into Summer Reading Bingo

Take this opportunity to read something different! Try new genres!

Read three types of books in a row (across, up and down, or diagonal) of each category and get a prize!

Mystery	Cookbook	Bestseller
Historical Fiction	Science Fiction	Classic
Adventure	Biography/ Autobiography	Fantasy

We can email you this Bingo card, or you may have one mailed to you in braille. Contact us at reading@dbs.fldoe.org for help with the card, and to let us know when you are finished!

The challenge runs from now until August 31.

Patron Satisfaction Survey, 2024

Please remove this section, answer the questions by circling, highlighting, or marking your choice.

Fold the pages in half so our address and the Free Matter postage portion is on the outside. Tape or staple it closed and mail back to us.

Please complete by August 31, 2024.

Please circle or mark one answer for each of the following:

1. How satisfied are you with the library services?

- a. Very Satisfied**
- b. Satisfied**
- c. Neutral, Not Satisfied or Unsatisfied**
- d. Unsatisfied**
- e. Very Unsatisfied**

2. How would you rate the quality of library services?

- a. Very Satisfied**
- b. Satisfied**
- c. Neutral, Not Satisfied or Unsatisfied**
- d. Unsatisfied**
- e. Very Unsatisfied**

3. How satisfied are you with the speed of library material delivery?

a. Very Satisfied

b. Satisfied

c. Neutral, Not Satisfied or Unsatisfied

d. Unsatisfied

e. Very Unsatisfied

4. How satisfied are you with Reader Services' response time to your inquiries?

a. Very Satisfied

b. Satisfied

c. Neutral, Not Satisfied or Unsatisfied

d. Unsatisfied

e. Very Unsatisfied

5. What types of library events would you like to be offered? These include online, in person, or both. Please mark as many as you like.

a. Book clubs and discussions

b. Craft classes (adult or children/teen)

c. Author talks

d. Technology classes (how to use BARD, eReaders, etc.)

e. Children and Teen programs

- f. Special interests like gardening or cooking programs**
- g. All Ages Reading Programs (Summer, Winter, etc.)**
- h. Preschool storytimes and crafts**
- i. Reading Challenges with incentives**
- j. Writing clubs**
- k. Support groups**

6. If you receive the bureau wide newsletter, are you satisfied with the content? Please select one answer.

- a. Very Satisfied**
- b. Satisfied**
- c. Neutral, Not Satisfied or Unsatisfied**
- d. Unsatisfied**
- e. Very Unsatisfied**

7. What types of newsletter content would you like to have? Please mark as many as you like.

- a. How to use the services like book ordering**
- b. Book recommendations by subject**
- c. Current Subject Headings for automatic book selections**
- d. National Bestseller lists**
- e. Book Reviews**
- f. Popular Book Awards finalist/nomination lists, like Pulitzer, mystery, RITA (romance), Hugo (all Science Fiction/Fantasy)**
- g. Popular Book Club picks**

8. Are there materials or events not currently being offered by the library that you'd like to have access to?

9. How can we make your library experience better, or is there anything else not covered here you would like to share?

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Attention: Maureen Dorosinski, patron survey results.

Calling All Cooks Monthly Meetup

A group for those who have been cooking practically since birth, and those who are just getting started! Discuss recipes, favorite books, and hear from guests such as Senior Rehabilitation Specialist Kimberly Strain. Discuss different themes each month: soups, main courses, desserts. Learn how to find cookbooks in our catalog, find memoirs from chefs, and other books about food! Meet challenges like cooking a recipe from a selected cookbook from the collection. Find support with other blind or low vision cooks as they navigate from hunger to fulfillment.

It will be a monthly call-in discussion, or you may email comments in to reading@dbf.fldoe.org. **The Fourth Friday of every month at 2 – 3 pm, First Meeting August 23rd.**

- Our first meeting will be a “meet and greet”. We will share a booklist and take suggestions for discussions.

Email your name to reading@dbf.fldoe.org to sign up, with “COOK” in the subject line to receive the call-in number for the meeting.

National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) Corner Braille On Demand: Cookbooks and how-to titles prove to be popular

“Cooking without Looking—Food Preparation Methods and Techniques for Visually Impaired Homemakers” began as a master’s thesis by a University of Texas graduate student, Esther Knudson Tipps, in 1956. Tipps surveyed blind homemakers about their needs in the kitchen and had students at the Texas School for the Blind test dozens of recipes, according to a 1958 story in the Clifton (Texas) Record. It’s also one of the most-requested titles since NLS began offering its patrons hard-copy braille books on demand to keep on indefinite loan.

You can request up to 5 titles per month by going to this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLSbrailleondemand> . You may complete the form yourself or call your library for assistance.

The Reading Room

Magazines on Cartridge Update

We are excited to tell you changes are underway with your national magazine service!

We will begin duplicating your magazine subscriptions just like we do your books. That means the magazines may arrive faster, as we are right here in Florida.

This means we will also be able to check in your returned magazines faster, ensuring you get your magazines every week as expected.

The transition is a bit challenging, so we thank you for your patience as we all learn together.

Holiday Closing Dates

We are open from Monday -Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Our upcoming holidays:

May 27 (Monday) Memorial Day

July 4 (Thursday) Independence Day

July 5 (Friday) State Holiday

September 2 (Monday) Labor Day

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Florida Department of Education, Division of Blind Services.
Visit our websites at www.dbs.fldoe.org or www.fldoe.org

Contact us at 1-800-226-6075 or via email at OPAC_librarian@dbs.fldoe.org



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