



# News from the ABLE Library

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### **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the warmer weather. And of course, what better way to soak up some sun than with a good book? Our digital book machines can be charged so you can listen to books wherever you go, whether that's your porch, garden, while camping, or on a summer vacation.

And if you're feeling adventurous this summer, you might even try out the BARD app on your smartphone or tablet. BARD stands for Braille and Audio Reading Download, and it's an app provided by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS).

You can use the BARD app to download books and magazines directly onto your mobile device so that you can access your reading materials wherever you go without having to carry the player. If you're interested, give the library a call, and we can help get you set up to try it out. We even offer a class every few months for people who want to learn more about the BARD app.

Finally, we'd like to thank everyone who completed this year's patron survey. We'll be publishing the results in our next newsletter, but we wanted you to know that we appreciate the time you took to give us feedback!

## PROGRAMS

### **ABLE Book Club**

Join us for our [ABLE Book Club](#) that meets every third Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

The next three meetings are:

- July 17: **Small Mercies (DB114456)** by Dennis Lehane  
In the summer of 1974, a heatwave blankets Boston and Mary Pat Fennessy is trying to stay one step ahead of the bill collectors. Mary Pat has lived her entire life in the housing projects of “Southie.” One night, Mary Pat’s teenage daughter Jules stays out late and doesn’t come home. That same evening, a young Black man is found dead, struck by a subway train under mysterious circumstances.
- August 21: **Book Chat**  
Come and talk about your favorite book or the latest one you’ve been reading. This is an informal meeting to share your thoughts on books and hear what others have been reading.
- September 18: **H Is for Hawk (DB81386)** by Helen Macdonald  
An award-winning bestseller from the UK recounts how the author, an experienced falconer grieving the sudden death of her father, endeavored to train for the first time a dangerous goshawk predator as part of her personal recovery.

## **BARD Basics**

BARD is the Braille and Audio Reading Download service provided by NLS so that patrons can download books directly to their own devices. Join ABLE Library staff for this one-hour program to hear an overview of how to use BARD and to ask your questions. This program will be on Monday, July 29, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

## **Memorable Times Café**

Join the Central Vermont Council on Aging and the ABLE Library every Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:15 am for “Play Me a Memory - Weekly Jukebox with Friends in Scotland.” Join us online for this dementia-friendly gathering. We share songs, stories, memories, and laughter. Featuring your requests, we enjoy tunes from many genres and decades. Please contact Barb Asen for more information or to register: [basen@cvcoa.org](mailto:basen@cvcoa.org) or 802-476-2681.

## **Summer Reading Program**

NLS is providing some great programming for Summer Reading this year. Online activities include a virtual escape room, a choose your own reading adventure activity, and a virtual tour of the Library of Congress Jefferson building. Other virtual events include:

- **Kickoff event (all ages):** Monday, June 24, at 4:00 pm  
NLS Director Jason Broughton will kick off this year’s summer reading program with a warm welcome, and Librarian of Congress Dr. Carla Hayden will delight our young readers with a picture book reading of *The Adventures of Marshmallow and Peter* by Peter Heath (DBC30393).

- **Story time and Music by Turtle Dance Music (K-3rd grade):** Thursday, July 18, at 4:00 pm  
The Turtle Dance Music Man, Matt Mazur, will lead us in singing and dancing and treat our young readers to a reading of *Saturday* by Oge Mora (BR23018, DB98170)
- **Author Talk - Angeline Boulley with Andrea L. Rogers (YA and Adult):** Thursday, July 25, at 7:00 pm  
New York Times bestselling author Angeline Boulley will discuss her books *Firekeeper's Daughter* (BR24040, DB102762) and *Warrior Girl Unearthed* (BR25116 in process, DB114761) in conversation with the moderator, the award-winning author Andrea L. Rogers. The recording of this event will be available for two weeks following the talk.

Please visit the NLS website ([www.loc.gov/nls/summerreading2024](http://www.loc.gov/nls/summerreading2024)) or contact the ABLE Library to receive registration links for these events.

## UPDATES

### Magazine on Cartridge Transition

Beginning in May, NLS has transitioned the Magazines on Cartridge program to the ABLE Library. Patrons who were receiving magazines previously may notice that the cartridges are now peach-colored and come in a clear case. We are creating the cartridges here at the ABLE Library and sending them to our patrons directly. This change to the program will make the service more efficient and will allow us to assist patrons to resolve issues quickly. If you have questions about receiving magazines on cartridge, please contact the library.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE

HireAbility Vermont is an employment and career development resource for Vermonters living with a disability. They connect passionate employees with local employers eager to find talented workers. They also provide ongoing support to help ensure continued success on the job from day one, and into the future. To learn more about HireAbility Vermont and the services they provide, visit their website at [www.hireabilityvt.com](http://www.hireabilityvt.com) or give them a call at 866-879-6757.

## MAGAZINE RECOMMENDATION

With so many magazine titles at your disposal for free, we'd like to recommend one that has been a patron favorite for many years: AARP The Magazine (6 issues per year) and AARP Bulletin (10 issues per year). AARP The Magazine is the definitive lifestyle publication that offers celebrity interviews, features on health and tech, plus tips, recipes, book and movie reviews, and more. AARP Bulletin offers timely insights and in-depth analysis important to people 50-plus on topics including health, Medicare, Social Security, finances and consumer protection.

To subscribe to AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin or any other available magazine, contact the library, and we will happily activate a subscription for you.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

For more book recommendations, including for children and teens, visit [able.vermont.gov/book-club](http://able.vermont.gov/book-club).

### **Adult Fiction: Mystery and Detective**

- *To Brie or Not to Brie* by Avery Aames (DB115528)
- *The Watchmaker's Hand* by Jeffery Deaver (DB117469)
- *The Sweet Remnants of Summer* by Alexander McCall Smith (DB117072)
- *The Last Devil to Die: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery* by Richard Osman (DB116412)
- *Paws to Remember* by Sofie Kelly (DB117070)

### **Adult Fiction: General & Historical Fiction**

- *Be Mine: A Frank Bascombe Novel* by Richard Ford (DB116480)
- *The Ministry of Fear* by Graham Green (DB113865)
- *The Breakaway: A Novel* by Jennifer Weiner (DB116602)
- *The Invisible Hour* by Alice Hoffman (DB116603)
- *Absolution: A Novel* by Alice McDermott (DB117265)

### **Adult Fiction: Fantasy**

- *A Soul of Ash and Blood* by Jennifer L. Armentrout (DB115815)
- *The Serpent in Heaven* by Charlaine Harris (DB116839)
- *Starling House* by Alix E. Harrow (DB116445)
- *Assistant to the Villain* by Hannah Nicole Maehrer (DB117271)
- *The Spirit Bares Its Teeth* by Andrew Joseph White (DB116589)

## **Adult Fiction: Romance**

- *Remember Me* by Mary Balogh (DB116726)
- *The Summer I Turned Pretty* by Jenny Han (DB116483)
- *A Holly Jolly Ever After* by Julie Murphy (DB116954)
- *Summer Reading* by Jenn McKinlay (DB114676)
- *The Best Is Yet to Come* by Debbie Macomber (DB109039)

## **Adult Nonfiction**

- *The Wasp That Brainwashed the Caterpillar: Evolution's Most Unbelievable Solutions to Life's Biggest Problems* by Matt Simon (DB117412)
- *Never Give up: A Prairie Family's Story* by Tom Brokaw (DB116842)
- *Behind the Seams: My Life in Rhinestones* by Dolly Parton and Holly (DB117524)
- *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* by David Brooks (DB117421)
- *Bailout over Normandy: A Flyboy's Adventures with the French Resistance and Other Escapades in Occupied France* by Ted Fehrenwald (DB117257)

## **Children's Books**

- *Ghost Pirate Treasure* by Geronimo Stilton (DB115524)
- *The Door of No Return* by Kwame Alexander (DB110597)
- *The Braid Girls* by Sherri Winston (DB116906)
- *The Surprise* by Zadie Smith (DB109148)
- *Extreme Weather* by Tom Jackson and Simon Basher (DB114229)

## What's New in Large Print

- *Cross Down* by James Patterson (LP200515)
- *The Ball at Versailles: A Novel* by Danielle Steel (LP200514)
- *The German Wife* by Kelly Rimmer (LP200516)
- *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride (LP200517)
- *Shadow of Death* by Heather Graham (LP200519)
- *Waging a Good War: How the Civil Rights Movement Won Its Battles, 1954-1968* by Thomas E. Ricks (LP200520)
- *The Fraud* by Zadie Smith (LP200521)
- *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen* by David Brooks (LP200518)

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