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## The National Library Service: BARD & Beyond!

This year we were fortunate to have Neil Bernstein, Research and Development Officer at the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, as a guest presenter at the vendor fair VISIONS 2012: What's New in Technology and Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Neil's presentation included an update on the transition in leadership at the NLS, with Karen Keninger appointed as the new Director, effective March 26.

Karen Keninger is a highly respected administrator and a leader in the NLS library network. As director of the Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for eight years (2000-08), Keninger managed the statewide library program, the machine-lending agency, instructional materials center, Braille production, and audio-production units. She served on the Digital Long-Term Planning Group established by NLS in 2001 to guide planning for the now successfully completed digital talking book transition, and on the successor Digital Transition Advisory

Committee. She led the transition in Iowa from analog to digital talking books and players and was successful in securing funds for the digital conversion of locally produced talking books. She is a daily user of the full range of information technologies for the blind and visually impaired, including Web-Braille, digital talking book machines and books, and online download services. [NLS Operations Alert No. 12-10, February 15, 2012.]

Neil also gave an update on a number of upgrades and additions to the NLS BARD website that have been in development and are expected to launch this year and beyond. BARD is the Braille and Audio Reading Download, NLS's online source for accessing digital books for download. If you are interested in downloading books to listen to on your NLS digital talking book machine (DTBM), you may apply for a BARD account by going to <https://nlsbard.loc.gov>.

Currently, nearly 26,000 digital books (DB) and 51 magazines are available for download, with more titles being added every week!

Other highlights from Neil:

- Phasing out of Web-Braille as BARD begins incorporating Braille materials
- A new detail page for each item
- A wish-list, for items to be downloaded at a later date
- A way to access your download history (and re-download anything from there)
- A way to find other books in the same series
- Multiple subject headings per book
- New links within entries on the subject and the author's and narrator's names
- New materials from the music collection, locally produced materials, and foreign language materials

NLS is also working hard on infrastructural changes that will support future projects such as mobile applications, vastly improved BARD and catalog searching capabilities, and (someday!) taking the DTBM itself online to receive materials directly. These things are enabled by the digital transition, itself nearly complete, with digital magazines coming later this year.

### **BARD: Most Popular Books In the Last 90 Days**

The Hunger Games, Book 1 (DB68384)  
Suzanne Collins; Read by Erin Jones  
Fiction: Young Adult

Zero Day (DB73933)  
David Baldacci; Read by Jim Zeiger  
Fiction: Suspense

Catching Fire: Hunger Games,  
Book 2 (DB69689)  
Suzanne Collins; Read by Erin Jones  
Fiction: Young Adult

Lethal (DB73782)  
Sandra Brown; Read by Martha  
Harmon Pardee  
Fiction: Suspense

The Litigators (DB73804)  
John Grisham; Read by Jim Zeiger  
Fiction: Legal

Now You See Her (DB73624)  
James Patterson; Read by Catherine  
Byers  
Fiction: Suspense

Betrayal of Trust (DB73810)  
J.A. Jance; Read by Jim Zeiger  
Fiction: Mystery and Detective

The Egg and I (DB37151)  
Betty MacDonald; Read by Pam Ward  
Non-Fiction: Humor

Killing Lincoln: The Shocking  
Assassination That Changed America  
Forever (DB73850)  
Bill O'Reilly; Read by Mike  
Stefanelli  
Non-Fiction: U.S. History

Seriously... I'm Kidding (DB73788)  
Ellen DeGeneres; Read by Mare  
Trevathan  
Non-Fiction: Humor

Thirty-three Men: Inside the  
Miraculous Survival and  
Dramatic Rescue of the Chilean Miners  
(DB73380)  
Jonathan Franklin; Read by  
Peter Johnson  
Non-Fiction: Biography

A Stolen Life: A Memoir (DB73692)  
Jaycee Dugard; Read by Mare Treva-  
than

Non-Fiction: Crime

Sites Unseen: Traveling the World  
without Sight (DB73854)

Wendy S. David; Read by Kerry  
Dukin

Non-Fiction: Travel

Blind Vision: The Neuroscience of  
Visual Impairment (DB73465)

Zaira Cattaneo; Read by Kerry Dukin

Non-Fiction: Blindness and Physical  
Handicaps

### **More Books to be Announced in Talking Book Topics (TBT)**

Beginning with the July–August  
2012 issue, Talking Book Top-  
ics will announce up to five hun-  
dred titles per issue to eliminate  
a backlog of unannounced digital  
talking books. These titles will be  
listed as one-line annotations with  
their subject categories and tags  
for violence, strong language, or  
explicit descriptions of sex, and  
will continue until the backlog is  
reduced. Here are two examples:

Fiction:

Breathless

DB/RC 70081 8 hours 15 minutes

by Dean Koontz

read by Jeffrey Cummings

Mysterious animals capture the  
government's interest. Suspense.  
Violence and some strong lan-  
guage. Bestseller. Commercial  
audiobook. 2009.

Non-fiction:

Cheever: A Life

DB 69273 30 hours 51 minutes

by Blake Bailey

read by Roy Avers

Literary biography of Pulitzer  
Prize-winning author. Literature.  
Some strong language. 2009.

### **Hundreds Attend VISIONS 2012**

More than 400 people attended the  
VISIONS Vendor Fair. Held May 9  
at Washtenaw Community College  
(WCC), the event was sponsored  
by the Ann Arbor District Library  
(which also serves as the Washt-  
enaw Library for the Blind and  
Physically Disabled) and cospon-  
sored by the Michigan Commission  
for the Blind and WCC.

Attendees mingled with thirty-  
seven vendors and organizations  
and learned of new technologies  
and services for the blind and visu-  
ally impaired. The event featured  
many hands-on demonstrations;  
sighted assistants were available  
and snacks/beverages were sold by  
the Michigan Commission for the  
Blind Business Enterprise Program.

Presentations covered such top-  
ics as the National Library Service  
for the Blind; teaching/learning  
material for the blind in develop-  
ing countries; how technology can  
help students with visual impair-  
ments; and what's new in assistive  
technology. The next VISIONS will  
be held at WCC in May 2014.

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**WLBPD LOCATION & HOURS**

The WLBPD collection is housed in the Downtown Ann Arbor District Library at 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, at the corner of Fifth Ave. and William St.

The Library is open:

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| Mon.       | 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM |
| Tues.-Fri. | 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  |
| Sat.       | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  |
| Sun.       | 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM |

**LIBRARY LOCATIONS**

**Downtown**

343 S. Fifth Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

**Malletts Creek Branch**

3090 E. Eisenhower Parkway  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

**Pittsfield Branch**

2359 Oak Valley Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

**Traverwood Branch**

3333 Traverwood Dr.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

**West Branch**

2503 Jackson Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

# AADL SUMMER GAME 2012 JUNE 15 - AUGUST 31

[play.aadl.org](http://play.aadl.org)

Registration for the Summer Game begins June 15!  
Register in one of the following ways to begin earning  
points redeemable for great prizes at the Summer Game  
Shop at [aadl.org](http://aadl.org):

- Call (734) 327-4224, or stop by any AADL location and request a Game Card
- Use or create an AADL login to register online at [play.aadl.org](http://play.aadl.org)
- Text NEW PLAYER to 4AADL

### *SUMMER GAME FOR ADULTS:*

Visit [play.aadl.org](http://play.aadl.org) or call (734) 327-4224 for an Adult Game Card. Read/listen to five books by Friday, August 31, and get your choice of coupon: Great Harvest Bread Co. or AADL Zoom Lends DVD Rental/ Fine Forgiveness. Play the Summer Game online at [play.aadl.org](http://play.aadl.org) and earn points to trade in for prizes at the Summer Game Shop on [aadl.org](http://aadl.org)!

### *SUMMER GAME FOR TEENS:*

The Teen Game offers a variety of ways to participate in the Summer Game, from reading/listening to books and listening to podcasts, to tagging items on [aadl.org](http://aadl.org) and attending Library events. For a list of activities, visit [play.aadl.org](http://play.aadl.org) or call (734) 327-4224 for a Teen Game Card. Choose and complete ten activities by Friday, August 31, and we will duplicate one book of your choice from the WLBPB/BARD collection and mail it to you to keep as a Summer Game prize. You will also receive a coupon for AADL Zoom Lends DVD Rental/ Fine Forgiveness. Play the Summer Game online at [play.aadl.org](http://play.aadl.org) and earn points to trade in for prizes at the Summer Game Shop on [aadl.org](http://aadl.org)!

### *SUMMER GAME FOR YOUTH:*

Children entering the 6th grade can choose between playing the Youth Game or the Teen Game. Get a Youth Game Card at any AADL location or print a Teen Game Card from [play.aadl.org](http://play.aadl.org) beginning June 15. Read/listen to at least ten books by Friday, August 31, and we will duplicate one book of your choice from the WLBPB/BARD collection and mail it to you to keep as a Summer Game prize. Get stickers at the Library for your reading log after reading or listening to three, six and eight books!

*The Summer Game is funded in part by the Friends of AADL.*