

OLBPD DIMENSIONS NEWSLETTER

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OLBPD Family Fun and Learning Day 2016

Family Fun & Learning Day will take place on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Family Fun & Learning Day will be held at the Ohio Library for the Blind & Physically Disabled, 17121 Lake Shore Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44110. OLBPD patrons and their family and friends are invited to join us for the day. Family Fun & Learning Day will feature a full day of special programs of interest to our patrons.

Family Fun & Learning Day will feature guided tours of OLBPD's Sensory Garden by garden caretaker and horticultural expert Ben Zaremba from Zaremba Horticultural Services. The Sensory Garden is filled with flowers, herbs, and plants specially selected for their bloom, color, fragrance, taste, and texture. The Sensory Garden is open all year round.

Beverly Cain, the State Librarian of Ohio, will visit to share updates with patrons from the State Library of Ohio. Also, Tracy Grimm, the Head of the Talking Book Program at the State Library will share information and answer questions about digital talking book players and equipment.

Family Fun and Learning Day will feature two keynote speakers. OLBPD is pleased to welcome Fox 8 Cleveland newscaster Wayne Dawson as one of our keynote speakers. He is co-anchor of Fox 8 News in the Morning, an eleven time Emmy winner, and he is a member of the NAACP, the National Association of Black Journalists and the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. He is also a member of the Broadcasters Hall of Fame. In 2014, Wayne was inducted into the NATAS Silver Circle and also received the Chuck Heaton Award from the Press Club of Cleveland. He is also an ordained minister.

OLBPD is also pleased to welcome Pam Davenport from the National Library Service (NLS) as our second keynote speaker. She is the NLS network consultant for OLBPD. NLS network consultants are assigned special liaison responsibilities to individual network libraries to facilitate communication between NLS and network libraries, and collect information on specific problems and convey these issues to NLS. She will provide a network update and answer questions related to the NLS library service.

Pizza and soft drinks will be provided for lunch. Exhibitors joining us include the Cleveland Sight Center's "Eye-dea Shop," Magnifiers and More, Veterans Administration, and more. For further information or to register for Family Fun & Learning Day, please contact OLBPD.

Notes from the NLS Biennial Conference

The 2016 National Conference of Librarians Serving Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals took place April 3–7 in San Francisco. NLS introduced several new initiatives that will affect network libraries and their readership in the short, medium, and long term.

In the short term (1 to 3 years) NLS will introduce BARD Express as software that will enable BARD patrons who have problems downloading and unzipping books to bypass that process. NLS expects BARD Express will be released this summer.

NLS is also making plans for Duplication for Demand (D4D) as a duplication system that will enable libraries to readily duplicate titles for their patrons. Duplication for Demand will enable libraries to duplicate copies of digital talking books for which NLS has not provided a physical copy, and when needed, duplicate copies of titles that are not available on their shelves. D4D will also offer some libraries the option to no longer maintain a collection but provide service by duplicating all titles on demand. More information regarding this project will be available in the fall of this year.

In the medium term (3 to 5 years), if NLS's authorizing legislation is amended to enable it to do so, NLS will pursue acquiring refreshable braille displays that it will lend to braille readers the way digital playback machines are now lent to audio readers. Braille books can then be produced on cartridge (the way audiobooks are now being produced) and provided to libraries to serve braille readers. These braille readers will also have the opportunity to download braille books from BARD. Braille magazines would become part of the Magazine on Cartridge (MOC) program. NLS is also in a position to acquire from publishers electronic text (eText) of many titles now offered in print. Combining this text with Text-to-Speech (TTS) software, patrons could download a title not selected for recording by human voice. Conversely, this eText could also be coupled with a braille translation program to provide an electronic braille file of the book.

In the long term (5 years or more), NLS is beginning to develop its next generation of digital players. These players will have wireless capability, so a patron will be able to download a title directly from BARD to the player and a library will have the capability to "push" books to a patron's player. Parallel to the player development, NLS is investigating development of an infrastructure to support wireless delivery of books. What this will mean for network libraries is that physical collections will no longer be required once everyone in their service area has wireless capability. However, the other functions and roles of network libraries will become more important than ever. The estimated timeline for these developments is three years to develop the new player and infrastructure, two years to disseminate, and another two years to fully implement. These were the goals laid out at the conference. NLS plans to maintain a dialog with all stakeholders as these projects move forward to identify and resolve issues and concerns.

High Volume Player and Headphones

NLS has developed a high-volume version of the digital talking-book machine (DTBM) for use by patrons who are hearing impaired. The high-volume player, which is paired with a headset, is available as a standard or advanced (DS-1/DA-1) model that has been programmed to have an amplified volume up to 120 dB. It can be issued only by NLS and will bear a warning label. The high-volume feature only works with the set of stereo headphones that NLS provides. The pairing replaces the amplifier/headset accessory.

To receive a high-volume player and headset, a patron must provide certification of hearing impairment by a physician or audiologist. Applications can be downloaded from the NLS web site at www.loc.gov/nls/pdf/hvp.pdf. Patrons should submit their application with Parts I, II, and III completed to the State Library of Ohio, Talking Book Program, 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43201. Patrons can also contact the State Library of Ohio Talking Book Program for assistance with their application by phone at 1-800-686-1531. Patrons will be asked to return their current player upon receipt of a high-volume player and headset. A return label will be included with the high-volume player.

2017 Regional Braille Challenge

Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, in collaboration with the Braille Institute of America, will be hosting the First Regional Braille Challenge for the State of Ohio on Friday, March 3, 2017. The Braille Challenge, now in its 16th year, is the only national reading and writing contest in braille for students who are blind and visually impaired. Regionals are open to students of all abilities, giving even emerging braille readers a chance to reach a personal best score.

On March 3, 2017 students from all over Ohio will gather at Clovernook Center, in North College Hill, to test their braille skills in five categories: reading, comprehension, braille spelling, chart and graph reading, proofreading and braille speed and accuracy. The theme for the Ohio State Braille Challenge will be Braille All Stars, playing off of Cincinnati's baseball all-star theme.

The Ohio State Regional Competition is the first step to the coveted national finals Braille Challenge competition held at the Los Angeles headquarters of the Braille Institute. At the finals, 50 students with the highest scores from around North America embark on another daylong competition to test their braille skills alongside their peers. Immediately following the competition, winners from each age group are announced at an awards ceremony.

For more information on the event itself, or how you can get involved as a volunteer, sponsor or participant, contact Deanna Lewis at 1-888-234-7156 or by email at braillechallenge@clovernook.org.

The New Yorker Magazine

“The New Yorker” is now available to patrons by subscription through the Magazine on Cartridge (MOC) program. The magazine publishes forty-seven issues per year. This version of the New Yorker is recorded by Audible, Inc., which has generously agreed to allow NLS to distribute it. Please note that recorded magazines from Audible do not contain the complete contents of the print edition. Rather, each audio edition of the New Yorker will feature selected material from the print edition, chosen and recorded by Audible. NLS will distribute the Audible recording unaltered, except for the addition of standard NLS announcements.

The OLBDP Hot List

The OLBDP Hot List features titles that are currently in high-demand by our readers. Patrons ordering books from the Hot List should remember that these titles may contain descriptions of sex, strong language, or violence.

1. “The Last Mile” by David Baldacci – DB 83898; Suspense
 2. “The Promise” by Robert Crais – DB 83236; Mystery and Detective
 3. “The Steel Kiss” by Jeffrey Deaver – DB 83640; Mystery and Detective
 4. “Breakdown” by Jonathan Kellerman – DB 83585; Mystery and Detective
 5. “Ghoulardi” by Tom Ferans – DBC 1188; Biography and Cleveland Interest
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