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Message from the Youth Librarian

Goodbye 2017...

... Welcome 2018!

"Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."

Carl Bard

Important Events/ Dates:

January 4, 1809 Louis Braille was born

January 15, 1929 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born

January 12, 2018 [Letters About Literature](#) Deadline

Letters About Literature, a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to the author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally.

Send letters to:

Letters About Literature
Library of Congress
101 Independence Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20540-4921

January 14, 2018 Winter Reading Super Bowl Challenge Begins

Did You Know?

Our first LBPH Mitten Drive was a huge success! On December 21st, 175 gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens were donated to The Maryland School for the Blind. Thank you to all the families and patrons who helped make this possible.

Reading Super Bowl

Get in the Game -READ!

From January 14th – February 3rd, The Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) will be hosting a “**Super Bowl of Reading**” competition. Patrons and staff will compete in two teams to see which team reads the most!

Once registered, you will be assigned a team and sent a reading log. You may register to participate from December 26 - January 12, 2018. The contest officially begins January 14th. For the next three weeks leading up to the official NFL 2018 Super Bowl Championship, each day you will record how many minutes you read **for fun** using the provided reading log. At the end of each week, you will submit your minutes either through the reference.desk@maryland.gov email or calling 410-230-2455.

Check the score or minutes read by your team on our scoreboard (LBPH listserv, social media, or you can call/email the reference desk each Tuesday for weekly stats.) Final reading minutes are due in by February 3, 2018.

The winning team will be announced on February 5th.

Whose team will take the lead?

Email (Ms. Myles) questions at reference.desk@maryland.gov

Register to participate at: [Super Bowl registration](#)

Brain Tease

When was the first Super Bowl Played? What were the teams and the final score? Submit your answer to lashawn.myles@maryland.gov and enter to win a prize in our brain tease raffle.

GOT BARD? (Braille and Audio Recorded Book Download)

Frequently Asked Question:

How do I find a book to read?

The easiest way to find a book is to use the "Search the collection" field on the BARD main page. Enter a word or two that relates to the title, author, or subject you are interested in. You will receive more targeted results if you put an exact phrase from the title or the exact title in quotes.

BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Download [BARD Website](#)

Websites/ Social Media to Check Out

This section focuses on mobile apps for children with disabilities and their peers, as well as games and activities that can be done individually or in a group.

This section includes apps that help children with disabilities and apps on braille and sign language that can be shared with peers. Apps featured were voted on by care.com, Perkins School for the Blind, and WonderBaby.org, and are featured in the AFB publication *Reinforcing Braille Literacy Using the iPad*.

From the Apple App Store:

Answers YesNo (Free) A simple yet versatile app that turns an iPad into a communication tool that allows for an array of customizations.

Art of Glow (Free) Simple drawing app with very responsive screen. Helps to build visual attention and understanding of cause and effect (no audio).

Baby Sign (ASL) (Free) American Sign Language instruction and games for children.

Bebot (\$1.99) Simple sound cause-and-effect app that makes funny synth robot sounds.

Bob Books Reading Magic (\$3.99) Teaches your child how to make the connection between letters and sounds, sound out simple words, and spell the words they've read.

Bugs and Buttons (\$2.99) Teaches counting, path finding, patterns, sorting, and tracking, as well as fine motor skills such as pinching.

Cause & Effect Sensory Light Box (\$2.99) Cause-and-effect app that creates sounds and lights when a finger is on the screen, then stops when the finger is removed. For children with low vision or cortical visual impairment (CVI).

ChoiceWorks (\$6.99) Helps children complete daily routines, understand and control their feelings, and cultivate a higher threshold for patience (e.g., taking turns and not interrupting). Helps foster a child's independence while also promoting positive behavior and emotional regulation.

Crazy Copy (Free) Similar to the popular handheld game Simon Says of the 1980s, this memory game is "easy to learn, hard to master."

Doodle Kids (Free) This doodle and drawing app teaches cause and effect and visual attention. There is no audio but the colors are high contrast.

The Book Corner: “Oh, Yes We Can!”

Here is listing of books, games, and activities that educate children with and without disabilities on disability awareness, people first language, sign language, and braille. The juvenile fiction and non-fiction chosen for this guide provides positive representations of adults and children with disabilities. Characters with disabilities are portrayed as part of a diverse group of disabled and non-disabled peers who participate in daily activities and overcome barriers. Non-fiction texts focus on an array of disabilities including learning impairment, autism and Asperger syndrome, cerebral palsy and motor impairment, and sight and hearing impairment.

Able to Play: Overcoming Physical Challenges

by Glenn Stout

DB74747 2 hours, 7 minutes, read by Bruce Huntley

Profiles four professional baseball players: pitcher Mordecai Brown, who lost a finger in a farming accident; third baseman Ron Santo, who dealt with diabetes throughout his career; pitcher Jim Abbott, who was born without his right hand; and outfielder Curtis Pride, who was born deaf. Grades 3-6. 2012.

Adam Zigzag

by Barbara Barrie

DB48215 3 hours, 20 minutes, read by Gary Tipton

A little boy calls himself “Adam Zigzag” because of the way words on paper look to him. Adam has dyslexia and learning disorders that lead to emotional problems. After years of ineffectual schools and tutors, Adam agrees to try a boarding school, where he finally finds the help he needs. Grades 5-8. 2015.

After Hamelin

by Bill Richardson

BR17908 2 volumes

DB67326 6 hours, 42 minutes, read by Jill Fox

Now aged 101, Penelope recalls her eleventh birthday, when she awoke

and could no longer hear. That saved her from following the Pied Piper's music with the other children of Hamelin. Thus it befell her to set out to rescue the lost boys and girls. Grades 4-7. 2000.

- Volume 1 After Hamelin
- Volume 2 After Hamelin

Al Capone Does My Shirts

by Gennifer Choldenko

BR1582 2 volumes

DB58456 6 hours, 19 minutes, read by Erik Sandvold

1935. Twelve-year-old Moose Flanagan moves to Alcatraz Island when his father takes a job at the maximum-security prison there. Moose struggles to make friends and cares for his older autistic sister while their mother applies for the girl's acceptance to a special school. Newbery Honor winner. Grades 5-7. 2004.

- Volume 1 Al Capone Does My Shirts
- Volume 2 Al Capone Does My Shirts

Alchemy and Meggy Swann

by Karen Cushman

DB71843 5 hours, 11 minutes, read by Kimberly Schraf

London, 1573. Summoned by her previously unknown father, thirteen-year-old Meggy arrives at his house only to be scorned for being a girl—and a weak-legged one at that. As Meggy tries to prevent a crime involving her alchemist father, she finds new talents, friends, and an apprenticeship. Grades 5-8. 2010.

Alexander Graham Bell

by Andrew Dunn

BR09595 1 volume

DB39192 59 minutes, read by Patricia McDermott

Alexander Graham Bell is best known for his invention of the telephone. Bell, whose speech-scientist father produced an alphabet he called "visible speech," taught deaf children to talk using his father's system. The author traces Bell's life from his birth in Scotland in 1847 through his work with

sound and the human voice that led to his development of the telephone. Grades 4-7. 1990.

- Volume 1 Alexander Graham Bell

The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia

by Diane Burton Robb

DB58858 16 minutes, read by Erik Synnestvedt

Adam likes school but cannot learn to read. In third grade he is diagnosed with dyslexia. With hard work and his teacher's expert help, Adam gains self-confidence and masters the task of deciphering words. Grades 2-4. 2004.

American Sign Language

by Deborah Kent

DB60798 1 hour, 2 minutes, read by Carol Dines

Explores the history of American Sign Language and deaf culture. Discusses ongoing controversies within the modern deaf community, such as the manual communication versus speech debate. Grades 3-6. 2003.

Anything but Typical

by Nora Raleigh Baskin

BR18768 1 volume

DB68936 4 hours, 14 minutes, read by Andy Pyle

Sixth-grader Jason Blake is autistic—a silent boy who has trouble fitting in with neurotypicals. He prefers to communicate on the Storyboard website, where he meets PhoenixBird, a girl who likes his writings. What will happen when they attend the Storyboard convention and meet in person? Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 4-7. 2009.

- Volume 1 Anything but Typical

Back to Front and Upside Down!

by Claire Alexander

BR20026 1 volume

Stan is excited about making a birthday card for his school principal—until

he tries to write a message. For Stan, letters come out back to front and upside down. But a friend convinces him to be brave and ask for help. PRINT/BRAILLE. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades Pre-K-2. 2012.

Becoming Naomi León

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

BR16277 2 volumes

DB60266 4 hours, 26 minutes, read by MaryBeth Wise

For seven years Naomi and brother Owen lived happily with Gram in her trailer. Gram arranged Owen's surgeries for his physical disabilities and helped Naomi begin to speak again. When their mother reappears, Gram takes the children to Mexico to find their father and their heritage. Schneider Family Book Award. Grades 4-7. 2004.

Beethoven Lives Upstairs

by Barbara Nichol

DB39533 29 minutes, read by Robert Blumenfeld

In 1822 ten-year-old Christoph writes his uncle an alarming letter that a madman named Ludwig van Beethoven has become a boarder in his house. His widowed mother has rented the upstairs office that was his father's to the eccentric, deaf composer. Over the next several years the letters between Christoph and his uncle show how the boy's feelings change from anger and embarrassment to compassion and admiration. Grades K-3. 1994.

Ben, King of the River

by David Gifaldi

DB53630 16 minutes, read by Larry Shapiro

Chad describes his family's first camping trip with his five-year-old brother Ben, who has a developmental disability and many allergies. Chad tells about the hard time he has dealing with Ben's needs and how much he cares about his sibling. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2001.

The Berenstain Bears and the Wheelchair Commando

by Stan and Jan Berenstain

DB47125 1 hour, 6 minutes, read by Bruce Huntley
Harry McGill has started spending all of his time on the computer instead of playing wheelchair basketball with his friends. His parents hope that when they move to the country, Harry will make some new nondisabled pals. Brother and Sister try to become Harry's friends, but it isn't easy. Yet they are in for quite a surprise when Too-Tall starts bullying Harry. Grades 2-4. 2010.

Blindsided

by Priscilla Cummings

BR18999 2 volumes

DB71417 6 hours 2 minutes, read by Annie Wauters

Fourteen-year-old Natalie attends a boarding school for the blind to learn braille, cane use, and self-protection skills. After she and her roommate are attacked by drunks, Natalie must decide whether to retreat to her parents' home or actively claim an independent life. Some violence. Grades 5-6. 2010.

- Volume 1 Blindsided
- Volume 2 Blindsided

A Boy and a Jaguar

by Alan Rabinowitz

BR21015 1 volume

DB82083 12 minutes, read by Nick DePinto

Autobiography of a wildcat conservationist. Author discusses his lifelong struggle with stuttering and how his love of animals helped him learn to communicate better, propelling him into a career in wildlife advocacy. Schneider Family Book Award. PRINT/BRAILLE. Grades 2-4. 2014.

The Boys of San Joaquin

by D. James Smith

DB63488 5 hours, 2 minutes, read by Geoffrey Centlivre

California, 1951. Twelve-year-old Paolo, his little brother Georgie, and their deaf cousin Billy join the search for money missing from the church

collection. The boys are surprised by what they learn about their small town before they finally discover the culprit. Edgar Award. Grades 5-8. 2005.

Brian's Bird

by Patricia Anne Davis

DB53740 12 minutes, read by Saidah Arrika Ekulona

Brian, who is blind, enjoys learning to care for the parakeet he receives on his eighth birthday. He comes to realize that his older brother, Kevin, while sometimes careless, is not so bad after all. For grades K-3. 2000.

The Bus People

by Rachel Anderson

BR10318 1 volume

DB43529 3 hours, 32 minutes, read by M.E. DePalma

Bertram wouldn't swap places with any of the other school bus drivers even though they call his route the "fruitcake run." First we meet a girl who has Down syndrome as she learns a heartbreaking lesson at her sister's wedding. Then there are more portraits of Bertram's special passengers: a child who uses a wheelchair, another who doesn't speak, and a boy who falls off his big sister's bike and injures his brain. Grades 5-8. 1989.

- Volume 1 The Bus People

The Cannibals

by Iain Lawrence

DB66950 7 hours, 9 minutes, read by Erik Sandvold

Continuing the tale begun in *The Convicts (DB66724)*, Tom Tin; his friend Midgely, who is blind; and other juvenile convicts escape the ship that is carrying them to Australia. Ignoring Tom's father's warnings about headhunters and cannibals, they head for a small Pacific island. Grades 5-8. 2005.

Can You Feel the Thunder?

by Lynn E. McElfresh

BR 12527 1 volume

DB49128 3 hours, 29 minutes, read by Gary Tipton

Seventh-grader Mic Parsons has mixed feelings about his fifteen-year-old, deaf-blind sister Stephanie. And if he doesn't pass mathematics, his parents won't let him try out for baseball. After Stephanie helps Mic learn fractions, he comes to appreciate her in a new way. Grades 5-6. 1999.

- Volume 1 Can You Feel the Thunder?

Changes for Julie: An American Girl, 1974; Book 6

by Megan McDonald

BR17631 1 volume

DB66614 1 hour, 43 minutes, read by Kerry Dukin

1976. Fifth-grader Julie lands in detention for writing a note to help her friend Joy, who is deaf. Vowing to change the detention system, Julie runs for student-body president. With Joy as her running mate, Julie faces unexpected opposition. Grades 3-6. 2007.

- Volume 1 Changes for Julie: An American Girl, 1974; Book 6

Child of the Silent Night

by Edith F. Hunter

BR13357 1 volume

DB25699 1 hour, 40 minutes, read by Suzanne Toren

This moving story, set at the Perkins Institute during the nineteenth century, describes Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe's success in teaching Laura Bridgman, a deaf-blind child. Grades 4-7. 1963.

Chuck Close, Up Close

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

DB46414 48 minutes, read by Rick Rohan

This biography of the portrait artist tells about his undiagnosed childhood problems with dyslexia and learning disabilities, when art was the only subject he enjoyed. He was a famous painter in the 1960s, but was paralyzed from the neck down in 1988. The doctors said his career was over, but Close is painting again. Grades 4-7. 1998.

Author of the Month

Eve Bunting (1928-) Eve Bunting was presented with the prestigious Regina medal in the USA in 1997. She is one of the USA's most acclaimed and versatile authors of children's books and has written more than one hundred novels. 'Smoky Night' won the Caldecott Medal in 1995 and 'Coffin on a Case' won the Mystery Writers of American, best Juvenile Mystery prize in 1993. *Fantastic Fiction*

Meet the Author: Scholastic

Eve Bunting @ LBPH

Ballywhinney Girl	DB074365
The Presence	BR015701
Ghost's hour, spook's hour	BR007508
The haunting of SafeKeep	DB024671
Nasty stinky sneakers	BR010226
Scary, scary Halloween	BR007509
Sixth-Grade sleepover	BR008893
The skate patrol	BR007375
Smoky night	BR00997
A sudden silence	BR0080

Important Announcement



The Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is proud to announce that it has become an affiliate in the Choose Civility Movement.

What is Choose Civility? It is a grassroots initiative to value diversity while choosing respect, compassion, empathy and inclusiveness. Civility is a core value of a well-functioning community and one of its defining components. The level of civility in a community underscores its general health and wellness. With fast-paced lifestyles weakening the underpinnings of civility, Johns Hopkins University professor Dr. P.M. Forni wrote *Choosing Civility: the 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct* to remind people that quality of life depends in great part on how community members treat each other.

Choose Civility promotes the following Principles of Civility:

1. Pay attention
2. Listen
3. Speak kindly
4. Assume the best
5. Respect others' opinions
6. Respect other people's time and space
7. Be inclusive
8. Acknowledge others
9. Accept and give praise
10. Apologize earnestly
11. Assert yourself
12. Take responsibility
13. Accept and give constructive criticism
14. Refrain from idle complaints
15. Be a considerate guest

Choose Civility offers program components and tools to organizations and individuals eager to embrace principles of civil behavior that enhance our quality of life. LBPH would like to participate in Choose Civility by promoting three particular activities.

First, LBPH will be sending out a Choose Civility monthly activity calendar with ideas to promote civility.

Second, LBPH would like to encourage patrons to become living books for branch libraries across the state. To become a living book, please contact us at reference.desk@maryland.gov. We will assist you in signing up and explain how to be reimbursed for your travel when you are asked to participate.

The Human Library[™] is an international initiative designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. It's a place where real people are on loan to readers, and a place where difficult questions are expected, appreciated, and answered. As in a traditional library, visitors to the Human Library can choose Books from a range of titles. But at the Human Library, Books are people, and the reading is a conversation! Read a Living Book and learn about a different culture or community through questions and conversations.

Third, LBPH is collecting library stories. If you would like to share a story about how the library affects your life, please contact our Outreach Librarian at ashley.biggs1@maryland.gov, reference.desk@maryland.gov, or [410-230-2430](tel:410-230-2430) where you can leave your story.

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