

Beyond the Stacks Junior

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Message from the Youth Librarian

Dear Reader,

It’s summer which means we are currently reading for the MD LBPH Summer Rocks reading program. Our goal is to read at least 50,000 minutes this summer. Track our progress at [Beanstack](#). Nearly 75 youth and adults have registered to help us reach our goal. The program started on June 13th and will go until August 24th. Log your minutes as soon as you can. All rewards are while supplies last. Show some effort

in reading each week and be entered to win some awesome raffle prizes. Let's Rock with our Reading!

~ Ms. Myles

Upcoming Events:

"Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless." ~ Jamie Paolinetti, Writer/Director

All Abilities Night @ iFLY Baltimore

First Monday of each month. Call iFLY for Availability. iFLY+ Indoor Skydiving cares about supporting flyers of all abilities. **Come Fly and Save** at our Exclusive event for the special needs and differently-abled community to take flight. Reservations are required. Contact sales.baltimore@iFLYworld.com or call 667-888-4359.

Summer Reading Raffle Drawings

You can earn a prize too. The more you read the better your chance to win a raffle reward. Raffle drawings are listed below:

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| 1. June 22 | iFLY Ticket at White Marsh (Winner: George P.) |
| 2. July 6 | Free Regular Rita's Italian Ice (Rosedale Rita's) |
| 3. July 13 | iFly Ticket at White Marsh (Winner: Derrick D.) |
| 4. July 20 | Tickets to the Baltimore Orioles Game (August 14 th) |
| 5. August 3 | Tickets to the Maryland Science Center |

Teen Book Club @ MD LBPH

Would you like to chat with friends across the state about a good book? Looking for participants to join our first Teen Book Club. Details will be sent via the youth listserv.

Some suggestions for reading:

1. The Hate U Give: Angie Thomas
2. City of Saint and Thieves: Natalie C. Anderson
3. Caraval: Stephanie Garber
4. An Enchantment of Ravens: Margaret Rogerson

Important Announcement!



Let's Rock... Read!

“Got teens with summer chores? Load an audiobook on their IPOD and the hours will slip away!” --Youth Services Librarian

SYNC is Teen-Friendly Summer Fun! Keep teens engaged with books all summer. On the go, on the couch, great for both omnivorous and reluctant readers.

Teens and Adult Readers, give SYNC a try!

Sign-up to get notifications when the FREE audiobook downloads are available. You can receive alerts by text message, email newsletter, or by visiting [SYNC](#). Titles change every Thursday at 7 a.m. ET when the program is running

What is SYNC?

- SYNC is a free summer audiobook program for teens 13+. Returning April 26, 2018, SYNC will give away two complete audiobook downloads a week - pairs of high interest titles, based on weekly themes. In 2017, 32 titles were given away over 16 weeks. Each SYNC audiobook will be available for download for a period of 7 days (only).

Hurry and join! Only three weeks left in the program. If you can't download the books, check with LBPH for availability. LBPH can send the book in audio, braille, or large print formats. Remember, you can use this program to log minutes for the MD LBPH Libraries Rock summer reading program.

Interesting Facts about Summer

Fact Retriever: <https://www.factretriever.com/summer-facts>

- Leprosy is more readily contracted during the summer. Each year about 150 Americans contract leprosy, the same skin-disease that is mentioned in the Bible. In the United States, the source of leprosy is usually armadillos. The disease is transmitted when people, particularly in the southern U.S., hunt, kill, and eat infected armadillo.
- Both "equinox" and "solstice" refer to the path of the sun throughout the year. During a solstice, the sun is either at its northernmost point (Tropic of Cancer) or it is at its southernmost point (Tropic of Capricorn). An equinox is either of the two days each year when the sun crosses the equator and both day and night are equally long
- The Eiffel Tower is 6 inches taller in the summer than in the winter. In the summer heat, the iron in France's Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.
- Marc Antony named the month of July, in honor of Julius Caesar.



Information for Parents of Blind and Visually Impaired Children

As a parent of a blind or visually impaired child you are eligible to receive **One Free Braille Bag** from National Braille Press.

If your child is between the ages of birth and seven and is blind or visually impaired, NBP will send you one free Braille Bag full of fun and easy-to-read resources for both you and your child. And remember, you can request one Braille Bag for every blind child in your family!

Braille Bags Contain:

1. An age-appropriate print/braille book for three age groups: birth-3 (red bags), 4-5 (blue bags), and 6-7 (green bags) in English or Spanish;
2. An order form for a free braille primer for sighted parents entitled [Just Enough to Know Better](#);
3. A tactile ball (red bags only);
4. Print/braille alphabet card;
5. [Because Books Matter](#), a guide for parents on why and how to read books with their young blind child;
6. A tactile graphic or flag;
7. Wikki Stix, a product that allows a child to make tactile pictures (blue or green bags only);
8. A gift coupon redeemable for another print/braille book or braille/large print playing cards;
9. Tactile Alphabet Letter sheets, showing upper- and lowercase print letters in raised-line format (blue bags only), and Tactile Number sheets (green bags only);
10. A Braille Caravan block.

How to Order a Braille Bag

Ordering a bag is easy. Just fill out our [ReadBooks Order Form](#). Remember let them know how many blind children are in your family and their ages so we can send you the appropriate bags.

GOT BARD? (Braille and Audio Recorded Book Download)

Want access to audio books, braille, and magazines within our collection. Why not use BARD? If you do not have a BARD account, apply for an account. First-time visitors can apply for [BARD](#) directly from the BARD login page by selecting BARD Application Instructions. The Library will verify that the applicant is registered and in good standing. Readers then receive login information by e-mail.

Fix My Books Please!

Not getting the books you want from MD LBPH? There is an easy way to fix this. Did you know we can modify your account to include your preferences? Don't like a particular author or hate historical fiction. We can fix that! We can add favorite authors, genres, subjects, or book series. Contact one of our helpful library staff at the reference desk at 410-230-2443 or reference.desk@maryland.gov.

Six Things about Siri that You May Not Know

Siri is the personal assistant which comes with most Apple devices.

1. Ask Siri for your 7:day forecast: "What is the weather for the next seven days?"
2. Play any podcast whether you subscribe to them or not: "play Radio Mystery Theater podcast"
3. Listen to ESPN radio or NPR: "play NPR radio"
4. Listen to the latest sports headlines via ESPN or NBC: "What are the latest sports headlines"

5. Order an Uber or Lyft (app must already be installed): “get me an Uber”
6. You can ask Siri for movies streaming on Netflix (a paid app) and have Siri start the movie: “Siri what comedies are streaming on Netflix?” Listen to the choices and then say “Siri play ‘movie name’ on Netflix”

~ Jerry Price

Accessible Technology Education Program Coordinator

The Book Corner “Libraries Rock”

Grades K-3

Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay by Susan Hood
DB085304

Read by Peter Holdway. Reading time: 19 minutes.

Recounts the story of Ada's dream to play music in Cateura, a small town built on a landfill in Paraguay. Favio Chávez, an engineer and musician, recycled garbage into musical instruments and taught the kids to play, eventually earning global recognition. 2016.

Ben's Trumpet by Rachel Isadora

DB050752

Read by Chuck Young. Reading time: 4 minutes.

Ben enjoys listening to the music from his neighborhood jazz club and plays along on his imaginary trumpet. One day the club's trumpeter notices Ben and sees his dream. 1979.

The Deaf Musicians by Pete Seeger

BR017245 (Print/Braille)

DB064140

Jazz pianist Lee is asked to leave his band when he loses his hearing. At sign language class, Lee meets Max who plays the sax. Riding the subway together, they form a new band with a big audience. Schneider Family Book Award. 2006.

Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music by Margarita Engle

BR021077 (UEB Print/Braille)

DBC06833

Read by Deanna Sarkar. Reading time: 9 minutes.

Poetic biography of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga. Recounts how as a girl she followed her dreams to become a drummer, despite being continually reminded that only boys play the drums and that there has never been a female drummer in Cuba. 2015.

Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird by Misty Copeland

BR021065 (Print/Braille)

American Ballet Theater soloist Misty Copeland encourages a young ballet student, with brown skin like her own. She teaches her that, with practice and dedication, the little girl could become a firebird too. 2014.

Grades 4-8

Hip-Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat by Nikki Giovanni

DB069380

Read by Julian Thompson. Reading time: 1 hour, 41 minutes. Fifty-one rhythmic poetry selections from forty-two poets and performers representing a wide range of styles and eras. Highlights works from Paul Laurence Dunbar, Langston Hughes, Queen Latifah, and Kanye West. Includes part of Aesop Rock's "No Regrets"--a ditty about little Lucy's yellow-chalk drawings on the sidewalk. 2008.

Fairest by Gail Carson Levine

DB063518

Read by Celeste Lawson. Reading time: 7 hours, 22 minutes.

In Ayortha, where singing and beauty are prized above all else, Aza's voice soars, but her looks are homely. While discovering her true self, Aza encounters a mysterious magical mirror, a romantic prince, a queen's treachery, and ogres. 2006.

Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan

DB081078

Read by David De Vries. Reading time: 10 hours, 33 minutes.

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined with a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica. Decades later, three children find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny and tied together by the same harmonica. Mark Twain Award Nominee. 2015

The Secret Life of Ms. Finkleman by Ben H Winters

BR019290

While completing a special project for social studies, seventh-grader Bethesda Fielding discovers the secret past of quiet, unassuming music teacher Ms. Finkleman. This revelation leads to a tutoring assignment for Bethesda and a most unusual concert performance. 2010.

The Last Holiday Concert by Andrew Clements**DB063571****LP013034**

Sixth-grader Hart Evans finds out there is a big difference between popularity and leadership when Mr. Meinert, his music teacher, steps aside and Hart is elected by the chorus to be in charge of the holiday concert. 2004.

Senior High and Older Readers***Things Hoped For* by Andrew Clements****BR017136****DB063723**

Seventeen-year-old violin prodigy Gwen lives with her ailing grandfather in Manhattan while attending a music academy on a scholarship. As Gwen prepares to audition for a prestigious college, her grandfather disappears. Fellow musician Robert, Bobby, provides help and friendship. 2006.

Born to Rock* by Gordon Korman*BR016927****DB063711**

Young Republican Leo Caraway loses his Harvard scholarship on a technicality and learns that his biological dad is a legend--former punk rocker "King Maggot." Hoping for college money, Leo joins King's comeback tour as a roadie and grows up along the way. Gateway Book Award nominee, 2008-2009. 2006.

Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes*BR018365****DB033245****LP004191**

Read by Ray Hagen. Reading time: 8 hours, 20 minutes. The narrator, a mentally impaired man of thirty-two, receives an operation to increase his learning ability. But although his mentality develops at high speed, there is always the possibility of regression. Nebula Award. 1988.

The Lucy Variations by Sara Zarr

BR019998

DB076526

Read by Jill Fox. Reading time: 7 hours, 59 minutes. After a family tragedy, Lucy abandons her promising career as a concert pianist, much to the dismay of her controlling mother and grandfather. When her brother Gus, a fellow musical prodigy, gets a new instructor, Lucy's passion for music reemerges. 2013.

Websites/ Social Media to Check Out

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[LBPH Website](#)

[OPAC \(Online Public Access Catalog\)](#)

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