



News from the ABLER Library

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings from the ABLER Library! We've had quite a year, as I'm sure many of you have as well. As I reflect on the work we've done and the patrons we've served throughout the year, I'm reminded that the ABLER Library exists because of you, our patrons and partners. You are the reason we're here doing this work, and your support has kept us relevant and useful to the people we serve. So from the staff of the ABLER Library, thank you for using the library and supporting us as we continue to provide services to those who need audio books, braille, or large print to read. We are proud to be a network library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) and work hard to share their resources with our patrons.

In this newsletter, you'll find information about programs, new resources, and book recommendations. As always, please reach out to us if you have any questions or feedback you'd like to share with us. We are happy to hear from you!

Wishing you a happy holiday season from the ABLER Library staff!

PROGRAMS

ABLE Book Club

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

The next three meetings are:

- January 17: **Last Night at the Telegraph Club (DB104015)** by Malinda Lo
McCarthyism and the Red Scare are genuine threats to Lily's family; her father is already at risk of deportation despite his valid citizenship. Lily, who is Chinese American, could lose everything just for dating anyone white - let alone another girl - but she could lose herself if she isn't true to her feelings.
- March 20: **The Feather Thief (DB90801)** by Kirk W. Johnson
Chronicle of the 2009 theft of 299 rare bird skins from a natural history museum by a musician for the purpose of supporting his hobby: the Victorian art of salmon fly-tying. This book discusses the underground world of feather enthusiasts, the history of the specimens, the investigation of the crime, and more.
- May 15: **Sea of Tranquility (DB107705)** by Emily St. John Mandel
At scattered points across time and space, overlapping occurrences of violin music and a mysterious forest emerge. They are experienced by a young man in the Canadian wilderness, a famous writer visiting Earth from a moon colony, and a detective hired to investigate an anomaly in time.

Memorable Times Café

Join the Central Vermont Council on Aging and the ABLE Library on the first Wednesday of every month from 10:30 to 11:30 am for Memorable Times Online. This program sparks pleasant memories from the 1950's and 1960's to get participants talking and having fun. This dementia-friendly activity is free and warmly welcomes new participants. Please contact Barb Asen for more information or to register: basen@cvcoa.org or 802-476-2681.

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, January 29, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

UPDATES

Patron Announce

Want to get the latest news and updates from NLS including information about upcoming events and projects? Patron Announce is a regular email listserv service from the Patron Engagement Section of NLS and includes timely information about NLS programs, services, and products. New announcements arrive straight in your inbox a few times a week. If you are interested in signing up, please send your name and email address to NLSPE@loc.gov.

International Language Quarterly

International Language Quarterly lists popular international language books recently added to the NLS collection and available through a network of cooperating libraries. All books listed in the International Language Quarterly are also available for immediate download from BARD. You can find the latest issues at www.loc.gov/nls/new-materials/international-language-quarterly.

iCanConnect

iCanConnect is a national program with local contacts to help people stay connected with friends, family, their community, and the world. iCanConnect provides free equipment and training to people with both significant vision and hearing loss who meet disability and income guidelines.

In Vermont, Perkins School for the Blind is responsible for iCanConnect, and works with the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (VABVI) and others to provide in-state service.

Contact Daniel Norris at VABVI with questions about applying in Vermont by email at dnorris@vabvi.org or phone at (877) 350-8838.

NLS Magazine Delays

NLS is experiencing production delays on audio and braille magazines, as well as *Talking Book Topics* order form inserts. We apologize for the impact these delays may have on you. All parties are working to reduce the backlog as quickly as possible.

NLS Website Redesign

Have you visited [the NLS website](#) lately? Check it out - it has a new look and lots of new features, including front-page links to *Talking Book Topics*, *Braille Book Review*, and *International Language Quarterly* to help you find (and instantly download!) the latest additions to the collection. You'll find easy access to the NLS catalog, BARD, and the NLS Spanish-language website, enhanced accessibility tools, and much more. And if you know someone else who might benefit from NLS services and resources, let them know where to find them at www.loc.gov/nls.

New Audio Magazine

Harvard Men's Health Watch is now available in the NLS collection. From the publisher's description: Let the doctors and researchers at the Harvard Medical School show you the way to a longer, healthier, happier life in the pages of *Harvard Men's Health Watch*. Each month, you'll be briefed on the latest health research and advances that will affect and improve your health. Interested patrons can contact the library to subscribe to this or one of our many other available magazines.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) works to promote the dignity, independence, and civil rights of Vermonters with disabilities. Like other independent living centers across the country, VCIL is committed to: services for all disabilities, promotion of active citizenship, and working with others to create services that support free choice and full participation in community life. To learn more, visit vcil.org.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

For more book recommendations, including for children and teens, visit able.vermont.gov/book-club.

New Audiobooks - General Fiction

- *Activities of Daily Living* by Lisa Chen (DB110787)
- *Groundskeeping: A Novel* by Lee Cole (DB111179)
- *Less Is Lost* by Andrew Sean Greer (DB110413)
- *At the Edge of the Haight* by Katherine Seligman (DB110657)
- *Sweet, Soft, Plenty Rhythm* by Laura Warrell (DB110508)

New Audiobooks - Historical Fiction

- *The Last Dance of the Debutante* by Julia Kelly (DB110543)
- *Lessons* by Ian McEwan (DB110290)
- *The Whalebone Theatre: A Novel* by Joanna Quinn (DB110521)
- *On the Rooftop: A Novel* by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton (DB111183)
- *A Merry Little Meet Cute: A Novel* by Julie Murphy and Sierra (DB110541)

Adult Fiction - Science Fiction

- *A Prayer for the Crown-Shy* by Becky Chambers (DB109636)
- *Killing Dragons* by Kristie Clark (DB110777)
- *The Paradox Hotel: A Novel* by Rob Hart (DB110402)
- *Station Eternity* by Mur Lafferty (DB110532)
- *City of Orange* by David Yoon (DB110408)

Adult Fiction - Romance

- *Afterlove* by Tanya Byrne (DB110550)
- *To Catch a Raven* by Beverly Jenkins (DB110094)
- *Better than Fiction* by Alexa Martin (DB111223)
- *On Rotation: A Novel* by Shirlene Obuobi (DB109618)
- *Partners in Crime: A Novel* by Alisha Rai (DB110784)

Adult Nonfiction

- *Bibi: My Story* by Binyamin Netanyahu (DB111370)
- *Diana, William, and Harry* by James Patterson and Chris Mooney (DB110618)
- *Salmon Wars: The Dark Underbelly of Our Favorite Fish* by Douglas Frantz and Catherine Collins (DB109900)
- *The Sewing Girl's Tale: A Story of Crime and Consequences in Revolutionary America* by John Wood Sweet (DB109635)
- *The Mosquito Bowl: A Game of Life and Death in World War II* by Buzz Bissinger (DB110613)

Accessible Youth Collection

- *Dance Party Countdown* by Eric Litwin (AYC000231)
- *Gustavo: The Shy Ghost* by Flavia Z. Drago (AYC000233)
- *Merry Christmas, Little Elliot* by Mike Curato (AYC000237)
- *Bugs: What Do Bees, Ants, and Dragonflies Get Up to All Day?* by Jessica L. Ware (AYC000244)
- *The Three Billy Goats Buenos* by Susan Middleton Elya (AYC000266)

What's New in Large Print

- *Old Babes in the Wood* by Margaret Atwood (LP200272)
- *Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson (LP200274)
- *Simply Lies* by David Baldacci (LP200276)
- *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes (LP200277)
- *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano (LP200346)
- *Unnatural History* by Jonathan Kellerman (LP200423)
- *I Have Some Questions for You* by Rebecca Makkai (LP200425)
- *Red Winter* by Marc Cameron (LP200428)
- *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond (LP200434)
- *City of Dreams* by Don Winslow (LP200441)



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