

# **See Note Newsletter Newsletter of the Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled**

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**This newsletter is available in braille, on cassette, or via email by contacting the library, or on the Utah State Library Division website at <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov> then click on See Note Newsletter**

## **New Voices on the Phone**

Chances are you will hear a couple new voices on the phone when you call us at the library: Michael Harris and Paula Stuart. We've asked them both to share a bit about themselves, so you can get to know them.

About Michael Harris: "I'm a musician and a voice actor/announcer, and have been the Braille proofreader at the library since 2008. I've been blind since birth and am a lifelong user of the same library services that all of you are using. I'm a big fan of young adult fiction and authors such as J.K. Rowling, Stephanie Meyer, and have recently become a fan of local author Shannon Hale. It has been a pleasure getting to know some of you and I look forward to talking to many more of you."

About Paula Stuart: "I've gone back and forth between public and university libraries several times during my career, and am enjoying getting back to public service after working behind the scenes at the MultiState Center for the West. I'm an addicted reader, whose goal is to read fewer books this year. I will (and do) read almost anything, but admit to having a special liking for fantasy and science fiction.

One of the best aspects of a career as a librarian is the belief that my work makes the world better.”

## **Outreach and Training**

We want you to be aware of all the services our library offers patrons, and we want our service to be the best it can be. Do you have an outreach event that would benefit from the library's participation? Or, perhaps you would like us to do a training session with your group about how to order books online, and/or download BARD and SHELF books? If so, please contact Jeri Openshaw at the library to make arrangements. Her email address is [jerio@utah.gov](mailto:jerio@utah.gov) or she can be reached at 801-715-6737.

## **Club Vision at the Andrew S. Rowan Reading Room**

Club Vision at the Andrew S. Rowan Reading Room provides the visually impaired with fun social opportunities centered around lunch, and readings of fiction, non-fiction, magazines, and newspapers. Activities are designed to bring together those with similar challenges. Club Vision members must have severe to total vision impairment, and be able to care for personal hygiene needs. Those with special needs must be accompanied by a caregiver or companion. Transportation is provided. All Club Vision activities are free of charge thanks to generous donors. Members from the greater Salt Lake area meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm at Granato's 1632 South Redwood Road in Salt Lake. For more information, call Susan Woolstenhulme, Volunteer Coordinator, at 801-262-3769 or Christine Allred, Board Advisor, at 801-424-0096

## NLS Audio Magazines Now on Digital Cartridge

In the spring of 2013 NLS began the transition of its magazines from cassettes to digital cartridges. Now all NLS-produced magazines are circulated on digital cartridge.



The magazines need to be returned to help keep costs down and potentially expand the magazine program. The cartridge loan period for weekly publications is one week after you receive them. The cartridge loan period for monthly, bimonthly, and quarterly publications is one month after you receive them.

Please treat magazine cartridges the same as book cartridges. After reading the magazine(s), return the cartridge to the red container, flip the mailing card over, and place it with your outgoing mail. Timely reading and returning of magazine cartridges will help NLS continue to provide the high-quality audio-magazine program you have enjoyed.

In some cases you may receive a magazine cartridge that has more than one magazine on it. The NLS digital player is equipped with a bookshelf feature to assist you in navigating your digital cartridge. To activate the bookshelf feature, press and hold the green, rectangular Play/Stop button on your player until you hear a beep and the announcement "Bookshelf." Then use the fast forward and rewind buttons to go from magazine to magazine. Press Play when the magazine you want is announced. Complete audio instructions for using the bookshelf feature are included on all cartridges that contain more than one magazine issue.

Keep in mind that any magazine cartridge that has a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly publication on it—even if it also has a weekly publication on it—will have a loan period of one month after you receive it. Enjoy your audio magazines but **please remember to return them.**

Failure to return magazine cartridges in a timely manner can result in magazine service being deferred. Magazines produced on cartridge by NLS are also available for download on the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) website.

If you would like to receive the library's list, Audio Magazines on Digital Cartridge, on BARD (Download), on Cassette ..., please check the Reader Response Sheet (page 3 of this newsletter). You may also telephone the library or email the library ([blind@utah.gov](mailto:blind@utah.gov)) to request this item.

### **Talking Book Topics (TBT) on Digital Cartridge**

Talking Book Topics (TBT) is produced every two months and contains information on the newest books produced. Like other magazines, the audio version is now being produced on digital cartridge. **Readers are required to return these magazine digital cartridges for reuse.**

The order form for TBT will arrive separately. Please send the order form to the Utah State Library, not to the TBT producer.

### **Ogden Association of the Blind**

Begun in 1938, this association is celebrating 75 years of service. It provides social, educational, and recreational opportunities for people with blindness or low vision. To support or join the Ogden Association of the Blind, call 801-781-0690

## **Applications by fax or email**

The Utah State Library, Program for the Blind and Disabled, is now permitted to accept faxed or electronic applications for library service. The application must be signed or stamped by a "competent authority" who can certify that the applicant has a qualifying condition. The information pertinent to the applicant must be legible on the application. The completed application can be faxed to 801-715-6767 or scanned and emailed to [blind@utah.gov](mailto:blind@utah.gov)

Of course, the library still accepts applications by regular mail. If you know someone who would like service from the library, you may call the library to have an application mailed. Application can also be printed from the library's website at <http://blindlibrary.utah.gov>

## **Online Book Club**

Do you enjoy talking about a good book as much as you enjoy reading it? Then we have good news for you.

On Tuesday, September 24th, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., you may join the Utah State Library Online Book Club either over the Internet or by calling a toll-free telephone number. The Online Book Club meets about once a month. September's book is Prayers for Sale by Sandra Dallas. It is available in digital cartridge (DB 69184), large print (LP 20826), or braille (BR 18622). The NLS description follows:

"Depression-era Middle Swan, Colorado; 1936. Elderly Hennie Comfort befriends newcomer Nit Spindle, a newly married seventeen-year-old. Hennie, a natural storyteller, entertains the lonely girl by reminiscing about the seventy years she has spent in the mountains while the men folk mined for gold. 2009."

For more information, contact the library by e-mail ([blind@utah.gov](mailto:blind@utah.gov))

or call one of the phone numbers on the Reader Response Sheet. You may also get information on the Utah State Library's Online Book Club through the Utah State Library homepage:  
<http://library.utah.gov>

You may also register for the Online Book Club on this site.

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