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## New partnership with Chicago Public Library

Chicago Public Library is once again partnering with the Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service and the National Library Service for the Print Disabled. The Chicago Public Library Assistive Resources and Talking Book Center, located at the main branch of the Chicago Public Library, provides an array of services, resources, materials and technology that helps eliminate barriers for individuals with disabilities including visual/physical disabilities, deaf and hard of hearing, limited-English proficiency persons and senior adults. The Center also provides assistive technology stations each equipped with a variety of resources including: JAWS, Zoomtext, Fusion, Dragon, Kurzweil 1000, braille embossers, Perkins brailers, Topaz OCR video desktops, refreshable braille displays, video relay service and more. The Center now also provides reference, reader's advisory, outreach and walk-in service to Chicagoans registered for talking book and braille service. For more information, please contact the library:

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## Foreign Language Quarterly

**Foreign Language Quarterly** (FLQ) at [www.loc.gov/nls/flq](http://www.loc.gov/nls/flq) lists popular foreign language books recently added to the National Library Service (NLS) collection. Last quarter, NLS added books in 22 unique languages: Arabic, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin dialects), Croatian, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Navajo, Ojibwe, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu and Vietnamese. Selections include NLS-produced titles (DBs), those acquired through the Marrakesh Treaty (DBGs), as well as those converted from cassettes (DBFs). All books listed are available for immediate download from BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download. The new publication also provides directions on how to use new BARD features that allow users to search for materials in a specific language.

## News for braille readers

Several new magazines have been added to the NLS collection and are available in ebraille via BARD or in hard copy braille via U.S. mail. Contact TBBS at 800-426-0709 or [isltbbs@ilsos.gov](mailto:isltbbs@ilsos.gov) to request a subscription.

- **Cricket** – Stories, poems and articles by internationally known authors, plus songs, jokes and crafts. For ages 9-14. Nine issues per year.
- **Dell Sunday Crosswords** – Sixty themed puzzles. Four issues per year.
- **Knitscene** – Highlights seasonal patterns and styles for knitting hobbyists. Four issues per year.
- **National Geographic Kids** – Articles for children about people, places, customs, animals and plants. Ten issues per year.
- **Sports Illustrated Kids** – Sports news and articles for ages 8-13. Features sports personalities, events and cards; youths who are excelling in athletics; and a regular column by youths discussing controversial sports-related issues. Eleven issues per year.
- **Readers Digest** – Short stories, political commentary and other general interest topics; some articles are condensed from print magazines. Contains anecdotes, humor and a condensed book. Ten issues per year.

**Braille Book Review Order Forms** previously contained the book number and title in print, as well as braille, so library staff could read the selected books and add them to the patron's request list. NLS is no longer able to find a producer who can supply the print/braille version of the order form, so it is now only in braille. Please contact TBBS by phone or email with your book orders, as we do not have anyone on staff who can read braille.

## **2022 holiday closures**

TBBS will be closed on the following dates:

New Year's Day, Dec. 31, 2021

Lincoln's Birthday, Feb. 11

Memorial Day, May 30

Independence Day, July 4

Columbus Day, Oct. 10

Veterans Day, Nov. 11

Christmas Eve, Dec. 23

New Year's Day, Jan. 2, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 17

Washington's Birthday, Feb. 21

Juneteenth, June 20

Labor Day, Sept. 5

General Election Day, Nov. 8

Thanksgiving, Nov. 24-25

Christmas Day, Dec. 26

Please keep this schedule for future reference. Remember that holidays can create mail delays for both incoming and outgoing books. Patrons might want to order extra books to have on hand in advance of these dates.

## **TBBS Book Club**

The TBBS Book Club invites all patrons to join in as its members travel the world, visiting the far reaches of the globe. As Jhumpa Lahiri said, "That's the thing about books. They let you travel without your feet." Lively book discussions are held the second Thursday of each month via teleconference at 9:30 a.m. Contact Amy Joseph at 800-426-0709 or [ajoseph1@ilsos.gov](mailto:ajoseph1@ilsos.gov) to register. Upcoming meeting dates and book selections are:

### **January 13 – My Brilliant Career by Miles Franklin, DB 19074**

Our globetrotting adventures begin in the warmth of the 1895 Australian outback. This coming of age story follows Sybylla Melvyn, an intelligent, feisty, but plain-in-appearance young woman who struggles against convention and the constraints of marriage.

### **February 10 – The Glass Kingdom by Lawrence Osborne, DB 100855**

Next up in our travels is exotic Thailand. New Yorker Sarah Mullins arrives in Thailand on the lam with a suitcase of purloined money. Her plan is to lie low and map out her next move in the Kingdom – a high-end apartment complex with a glass-fronted facade. But strange disappearances begin to occur, and the residents become suspicious of everyone. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

### **March 10 – In the Woods by Tana French, DB 66071**

The Emerald Isle beckons as Irish detective Rob Ryan and his partner Cassie Maddox investigate the murder of a 12-year-old girl from Knocknaree at an archaeological site near Dublin. The crime's similarities to the disappearances of Ryan's best friends

20 years ago in the same woods cause him intense personal anguish. Strong language. Book 1 of Dublin Murder Squad series.

**April 14 – The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner, DB 102587**

Our travels end in nearby England. In 18th century London, Nella runs an apothecary shop selling well-disguised poisons for women to use against the oppressive men in their lives. Meanwhile in present-day London, aspiring historian Caroline stumbles upon a clue to the long-unsolved apothecary murders while dealing with the failure of her marriage. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller.

The TBBS Book Club will share its next four selections in the spring newsletter.

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