

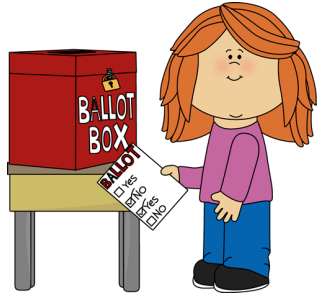
Save the date! Augusta County will host its annual Senior Health Fair on November 6th from 9:00 am to noon, at the Government Center in Verona. Learn all about resources for living well and staying healthy!



Early voting is now open. For the general election of 2024 we will be voting for President & Vice President of the United States, U.S. Senator, U.S Representative for the 6th District, city councils, school boards, and one State Constitution amendment . You can vote by absentee ballot, in-person voting, or vote on election day, November 5th.

The voting machines have a refreshable braille option, and an audio option so you can vote privately. Contact your local election officials for more information:

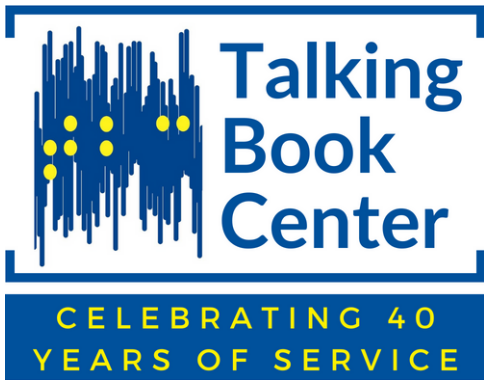
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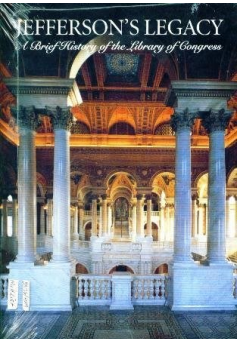
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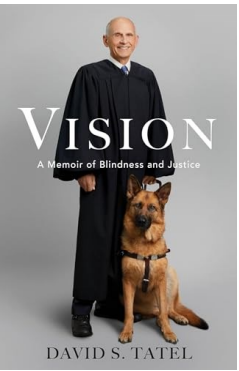
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Last month, TBC supervisor Ilia traveled to Washington D.C. for a biennial conference of the National Library Service For The Blind and Print Disabled (NLS). There was a tour of the Library Of Congress Jefferson building, a tour of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial library of Washington D.C., and a tour of the Bureau Of Engraving And Printing where the Talking Book Center was recognized as being the first NLS network library to provide iBill Currency Readers directly to patrons! Retired Judge David Tatel was a keynote speaker, and the conference was very informative. The NLS will be coming out with a new digital talking book player by early next year. Here are some titles of interest:

- DB66905 Washington: The Making Of The American Capital by Fergus M. Bordewich
- DB121189 Audio Described Tour Of The Thomas Jefferson Building At The Library Of Congress
- DB58681 Jefferson’s Legacy: A Brief History Of The Library Of Congress by John Young Cole
- DB50345 America’s Library: The Story Of The Library Of Congress, 1800-2000 by James Conaway
- DB122023 Vision: A Memoir Of Blindness And Justice by David Tatel
- DB92557 A Handbook For The Prospective Guide Dog Handler



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Patron Recommendations:

DB120807 Wolf Trap by Connor Sullivan (suspense, spy fiction)
A former Ground Branch paramilitary officer, Brian Rhome, thinking his time with this elite group of shadow operatives was over, instead finds himself in the midst of a deadly conspiracy that threatens the highest levels of American democracy. 2023.

DB114929 Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto Urrea (historical fiction)
In 1943, Irene Woodward abandons an abusive fiancé in New York to enlist with the Red Cross and head to Europe. She becomes part of an elite group of women, Donut Dollies, who command military vehicles called Clubmobiles at the front line, providing camaraderie and a taste of home that may be the only solace before troops head into battle. After D-Day, she joins the Allied soldiers in France. Her most fervent hope, which becomes more precarious by the day, is to survive the war intact. 2023.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB120587 The Child Next Door by Shalini Boland (thriller)

DB122700 Confessions Of The Dead by James Patterson (horror fict.)

DB123018 Flashpoint; FBI Thriller 27 by Catherine Coulter (suspense)

DB123032 What Have you Done? by Shari Lapena (suspense)

DB118896 The Women by Kristin Hannah (historical, war fiction)

DB123243 A Death In Cornwall; Gabriel Allon 24 by Daniel Silva (spy, suspense fiction)

DB122578 Red Sky Mourning; James Reece 07 by Jack Carr (political fiction, spy)

DB121199 Bound To Fall; Colorado High Country 10 by Pamela Clare (romance, explicit)

DB123331 The Chaos Agent; Gray Man 13 by Mark Greaney (spy fiction)

DB123034 The Bookseller’s Promise; Amish Bookstore 01 by Beth Wiseman (rel. fiction)

DB123046 A Is For Amish; Amish ABCs 01 by Shelley Shepard Gray (religious fiction)

DB38707 James Earl Jones: Voices And Silences by James Earl Jones (biography)

DB122992 On Call: A Doctor's Journey In Public Service by Anthony Fauci (biography)

DB123042 Ask Not: The Kennedys And The Women They Destroyed
by Maureen Callahan (true crime)

DB123083 Left For Dead: Shipwreck, Treachery, And Survival At The Edge Of The World
by Eric Jay Dolin (history)

DB123065 The Practice Of The Presence Of Jesus: Daily Meditations On The Nearness
Of Our Savior by Joni Eareckson Tada (inspirational)



Global Reading: Central America: Belize, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama.



DB15373 Men of Maize: The Modernist Epic of the Guatemalan Indians by Miguel Angel Asturias (magical realism fiction)
A rich, colorful allegory centers on the conflict between Indians and aggressive reformers in Guatemala. 1967 Nobel Prize.1949 (Guatemala)

DB43456 The Inhabited Woman by Gioconda Belli (magical realism fiction)
Aristocrat Lavinia Alarcon returns to her home to begin work after her university studies in Italy. She is gradually drawn into a guerilla movement under the influence of a 15th century female rebel, whose spirit resides at Lavinia's home. 1988. (Nicaragua)

DB20153 One Day Of Life by Manlio Argueta (historical fiction)
Protest novel reconstructs a day in the life of a peasant woman caught up in the brutal violence of El Salvador. 1980. (El Salvador)

DB19742 Salvador by Joan Didion (political essay)
Joan Didion traveled to El Salvador with her husband in search of first-hand impressions about the turbulent situation there. This report relays the climate of terror and uncertainty that they encountered and also depicts the fear that surrounds life. 1982. (El Salvador)

DB62242 The Girl From Chimel by Rigoberta Menchú (juvenile biography)
Rigoberta's account of her childhood in Chimel, blends memories with Mayan myths, beginning with her grandfather's founding of the village. She recalls dry season hardships and good time pleasures, as well as the lessons of peace and harmony taught by her ancestors. 2000. (Guatemala)

DB77695 The African Shore by Rodrigo Rey Rosa (literature)
Tangier. A mysterious owl connects two men: a shepherd who dreams of migrating to Spain while doing odd jobs for his uncle and a Colombian tourist who wanders the city waiting to reclaim his passport. 2013. (Guatemala)

DB47512 Our Man In Belize by Richard Timothy Conroy (biography)
Memoir of an American who served as vice-consul in Belize for two years in the early 1960s. His experiences and the people he met there have "taken on a life of their own." but he remembers the hurricane of 1961. (Belize)

DB66585 Panama Fever: The Epic Story Of One Of The Greatest Human Achievements Of All Time- The Building Of The Panama Canal
by Matthew Parker (Panama)

DB116984 The History Of Costa Rica by Monica Rankin

DB115541 The History Of Honduras by Thomas Leonard



Haunted Halloween:

DB28539 The Haunted: One Family’s Nightmare by Robert Curran
A true account of the Amityville-type haunting of the Smurl family's Pennsylvania duplex. Told by the Smurls, their neighbors, and the Warrens--a demonology team who investigate the possession of the house. The eerie noises, foul odors, rising beds, and unsuccessful exorcisms terrorize the family, and the haunting continues. 1988.

DB88993 Sister Of Darkness: The Chronicles Of A Modern Exorcist by R.H. Stavis

A non-denominational exorcist shares the story of her work wrestling hostile entities from infected souls, in an account that also offers insights into how pain and trauma can make people vulnerable to energy-draining negative forces. 2018.

DB11121 The Amityville Horror by Jay Anson
A chilling true story of a haunted house. The Lutz family move into a home in Amityville, Long Island in 1975, although they knew it had been the scene of a mass murder. 1978.

DBC05575 Spooky Pennsylvania: Tales Of Hauntings, Strange Happenings, And Other Local Lore by S.E. Schlosser
Pennsylvania folklore traditions are kept alive in these expert retellings by master storyteller S.E. Schlosser. You'll meet ghosts and witches, hear things that go bump in the night, and feel an icy wind on the back of your neck on a warm summer evening. 2007.

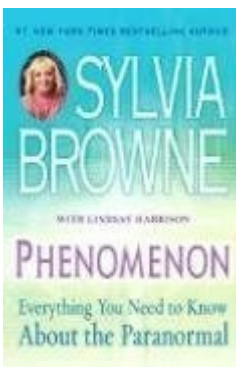
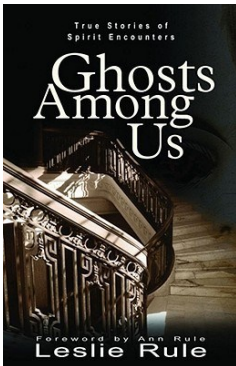
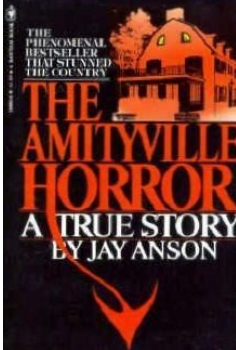
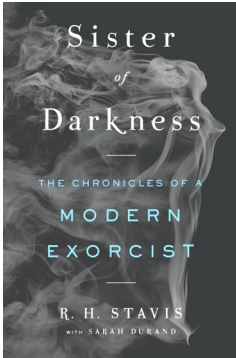
DB64147 Ghosts Among Us: True Stories Of Spirit Encounters by Leslie Rule

Firsthand accounts of eerie visitations and paranormal experiences, based on interviews with psychics, parapsychologists, historians, and witnesses. Includes reports of hauntings of amusement parks, hotels, and private houses by human and animal spirits. 2004.

DB61243 Phenomenon: Everything You Need To Know About The Paranormal by Sylvia Browne

Browne offers an A-to-Z compendium of words commonly used in the world of the paranormal. Provides examples and explanations for everything from affirmations, alchemy, amulets, angels, and zombies. 2005.

DBC15873 Market Ghost Stories by Mercedes Yaeger
The Pike Place Market has been around since 1907and has its share of ghosts to prove it. Some like to hang out in the bars that occupy the site of a former mortuary.



Popular Book Club Titles:

DB90090 The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah (historical fiction)
1974. Former Vietnam prisoner of war Ernt Allbright moves his family, including wife Cora and daughter Leni, north to Alaska. While the weather is temperate, the family survives on the generosity of locals. But when winter descends, Ernt's mental health fractures. 2018.

DB84392 A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman (general fiction)
Ove has always been a grumpy man, and when he loses his wife and his job, he decides to commit suicide. But a lively family of new neighbors and a stray cat might give Ove a reason to keep living. 2013.

DB100906 The Midnight Library by Matt Haig (fantasy)
After she attempts suicide, Nora wakes up in a mysterious library. The shelves are full of books, each the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with other books for the other lives you could have lived. 2020.

DB98455 The Girl With The Louding Voice by Abi Daré (general)
Fourteen-year-old Adunni dreams of an education, but after her mother's death, her father sells her to be the third wife of a local man. She runs away to the city, but can only find work as a wealthy family's servant. She learns to fight for herself. 2020.

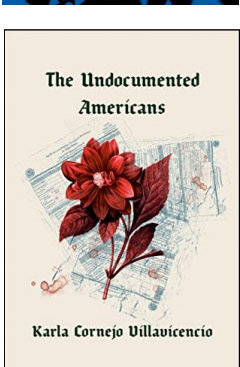
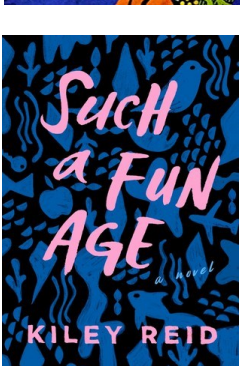
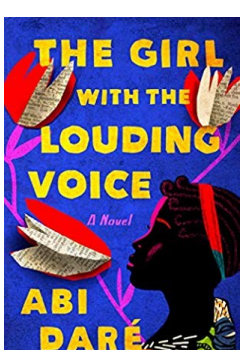
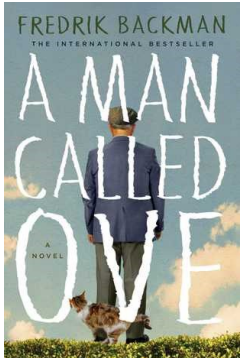
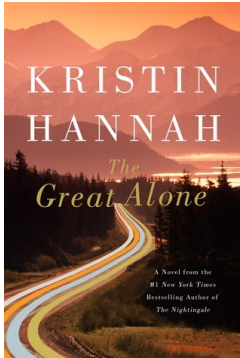
DB74519 What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty (general fiction)
When Alice Love awakens on a gym floor she wonders why she's there; she's pregnant and hates gyms. She soon learns it's 2008, not 1998, and that she has had three children and is in the middle of a divorce. 2009.

DB97929 Such A Fun Age by Kiley Reid (general fiction)
African American babysitter Emira Tucker is accused by a security guard of having kidnapped the toddler she is caring for when she takes the girl to an upscale market. The incident is caught on film and her white employer is determined to make things right. 2019.

DB78978 The Storied Life Of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin (relations)
When his most prized possession, a rare volume of poetry by Edgar Allan Poe, is stolen, bookstore owner A.J. Fikry begins isolating himself from his friends, family, and associates. Then he receives a mysterious package that compels him to remake his life. 2014.

DB99860 The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
One of the first undocumented immigrants to graduate from Harvard, the author embarked on a trip across the country to interview and learn about her fellow undocumented Americans. 2020.

DB94667 Maybe You Should Talk To Someone: A Therapist, HER Therapist, And Our Lives Revealed by Lori Gottlieb (self help)
A psychotherapist and advice columnist gives a behind-the-scenes look at the therapeutic process. Shares details of her work at her Los Angeles practice and discusses the emotional crisis that led her to begin therapy herself. 2019.



Everybody Loves A Circus: Nonfiction:

DB96289 Barnum: An American Life by Robert Wilson
Biography of P. T. Barnum, the co-creator of Barnum & Bailey Circus and master of reinvention. Examines the showman's early life, successes and setbacks, entrepreneurship, personal tragedies, and controversies that sprang from the lengths he would go to attract an audience. 2019.

DBC01229 Three Ringlings In Montana: Circus Trains To Cattle Ranches by Lee Rostad

A short history of the Ringling Brothers Circus and the Ringling family's ties to the state of Montana - from a town named after them to the historic Bozeman Roundup rodeo. 2015.

DB104742 Battle For The Big Top: P.T. Barnum, James Bailey, John Ringling, And The Death-Defying Saga Of The American Circus by Les Standiford

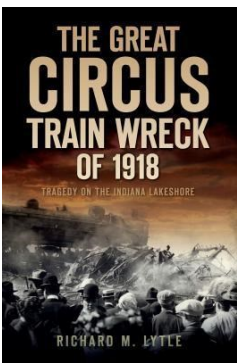
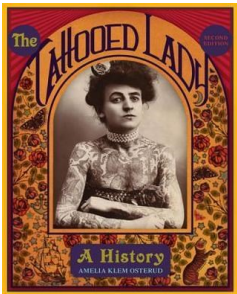
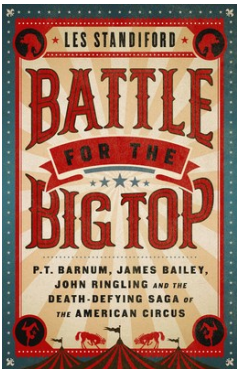
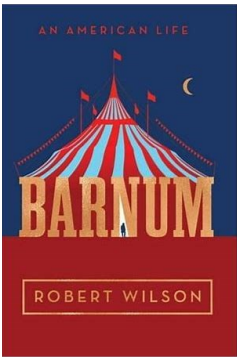
A history of the American circus, focusing on three entrepreneurial showmen. The early careers of Bailey, Barnum, and Ringling; the rivalries that drove them; the mergers that led to one thriving institution; and eventual closure due to complaints from animal rights activists. 2021.

DBC03702 The Tattooed Lady: A History by Amelia Klem Osterud
Tattooed ladies upended conventional notions of female beauty and modesty as they criss-crossed the country in traveling circuses, side-shows, and carnivals. This unique history chronicles their fascinating place in American culture.

DBC04925 The Great Circus Train Wreck of 1918: Tragedy On The Indiana Lakeshore by Richard M. Lytle
1918. An empty locomotive plowed into the Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus Train, injuring more than two hundred circus performers and killing eighty-six, most of whom were interred in a mass grave in the Showmen's Rest section of Chicago's Woodlawn Cemetery. Details the tragedy and its role in the overall evolution and demise of a unique entertainment industry. 2010.

DB111308 Ringlingville USA: The Stupendous Story Of Seven Siblings And Their Stunning Circus Success by Jerry Apps
Chronicles the brothers' journey from immigrant poverty to enduring glory as the kings of the circus world. 2004.

DB22064 American Vaudeville As Seen By Its Contemporaries by Charles W. Stein
Articles, memoirs, editorials, commentaries, critiques, and skits about vaudeville--once America's most popular entertainment. Features stars as Fanny Brice, George Burns, George M. Cohan, Lillian Russell, Will Rogers, and Groucho Marx. 1984.



Everybody Loves A Circus: Fiction:

DB86718 Water For Elephants by Sara Gruen (historical fiction)
1931. Veterinary student Jacob Jankowski's world comes crashing down when his parents die in a car accident. Broke, Jacob joins the circus, falls for Marlena, a married circus star, and cares for animals like Rosie the elephant. 2006.

DB112451 The Tumbling Turner Sisters by Juliette Fay (historical fiction)
In 1919 the Turner sisters and their parents are barely scraping by. When their father is injured and can no longer work, their mother decides that the vaudeville stage is their only chance for survival. Traveling by train from town to town, teenagers Gert, Winnie, and Kit and recent widow Nell soon find a new kind of freedom in the company of performers who are as diverse as their acts. There is a seamier side to the business, however, and the young women face dangers and turns of fate they never could have anticipated. 2016.

DB95545 The Life She Was Given by Ellen Marie Wiseman (mystery)
In 1931, nine-year-old Lilly Blackwood is given to a circus after being kept isolated in her family's home her entire life. She finds friendship and an affinity with animals. Twenty-five years later, Julia Blackwood searches for what happened to the young girl in her mother's photos. 2017.

DB112297 Black Mouth by Ronald Malfi (paranormal thriller)
Jamie Warren, his estranged brother, and their childhood friends are drawn back to their hometown to confront their memories of a strange man who taught them strange magic that led to a terrible act that still haunts them. 2022.

DB31767 Geek Love by Katherine Dunn (horror fiction)
Art and Lily Binewski are owners of a traveling carnival. In order to "enhance" their show, they breed their own freaks by creating genetically altered children through the use of experimental drugs. They have become so successful in their creations that a child who shows signs of normalcy becomes a threat. 1989.

DB65219 The Blue Moon Circus: A Three-Ring Novel by Michael Raleigh (historical fiction)
Oklahoma, 1926. Seven years after he closed down his big top, circus man Lewis Tully winds up in jail. Offered freedom in return for one last show, Lewis assembles an odd band of acts for a final tour of the west--and finds himself the guardian of an orphan named Charlie. 2003.

