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## Duplication on Demand (DoD)

The National Library Service (NLS) is gradually implementing Duplication on Demand (DoD), a system which allows network libraries to place multiple books on cartridges as they are requested rather than keeping single title pre-loaded cartridges on hand. Over a dozen libraries are now using DoD. TBBS plans to participate. DoD offers many advantages to patrons who rely on mail delivery.

- Access to the entire NLS collection and network library DBCs – you will not be limited to the books on our shelves.
- New books will be available quicker – you will not have to wait for TBBS to receive copies from the NLS distribution center.
- Option to request all books in a series in actual series order on a single cartridge (space permitting). You can also request that books by a particular author or on a particular topic be put on one cartridge.
- Mail delivery and return is easier for you and your postal carrier. Having fewer items to keep track of also reduces the chance of mixing up cartridges and containers.

More information will be shared in upcoming newsletters as TBBS gets closer to transitioning to the DoD style of service.

## Calling in book orders

TBBS serves more than 15,000 patrons and receives between 2,000-2,800 calls each month. Most calls are from patrons placing book orders. TBBS asks that patrons limit these calls to once a week so that Reader Advisors (RA) will have time to assist as many patrons as possible. Please follow these guidelines when placing a book order:

- Have your list in hand or know exactly what types of books you need help finding BEFORE you make the call.
- You may order 10 books per call; longer lists or Talking Book Topics order forms should be mailed to TBBS.
- Use the five-digit DB number – it is the quickest way to order.
- If you do not have the DB number the RA will need the correct title or author name and spelling.
- If you leave a book order on our voicemail you DO NOT need to call again to see if we received it. We DO NOT return voicemail calls regarding book orders unless we have a question about the request.
- Make sure your favorite series are added to your preferences so you automatically get the newest title without having to order it.

Use more convenient alternatives to phoning in book orders. Send your book requests by email to [isltbbs@ilsos.net](mailto:isltbbs@ilsos.net) or place your own orders using our online catalog <https://webopac.klas.com/il1aopac/>.

## Resources of interest

The VisionAware website, <http://www.visionaware.org/info/for-seniors/1>, provides information about living with vision loss, including home adaptations, products, blogs and connections to local services.

VisionConnect is a mobile app which provides a searchable directory of services available in the U.S. and Canada for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. You can use the app to find local and national services, as well as help for living with vision loss, such as low vision services, computer and technology training, daily living skills training, dog guide training, employment services, braille and reading instruction and more. For further information visit <http://www.afb.org/info/living-with-vision-loss/using-technology/download-afbs-apps/visionconnectm-app/1235>.

## Braille magazine substitution

Cooking Light magazine ceased publication in January 2019. This braille magazine offered by NLS has been replaced by EatingWell. Current subscribers to Cooking Light will auto-

matically be subscribed to EatingWell. Published 10 times a year, EatingWell magazine is a cooking and food resource for those who want to learn how to make healthy food that works for any diet. Find healthy recipes, cooking techniques, diets and food news and health topics throughout the pages of this lifestyle magazine. EatingWell is available for download from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) website and also by subscription through the NLS. Contact TBBS to subscribe.

## Receive TBBS newsletters by email

Sign up for the TBBS email distribution list to have the newsletter and other items of interest sent directly to your email address. Family members and caregivers are also encouraged to subscribe to the newsletter. Call 800-426-0709 or email [isltbbs@ilsos.net](mailto:isltbbs@ilsos.net) and request to be added to the list. NewsLink is also available online at [www.ilbph.org](http://www.ilbph.org).

## Book clubs

Book clubs are a popular social activity where a group of people meet regularly to discuss a book that they have all read. If you already belong to a book club in your area or are thinking of joining one, TBBS may be able to assist you in obtaining the club's title selections on digital cartridge. Contact your Reader Advisor to request a "rush" order so you will have the book in time for your next meeting.

## 2018 Goodreads Choice Awards

Goodreads, <https://www.goodreads.com/>, is a social networking and cataloging site for books and readers. Most major literary prizes are chosen by a specialized selection process involving committees or panels of judges. The Goodreads Choice Awards are a "people's choice" award. More than 5 million readers cast votes for their favorites in 21 categories last year in the 10th annual Goodreads Choice Awards. Category winners include:

Fiction – **Still Me** by Jojo Moyes, DB 90089, BR 22193

Mystery & Thriller – **The Outsider** by Stephen King, DB 92110

Historical Fiction – **The Great Alone** by Kristin Hannah, DB 90090, DB 91072 (Spanish)

Fantasy – **Circe** by Madeline Miller, DB 90711

Best of the Best – **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas, DB 87441, DB 87967 (Spanish), BR 21874

Romance – **The Kiss Quotient** by Helen Hoang, DB 91563

Science Fiction – **Vengeful** by V.E. Schwab, DB 92415, BR 22496

Horror – **Elevation** by Stephen King, DB 93255, BR 22517

Humor – **The Last Black Unicorn** by Tiffany Haddish, DB 90101

Nonfiction – **I'll Be Gone in the Dark** by Michelle McNamara, DB 90637

Memoir & Autobiography – **Educated** by Tara Westover, DB 90188

History & Biography – **The Good Neighbor** by Maxwell King, DB 92214

Science & Technology – **The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs** by Steve Brusatte, DB 92198

### Low Vision Fair

A Low Vision Fair will be held Tuesday, May 21 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Christ the King Parish Hall located at 1930 Barberry Dr. in Springfield. Sponsored by the Illinois Assistive Technology Program and the Mary Bryant Home for the Blind and Visually Impaired, this free event will feature exhibits, speakers, lunch and door prizes. For more information, call 217-522-7985.

## Toll-free numbers

Illinois State Library TBBS.....**800-426-0709, 800-757-4654**

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