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Reset BARD password

TBBS recommends that all Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) users set up a question and secret answer for password recovery. As a new user, you are given the opportunity to do this when you first log in, but it can be done at a later date any time you log in by going to the BARD main page and selecting the update account settings link. Follow the password instructions at the bottom of the page and click the update button when finished.

This enables you to recover a lost or forgotten password yourself whenever necessary. Go to the BARD login at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/login>, click on the reset your BARD password here link and fill in the form. You will receive an email with a temporary password. **You cannot use this temporary password for the first time on BARD Mobile—you must log in on the regular BARD site.** Your user ID and password are case-sensitive, so be sure to enter them exactly as they were sent to you. BARD will prompt you to choose a new password when you first log in. The password that was emailed to you will be valid until you successfully log in and change it.

If you have not set up a question and secret answer, you will need to contact TBBS and ask

for your password to be reset. You will receive an email with a temporary password. The same instructions listed previously apply to this process as well.

Braille magazine addition: Catster

NLS has added Catster to its selection of braille magazines. Published bimonthly, Catster is the magazine for all things related to cats. It is packed with tips, product reviews, advice and news needed to help keep cats happy and healthy. Catster is available for download from the BARD website and also by subscription through the NLS. Contact TBBS to subscribe.

Medicare fact sheet

Medicare beneficiaries are entitled to certain benefits if they are at risk for eye conditions causing vision loss or blindness. Prevent Blindness America has released a comprehensive fact sheet detailing eye-related services that Medicare beneficiaries are eligible to receive. Benefits include a “Welcome to Medicare” visit with their physician focused on screening and prevention, screening exams for glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy, cataract surgery, treatment for age-related macular degeneration and prescription drug coverage. All services have specific criteria for eligibility. To obtain a free copy of this fact sheet by mail, call 800-331-2020, or download from its website at https://www.preventblindness.org/sites/default/files/national/documents/fact_sheets/MK6_6_10.1.13_Medicare.pdf.

Health Library

The Health Library at Vista Center, an affiliate of the Stanford Health Library, is designed to help individuals with vision loss find information on eye conditions. The library is staffed by volunteers with vision loss who are trained in researching health-related conditions. Health Library volunteers are happy to research your specific health-related questions and will send information to you via large print or email. Monthly research newsletters via email on age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, optic neuropathy and diabetes are also available. The newsletters are compiled from research reports from professional journals such as Medscape, Medline, Nature and Ophthalmology. These free research services are a source of information, but are not meant as a substitute for your doctor’s medical advice. To sign up for the newsletters or to submit your request for information, email Dawn Wilcox at thl@vistacenter.org or call 650-858-0202.

NASA: 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 became the first manned mission to land on the moon. To commemorate this historic anniversary, Wolfner Library has created the online bibliography

NASA: 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing. It includes more than two dozen titles about the history of the U.S. space program, its astronauts and ground crews, and the unmanned missions that continue to explore the far reaches of our solar system. Go to <https://go.usa.gov/xEdyZ> or contact TBBS for a copy. Here is a sample of the titles that can be found in the bibliography:

Rocket Men: The Epic Story of the First Men on the Moon by Craig Nelson – DB 69775

The prizewinning author retraces America's race against the Soviet Union to be the first to land on the moon. The book chronicles NASA's 1969 Apollo 11 mission using interviews and declassified documents. It provides glimpses into the personal family lives of astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins.

Flight: My Life in Mission Control by Christopher C. Kraft – DB 53219

NASA's first flight director offers an insider's view of the early days of the space program in the 1960s. He describes past achievements, such as the first manned launch with Alan Shepard and the glitches, near disasters and successes that ultimately culminated in the astronauts walking on the moon. Some strong language.

Space Race: The Epic Battle between America and the Soviet Union for Dominion of Space by Deborah Cadbury – DB 64644

This book examines the superpower rivalries that fueled the race to the moon and the engineering masterminds behind it: Sergei Korolev in the Soviet Union and Wernher von Braun, a former Nazi, in the United States. It discusses the political paranoia of the Cold War era and the technological advances it produced.

Journey beyond Selene by Jeffrey Kluger – DB 50687

This book chronicles the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory's unmanned exploration of Earth's solar system with robot spacecraft. It describes the pre-1969 testing of the moon's surface in advance of the manned landing. It also recounts the subsequent deep-space probes of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune, and their moons.

Chicago Lighthouse Low Vision Products Road Shows

Low Vision Products Road Shows are a great way to experience cutting-edge products for your everyday needs. Sponsored by the Lions Clubs of Illinois, the Assistive Technology team travels throughout the Chicagoland area to educate people about using both high-tech and low-tech aids to overcome the challenges of vision loss. The Chicago Lighthouse staff demonstrates, explains and helps individuals explore a variety of products that are available to help with school, work and daily life. Shows are

free and open to the public. View the schedule of upcoming shows at <https://chicagolighthouse.org/road-show-schedule> for dates and locations near you. Call 800-919-3375 or email luke.scriven@chicagolighthouse.org for additional information or details about future shows.

Thank you

TBBS staff enjoys the thank you notes and letters of support sent by appreciative patrons and family members. The heartfelt words in these cards truly remind us of the importance of our daily work—whether it is answering calls or preparing books to mail. The letters are kept and anonymously shared in our annual report or with legislators as examples of the program’s positive impact.

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

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