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Staff Transitions

Effective October 1st, Ken Herston, a Reader Advisor for the Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH) since 2010, moved to the Field Services Department of the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) to become an Integrated Library Systems Consultant. Ken will maintain some of his BPH duties, and we are glad he is still on the premises if we ever need help in an emergency.

Dana Barlow, APLS Reference Librarian, now works for BPH as a Reader Advisor during the mornings. She continues her APLS reference and technical services duties in the afternoons. Dana's previous work experience in BPH, from 2008 to 2010, is an asset to us all. If you speak with Dana, please welcome her back to BPH!



Dana Barlow



Ken Herston

Advanced Digital Players: Navigating the Bible

Many people do not listen to an audio version of the Bible from beginning to end, but instead look for specific sections. The best digital player to use for finding specific sections is the advanced digital player model. The advanced model has an extra row of white buttons just for navigation.

When using the advanced digital player, insert a cartridge or flash drive with the Bible on it. Next push the **Menu** button to select the level by which you want to navigate (testament, book, etc.). Keep pressing the **Menu** button until you hear the navigation level you want. You will hear the machine announce a navigation level followed by the command “jump.” This command allows you to move between sections. For example:

- Testament: Navigates between the Old or New Testament
- Book: Navigates in order through the books of the testaments
- Chapter: Navigates through the chapters of the current book
- Phrase: Moves through the chapter by phrases (verses)

- Bookmark: Places bookmarks at your favorite verses by pushing the **Mark** button, then jumps from one bookmark to the other

When you’ve found the navigation level you want, use the **Next** and **Previous** buttons to jump ahead or go back.

Navigation levels can be useful for other books as well, such as cookbooks, collections of poetry, and craft instructions. If you do not have an advanced digital player and would like one, please contact your Reader Advisor and he or she will be happy to send one to you.

Adapted from Oregon’s TBBS Winter 2011 Newsletter.

Holiday Closures

BPH will be closed for the following holidays:

- 11/12/12 - Veteran’s Day
- 11/22/12 - Thanksgiving Day
- 12/25/12 - Christmas Day
- 01/01/13 - New Year’s Day
- 01/21/13 - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Of course, you can always leave us a voicemail message or send an email on a holiday.

Montgomery iDevice Class



Reader Advisor Tim Emmons conducted his iDevice class on September 13th. Some attendees brought their iPhones and followed along as Tim explained voiceover features and various applications.

National Federation of the Blind - Newslines

NFB-NEWSLINE is a free service that provides patrons who cannot read conventional newsprint access to many daily newspapers and selected magazines. Subscribers can choose to receive publications via touch-tone telephone, email, or online. This service also provides an application available for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch users.

To sign up, you should call the National Federation of the Blind's toll-free phone number at 1-866-504-7300 to request an application. You can also download an application online at <http://www.nfb.org/audio-newspaper-service>.

The NFB-NEWSLINE provides the following Alabama newspapers: *Birmingham News*, *Dothan Eagle*, *Huntsville Times*, *Mobile Register*, *Montgomery Advertiser*, and *Talladega Daily Home Web Feed*. You can also access newspapers from around the country including: *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Wall Street Journal*. Magazines available include *Diabetes Forecast*, *Family Circle*, *The New Yorker*, and *Time*.



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