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BARD Talk

BARD Talk (<http://www.bardtalk.com>), a patron-created resource, offers patron-to-patron assistance with several BARD issues. The BARD Talk website has a list of frequently asked questions and several useful tutorials. However, for official National Library Service BARD issues or concerns, please contact your Reader Advisor.

BARD Expands Download Offerings

Thanks to the BARD update at the end of 2012, readers are able to enjoy a greater selection of materials. More than 12,000 braille books and magazines that were previously available through the National Library Service (NLS) Web-Braille were moved to BARD. More than 2,000 braille music items, including sheet music for various instruments or voice, standard music textbooks,

and music methodology books were also moved. Audio downloads of music materials in BARD consist of instructional guides and music appreciation presentations.

BARD has more than 2,000 braille titles produced by NLS cooperating libraries and other external agencies.

A Friendly Reminder

When you return a talking book, please do not put personal notes or other materials in the book's container. If you enclose a book order, for example, we may not find it right away since some of our talking books are not inspected until they are pulled for the next mailing. Please call or email us instead, or send us your items by mail. Be sure to write "Free Matter for the Blind" on the envelope where the stamp would usually go. Also, tuck the envelope flap inside the envelope rather than sealing it.

Certificate of Appreciation

Tim Emmons, Reader Advisor for The Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH), received a certificate of appreciation for outstanding customer service for people with special needs. William Bowman, President and C.E.O. of the Visually Impaired People Organization in Selma, presented Tim with the certificate on March 27th. Keep up the great work, Tim!



Above, from left to right: William Bowman, VIP C.E.O. and President; Tim Emmons, BPH Reader Advisor

Audio Magazines Information

If you subscribe to audio magazines, you should now receive them on digital cartridges. Please remember, these cartridges must be returned the same way you return books - by flipping over the mail card on the container. You cannot keep the audio magazines as long as you keep books; if you do not return them in a few weeks, the National Library Service will suspend your magazine service. All audio magazines are also available for download from the BARD website. If you subscribe to more than one magazine, you will receive multiple magazines on a single cartridge.

To access the different titles, you need to use the bookshelf feature of your digital player. To use it, please follow the instructions below:

- 1.) Insert the cartridge into the player.
- 2.) Press and hold down the play/stop button (rectangular green button at bottom center of player) until the player beeps and says "bookshelf."
- 3.) Press the fast forward arrow to move to the next magazine on the

list; press the rewind arrow to move back to earlier magazines.

4.) Once you hear the title you want to listen to, push the play/stop button and the magazine will start playing.

Please call your Reader Advisor if you need help using the bookshelf feature or if you have any questions about your audio magazine subscriptions.

Please Contact BPH If...

- Your name, address, or telephone number changes.
- You have problems with books or machines.
- You want to change the types of books you receive.
- You want to change the number of books you receive.
- You need to temporarily cancel your service (such as when you go on vacation).
- You have any questions or problems with the talking book service (including BARD).

Dig Into Reading!

Do you dig reading? How would you like to Dig Into Reading by joining the Summer Reading Program at the regional library? This year's themes are: Dig Into Reading (children),

Beneath the Surface (teen), and Groundbreaking Reads (adult).

The program will run from June 1st through July 31st. All participants will receive a reading log, a reading certificate, stickers, a bookmark, and a prize. To register or to learn more about the Summer Reading Program, call 1-800-392-5671 and ask to speak with Tim Emmons or Mike Coleman.



Holiday Closures

BPH will be closed for the following state holidays:

6/3/13 – Jefferson Davis's birthday

7/4/13 – Independence Day

9/2/13 – Labor Day

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



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