

# WHAT's Line

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## On Your Mark, Get Set ... Read!

It is once again time for the Summer Reading Program, and this year's focus is fitness, health, and wellness. The themes for 2016 are *On Your Mark, Get Set, Read* (children), *Get In The Game* (teens), and *Exercise Your Mind* (adults).

The program will run from June 1st through July 31st. A cash prize will once again be offered. To register or for more information, call 1-800-392-5671 and ask for Tim Emmons or Mike Coleman.

## Part-Time Help for BPH

Some of you may have spoken with Melinda Smith or Alex Perry, who staff the Reference Department at APLS. They are working in BPH part-time, so you may have the opportunity to work with them in the future. We appreciate their help!



Melinda Smith



Alex Perry

## New Magazines Available!

We are very happy to announce new audio magazines are now available to our patrons (call us to subscribe).

New items include:

*AARP: The Magazine* (bimonthly) and *AARP Bulletin* (ten issues a year) – Offered together, with topics of interest to people 50 and older.

*Audubon* (bimonthly) – Nature subjects, emphasizing birds.

*Cowboys and Indians* (8 issues) – Western art, rodeo, food, music, travel, and cowboys.

*Humpty Dumpty* (bimonthly) – Stories, poems, cartoons, puzzles, games, recipes, and crafts, for ages 3-5.

*Missouri Conservationist* (monthly) – Conservation and management of Missouri's natural resources.

*National Geographic Traveler* (monthly) – World travel.

*O, The Oprah Magazine* (monthly) – Style ideas, health tips, recipes, and more.

*Oklahoma Today* (bimonthly) – Oklahoma history and culture.

*Playboy* (monthly) – Articles with a male perspective.

*Rolling Stone* (biweekly) – Music and entertainment, with reviews.

*Seventeen* (10 issues) – Teenage beauty, health, and fashion.

*Smithsonian* (monthly) – Artwork and artifacts.

*Southern Living* (monthly) – Recipes, gardens, and houses.

*Vital Speeches of the Day* (monthly) – Speeches and addresses.

Like all audio magazines, you must return them to continue getting issues mailed to you. However, if you are a BARD patron, you can download them. You can even set up a subscription to them and any of the NLS magazines on BARD. This will automatically add new issues to your BARD “wish list” as soon as they become available on BARD. You also have the option of receiving an e-mail notification when a new issue is available. Additionally, there are no overdues with BARD!

## A Fond Farewell: Message From Ruth Evans



After 33 ½ years of employment at the Alabama Public Library Service and six years at libraries in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, I will be retiring in the early summer. I became the BPH director in 2011, and there could not be a more rewarding job than this one. The best times were when patrons would call to tell me how much they appreciate the service we provide and what a positive difference it makes in their lives. I will miss the patrons and the wonderful staff I work with—if you don't have a congenial relationship with your coworkers, then much is lost, and I was very lucky! Although I will no longer be working in BPH, I will continue to be an ambassador for our services. I wish you all the best. – Ruth.

## Preserving the Digital Player's Battery Life

It is important to remember to keep your digital player plugged in when you are not using it. If it is unplugged for an extended time, the power level in the battery could drop to a very low level and won't ever fully recharge, so be sure to keep it plugged in whenever possible. If the battery power is low, call us and we will send you another player. Then we will install a new battery in the returned player for future use by another patron.

### **Holiday Closures**

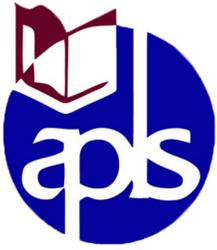
The Library will be closed on the following holidays:

5/30/16 - National Memorial Day

6/6/16 - Jefferson Davis' Birthday

7/4/16 - Independence Day

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



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