National Library Week Brings Final Shipment of Cassettes

Network libraries throughout the National Library Service (NLS) system received a notice on August 31, 2016 to move forward with removing cassettes from their collections. Libraries no longer needed to go through a lengthy process of submitting titles and waiting on approval before sending containers off for recycling. When the notice came, staff at the Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH) in Montgomery found themselves with more than 150,000 cassettes still on the shelf. In FY2014, BPH had a cassette collection estimated at over 343,400 items—just over 56,400 unique titles.

With help from area volunteers and community service workers, BPH staff celebrated National Library Week (April 9-15, 2017) by shipping out the last load of cassettes in green cases for recycling in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Staff is pictured with volunteers from a local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Montgomery. The group of young men, who began their service on March 3rd, helped to push out the remaining items. During the month of March, the group collectively donated over 85 hours of service to BPH.

Are You Active?
Individual readers are considered active in the BPH program if they borrow at least one book from our library during a twelve-month period or if they have a subscription to a network - or National Library Service (NLS) - produced magazine. If you have not checked out a book or magazine recently, please contact us before your account becomes inactive.
When James “Mike” Coleman first completed a lengthy application for employment with the State of Alabama in 1986, little did he know it would be the start of a 30-year career with the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS). Mike has worked as a reader advisor in the Regional Library for the Blind (BPH) since starting with the state. Although he wears many hats, Mike’s primary focus each day is processing new applications, recommending great books to BPH patrons, and keeping up with a huge inventory of publications and equipment. Congratulations to Mike on 30 years of service. He is pictured (right) with APLS Executive Board Chair Ronald A. Snider (left).

Thanks for Your Support

Thanks to the following who made donations to our BPH Consumer Advisory Committee during the first quarter of 2017:

- Rhoda Herzog
- Frances L. Ruth
- Astrid P. Shike

As you make plans throughout the year for giving to various causes, please remember the work of the Committee. For additional information about the BPH Consumer Advisory Committee, contact the BPH regional librarian at 334-213-3921.

BPH Holiday Closing Dates

The Alabama Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is opened Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and closed on weekends. Our holiday closing dates for May 2017 through October 2017 are listed below.

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Each quarter, BPH Reader Advisors Mike Coleman and Tim Emmons share NLS annotations from new titles they think may be of interest to our readers. Their selections for Spring 2017 are as follows:

**DB85492**
**Narrated by Anne Hancock**
**Kirby, Stan**
*Captain Awesome, Books 8-11*
**JF** 2 hours 31 min
Four more humorous adventures, written in 2013 and 2014, featuring Eugene and his Sunnyview Superhero Squad. In *Captain Awesome vs. the Spooky, Scary House*, the heroes investigate a creepy dwelling. Includes *Captain Awesome Gets Crushed, Captain Awesome and the Missing Elephants*, and *Captain Awesome vs. the Evil Babysitter*. For grades 2-4. 2014.

**DB83641**
**Narrated by Keith Szarabajka**
**Wertheim, L. Jon, and Sam Sommers**
*This Is Your Brain on Sports: The Science of Underdogs, the Value of Rivalry, and What We Can Learn from the T-Shirt Cannon*
**F** 12 hours 16 min
Elodie, the eldest of ten sisters, sails from her home in England to China in 1861 to help her father search for a rare and valuable orchid. They are seeking the flower in an effort to save her family from a desperate situation. Unrated. Commercial audio-book. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

**DB86721**
**Narrated by Katharine McEwan**
**Waller, Sharon Biggs**
*The Forbidden Orchid*
**F** 8 hours 51 min
A Sports Illustrated editor and a psychologist collaborate on this study of the ways sports influence human behavior. Issues examined include the role of rivalry in sports, the appeal of underdogs, and whether the Olympics promote world peace. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

If you are interested in receiving the titles listed above and need assistance, please call BPH at 334-213-3906 or Toll Free at 1-800-392-3906.
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