

Connecticut State Library for the Blind Newsletter

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LBPH News

New Name for LBPH: The CT Library for Accessible Books

The Connecticut State Library is pleased to announce that the Connecticut Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) has adopted a new name: **The Connecticut Library for Accessible Books (CTLAB)**. The new name was selected by the State Library with the support and approval of the Advisory Committee for CTLAB.

On October 1, 2019, CTLAB's federal partner, the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) changed its name from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped to its present name. CTLAB's name change is part of a wider movement to update names of regional libraries within the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled's (NLS) nationwide network of libraries.

Though the library's name has changed, its core services and resources remain the same. CTLAB remains a unit of the Connecticut State Library with a mission to serve people who are blind, individuals who have a visual disability, people who have a perceptual or reading disability, and persons unable to read print materials as a result of a physical disability.

CTLAB is in the process of updating its website and other promotional materials to reflect our updated name. Please bear with us as we make these updates.

Reader's Advisors' Notes

CTLAB Book Club Meeting Reminder

The next CTLAB book club will meet on January 18, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The title selected for the January book club meeting is *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni. This title is available on Talking Book Cartridge or through BARD as DBC 00304. If you would like more information about the CTLAB Book Club, please contact Paula McLean at (860) 704-2216 or (800) 842-4516.

NLS Updates

Braille and Large Print Calendars

NLS has compiled a list of organizations that sell or distribute braille and/or large-print calendars for 2023. You can find the complete list of calendars on the [NLS calendars web page](#). Keep in mind that listed prices are subject to change, and that inclusion on this list does not imply endorsement of any product.

New Design and Search Features for the NLS Catalog

Finding your next great read is easier than ever with the new NLS Catalog search features! NLS Catalog boasts a new, clean design and advanced search functionality, direct links to BARD from catalog listings for quick downloads, and for the first time, patrons can directly request books to add to our collection! Patrons will also find links to contact a librarian and other resources to get the most out of NLS. Start exploring the [updated NLS online catalog!](#)

Connect with CTLAB

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Upcoming CTLAB Holiday Closings

Monday, January 16, 2023 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday, February 13, 2023 – Lincoln's Birthday

Monday, February 20, 2023 – Washington's Birthday

Friday, April 7, 2023 – Good Friday

Monday, May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day

Monday, June 19, 2023 – Juneteenth Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 – Independence Day

Monday, September 4, 2023 – Labor Day

Monday, October 9, 2023 – Columbus Day

Friday, November 10, 2023 – Veterans Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023 – Thanksgiving Day

Monday, December 25, 2023 – Christmas Day
Monday, January 1, 2024 – New Year's Day