

# Connecticut Library for Accessible Books (CTLAB) Newsletter

March/April 2023

## CTLAB News

### **New CTLAB Email Address**

Please take a moment to update your address book with our new email address, [csl.AccessibleBooks@ct.gov](mailto:csl.AccessibleBooks@ct.gov). Please use this email address to contact us with questions and book requests.

### **Upcoming CTLAB Book Club Meeting**

The next CTLAB book club will meet virtually on April 19, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We have selected 2 titles for the April book club meeting. They are *The Elephant Whisperer: My Life with the Herd in the African Wild* by Lawrence Anthony DB85906 and *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot DB53926. Both titles are available on Talking Book Cartridge or through BARD. Please register for the book club by calling Paula McLean at (860) 704-2216 or (800) 842-4516. Participants will receive the Zoom meeting link or dial in phone number for the book club meeting following registration.

### **Digital Talking Book Player Batteries**

If you are experiencing any problems related to the battery in your Digital Talking Book Player, please contact us at (860) 704-2220 or (800) 842-4516. We will be happy to work with you to replace the player's battery or, if necessary, the machine.

# National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) Updates

## New NLS Spanish-Language Website

The National Library Service has launched a [Spanish-language website](#) to help connect Spanish speakers to a large and growing collection of Spanish books and magazines. Readers with low vision or blindness, or a disability that prevents them from using regular print materials can find information about NLS, apply for service, as well as find various resources and library materials in Spanish.

## Upcoming NLS Programs

### March 2023 The Many Faces of BARD Program

The topic for the March 9, 2023 program will be using BARD on the NLS Braille eReader. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. eastern time and last for one hour. This program will be recorded.

The session will begin with a discussion of BARD on both models of Braille eReader distributed by NLS. The remainder of the time will be spent answering questions about the presentation or other questions related to BARD usage on any of our devices.

The session can be joined by going to the [Many Faces of BARD Zoom meeting](#).

To join the meeting by telephone, you can use the following options. One-tap mobile: [+16692545252,,1618927125#](#) or [+16469641167,,1618927125#](#). Dial in: (669) 254-5252 or (646) 828-7666. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 161 892 7125.

Recordings of previous the Many Faces of BARD programs can be accessed at the [Many Faces of BARD web page](#).

## **March 2023 Patron Corner Program**

On Monday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. EST, the NLS Patron Engagement Section will host the next quarterly Patron Corner. The topic is Locally Produced Books – Building a Collection That Is Personal to You. The guest panel will include representatives from the Texas, Utah, Missouri, and Washington State libraries. Tamara Rorie, Head of the Patron Engagement Section, will moderate the panel. The discussion will cover topics such as how libraries select narrators, how libraries select books, and what roles patrons can play in this process. The program will last 90 minutes.

This program can be joined by going to the [Patron Corner Program Zoom meeting](#).

To join the meeting by telephone, you can use the following options. One tap mobile: [+16692545252,,1600612852#](#) or [+16468287666,,1600612852#](#). Dial in: (646) 828-7666 or (551) 285-1373. When prompted, enter the meeting ID: 160 061 2852.

This information and recordings of previous Patron Corner Programs can be accessed at the [NLS' Patron Corner web page](#).

## **Connect with CTLAB**

### **CTLAB Contact Information**

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## **Upcoming CTLAB Holiday Closings**

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