



**A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE
BAINBRIDGE SUBREGIONAL LIBRARY
FOR THE BLIND & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED OF
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA**

The Subregional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped of Southwest Georgia is a part of your public library and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, serving Baker, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas and Webster counties.

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**National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
To Celebrate Its 80th Anniversary**

On March 3, 2011, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)—the Library of Congress' talking-book and braille program—will celebrate 80 years of helping visually impaired and physically handicapped individuals enjoy reading their favorite books and magazines.

This free library program brings reading materials in digital audio and braille formats straight to the homes of patrons from preschoolers to centenarians. Books on digital cartridge, digital talking-book players and braille books are sent to patrons via the U.S. mail at no cost to users. People who sign up with the program also have the option of downloading books and magazines over the Internet in audio or braille format.

“Talking books offer a wonderful opportunity for anyone who cannot use regular print materials because of blindness or a physical handicap,” says NLS Director Kurt Cylke.

“For 80 years this service has been a priceless gift.”

The NLS collection of more than 400,000 titles of bestsellers, classics, biographies, romance, and other genres delights even the most selective readers.

Magazine-lovers enjoy free subscriptions to more than 40 periodicals in audio format, including *Consumer Reports*, *National Geographic*, and *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, and 30 periodicals in braille, such as *Ladies Home Journal*, *ESPN: The Magazine* and the *New York Times Large-Print Weekly*.

The NLS program also keeps pace with the latest book titles, adding 2,500 annually. Patrons learn of new releases through two bimonthly magazines, *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review*.

Patrons are served locally through a national network of cooperating libraries. Beginning with just 19 libraries in 1931, the NLS network today includes 113 libraries throughout the United States and its territories. Congress appropriates funds annually to the Library of Congress for the NLS program, while regional and sub-regional libraries receive financial support from federal, state, and local sources.

U.S. residents and citizens living abroad whose blindness or physical handicap makes reading regular printed matter difficult may be eligible to participate in the audio and braille books program. By law, priority is given to U.S. military veterans. Those interested in learning more or signing up may call (229) 248-2680 or 1-800-795-2680.

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IRS Assistance for People With Disabilities

If you are unable to complete your tax forms yourself due to a disability you can call the IRS at 1-800-906-9887. By calling this number you can find the locations of their volunteer centers in your area. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is sponsored by the IRS. For those who are deaf you can contact them using TTY equipment at 1-800-829-4059.

Digital Update

Recharging battery takes about two hours. Press the power button off to fully charge the player.

The cartridge does not have to be rewound. When you finish the book, return it to its case. Please make sure the book and the case match.

Please keep the box and the styrofoam that the player comes in, you will need this in case you need to return the player.

If you have not received a digital player and would like to receive one, please call us and we will be glad to send you one.

New titles will only be available on digital cartridge (or by downloading from BARD).

If you have a home computer with a high speed internet you might consider downloading books from the nearly 20,000 NLS BARD digital book collection. Fill out the online application at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov> . Requirements include a high speed internet connection, an active e-mail address, moderate computer knowledge (how to search the internet and fill out forms online), how to download, unzip, and save files, and how to transfer files from one place to another.



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Free Reading Matter
F/T Blind & Handicapped
U. S. Mail
Do Not Cancel

Hours:
Monday 9am to 8pm
Tuesday 9am to 6pm
Wednesday 9am to 6pm
Thursday 9am to 7 pm
Friday 9am to 6 pm
Saturday 9am to 4 pm

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Information presented in this newsletter will be provided in alternative formats upon request.

Online Catalog for ordering library books: <http://webopac.klas.com/glass>
Call the library for your log-in and password.

NOTE: Please submit information or news that you would like to share to Kathy Hutchins.