



Department of Libraries  
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**FOR OUR LARGE PRINT READERS**

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**VT State Library now has ZoomText**

The Vermont State Library, located in the Pavilion building at 109 State Street in Montpelier, now has a public computer set up with ZoomText Magnifier/Reader software, a large print high contrast keyboard, document camera and headphones. The software can enlarge the computer screen up to 36x, and can also read the screen aloud. Among the electronic resources now more accessible in the State Library as a result are *Westlaw*, the *Foundation Directory Online*, *Ancestry.com* (International Edition), and *Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps*. The document camera can be used to enlarge text from a book or other image and transmit it to the computer screen for viewing or for the screen reader to read aloud.

**2014 VT Reads book *Wonder* available**

The Vermont Humanities Council has chosen *Wonder*, by R. J. Palacio, as the 2014 Vermont Reads title. We have a couple of copies in large print, book number LP 74228. The book is suitable for adults and children from 5<sup>th</sup> grade

up. Contact your local public library to see if it is sponsoring any VT Reads programs.

## **Nominate special postal carrier by April 15**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Postal Carrier of the Year award co-sponsored by the Library and the Vermont Council of the Blind. If you have a postal carrier who goes above and beyond to serve you, tell us about it. We will accept written or emailed nominations, or you may call 1-800-479-1711 after 4:30pm on weekdays or any time on weekends and leave a detailed message under 3 minutes in length on our voice mail. The winning nomination must do a good job of explaining why the postal carrier is special. Deadline for nominations is April 15.

## **Selected titles from our collection**

### Fiction

Three Pines Mystery series by Louise Penny, about a detective in Quebec.

<b>Still Life</b>	LP 66731
<b>A Fatal Grace</b>	LP 67293
<b>The Brutal Telling</b>	LP 70226
<b>Bury Your Dead</b>	LP 72936
<b>A Trick of the Light</b>	LP 74155
<b>The Beautiful Mystery</b>	LP 75464

We'll be getting these additional titles soon:

- The Cruellest Month**
- A Rule against Murder**
- How the Light Gets In**

**Divergent**, by Veronica Roth. LP 73203

In a future Chicago, society is divided into five factions. During the Choosing Ceremony, 16-year-old Beatrice must pick her lifelong faction. But Beatrice discovers she is an anomaly -- a divergent -- who does not fit anywhere. Some violence, strong language, sex. For senior high and older readers. The series continues with **Insurgent**, LP 74836; and **Allegiant**, LP 77550.

**Three Can Keep a Secret: A Joe Gunther Novel**, by Archer Mayor. LP 15739

Hurricane Irene is the backdrop for a complex case involving an escaped mental patient and two corpses.

### Non-fiction

**Bunker Hill: A City, a Siege, a Revolution**, by Nathaniel Philbrick. LP 17287

The Battle of Bunker Hill would be the bloodiest battle of the Revolution, and the point of no return for the rebellious colonists. Philbrick reconstructs the revolutionary landscape in a mesmerizing narrative of the real origins of America.

**Coolidge**, by Amity Shlaes. LP 15726

Chronicles the life of Calvin Coolidge from his New England roots to the assumption of the presidency. Highlights his economic policies and support of new technology.

**Daily Guideposts 2014: A Spirit-Lifting Devotional**. LP 15691

We were gifted several copies of this daily devotional guide from the publishers of Guideposts magazine.

**David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants, by Malcolm Gladwell. LP 15638**

Looks at the complex and surprising ways in which the weak can defeat the strong, how the small can match up against the giant, and how our goals can make a huge difference in our ultimate sense of success.

**Mastering the Art of French Eating: Lessons in Food and Love, by Ann Mah. LP 15721**

When journalist Mah's diplomat husband is given a three-year assignment in Paris, Mah is overjoyed and begins plotting gastronomic adventures à deux. Then her husband is called away to Iraq on a year-long post -- alone. So, not unlike another diplomatic wife, Julia Child, Mah reinvents her dream of living in France, one dish at a time.

**Mud Season, by Ellen Stimson. LP 15726**

In self-deprecating and hilarious fashion, chronicles Stimson's transition from city life to rickety Vermont farmhouse, and running the Dorset, VT, village store.

**What Are You Hungry For? The Chopra Solution to Permanent Weight Loss, Well-being, and Lightness of Soul, by Deepak Chopra. LP 15750**

In this manual for "higher health," Chopra creates a vision of weight loss based on a deeper awareness of why people overeat -- because they are trying to find satisfaction and wind up using food as a substitute for real fulfillment.

**What If...: A Lifetime of Questions, Speculations, Reasonable Guesses, and a Few Things I Know for Sure, by Shirley MacLaine. LP 15751**

MacLaine speculates on a wide range of matters both spiritual and secular, humorous and profound, earth-bound and high-flying, personal and universal.

## **Library Advisory Council members for 2014**

Members of the Special Services Library Advisory Council for 2014 are: Michael Richman, South Burlington, Chair, VCB; Amy Olsen, Hyde Park, Vice Chair, libraries; Kim Brittenham, Montpelier, VCIL, physical conditions; Barbara Buchanan, Burlington, at large; Linda Goodspeed, Rutland, NFB; Linda Gustafson, Essex Junction, children; Dan Norris, Barre, VABVI; Paul Putnam, Barre Town, DBVI; Paula Stevens, Wilder, at large; Walter Taylor, South Royalton, veterans. If you would like to contact the Council, email Mike Richman, [mike.richman@comcast.net](mailto:mike.richman@comcast.net) , or call the Library.

## **You qualify for “talking books”**

As a registered large print user, you are already eligible for audio books, or “talking books” and magazines, from the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped. The service is entirely free of charge; we even supply the book player. If you’re tech savvy, you can also download books. The range of titles available in the NLS audio format is much greater than that available in large print. You may continue to receive large print even after receiving audio books if you wish. To start receiving audio books postage-paid through the mail, give us a call at 1-800-479-1711.

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