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## Library Advisory Council launches in 2013

We are pleased to announce the formation of a Library Advisory Council for Special Services, Vermont's talking book and large print library. The Council will serve as an additional form of communication between patrons and the Library, and will advise the Library on policies, services, and outreach. Establishment of such a group is strongly recommended by the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (NLS) and the American Library Association. The first meeting of the full Council will take place on February 6 at the Library in Berlin.

A small group of volunteers with organizational skills and experience met over the course of several months to construct the bylaws and endeavor to create an initial membership representative of various Library constituencies, including veterans, students, those with reading and physical disabilities, members of blind consumer groups,

large print users, and those living outside the Burlington and Montpelier areas.

Meeting dates, meeting minutes, and contact information for Council members will be posted on the Library's web site and are also available on request. Members of the initial Council will serve for one or two years, with subsequent members serving two-year terms. Additional information will be in the SSU Newsletter published after the meeting. For more information on the Library Advisory Council, please contact Larry Shepherd-Isanberg, the Council Chair, at [larsisan@gmail.com](mailto:larsisan@gmail.com) or 802-882-8367.

## **Vermonters on NLS book council**

Stanley Greenberg of Burlington has been selected to represent the patrons of the 11 northern states and the District of Columbia on the Collection Development Advisory Group of NLS. The group will meet for three days in late May in Washington, DC, to formulate a list of recommendations relating to the selection of books and magazines NLS produces in audio and braille formats. The representatives continue to serve as a channel for communication between patrons and NLS after the May meeting.

Patrons who would like to share their thoughts and recommendations with Stanley to pass on to

NLS may email him at [greenbergstan@comcast.net](mailto:greenbergstan@comcast.net) or call him at 802-862-5220.

## **Adaptive Ski pays for Pico book recording; memoir available for purchase**

Adaptive Ski & Sports donated funds to enable Perkins Braille & Talking Book Library to record *Pico, Vermont, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition*, a history of the ski resort written by journalist and patron Linda Goodspeed. When the recording is completed, it can be downloaded from our online catalog (not from BARD), [webopac.klas.com/vtssu](http://webopac.klas.com/vtssu) , or borrowed from the Library. The book number will be SMA 164.

Linda has also written a memoir called *In and Out of Darkness: Losing Vision, Gaining Insight*. That book is not available from the Library, but has been published as an e-book, playable on many different devices, and is available for purchase at [www.smashwords.com/b/256018](http://www.smashwords.com/b/256018) . Please note that Linda's memoir cannot be played on the NLS player.

## **Vermont Reads 2013 book available**

The Vermont Humanities Council has chosen *Poetry 180*, a collection of contemporary poems selected by Billy Collins, as the 2013 Vermont Reads title. NLS recorded the book specifically at our

request so our patrons can participate in discussions sponsored by the Humanities Council statewide. The book can be downloaded from BARD and borrowed from the Library under book number DB 75492. This is the tenth year the Council has sponsored the Vermont Reads program.

## **Got a special postal carrier? Nominations for annual award sought**

Nominations are being accepted through February 28 for the Vermont 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 and why it makes a difference. Don't worry if you are not sure of the postal carrier's name, we can figure that out later. You do not need to be a member of the Vermont Council of the Blind to send in a nomination.

**You might like these:  
Selected titles from our collection**

Fiction set in Quebec

Louise Penny writes books featuring Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Sûreté du Québec (provincial police). Wikipedia says, "Although set in the province of Quebec, the novels feature many hallmarks of the British whodunit genre, including murders by unconventional means, bucolic villages, large casts of suspects, red herrings, and a dramatic disclosure of the murderer in the last few pages of the book." Penny was recently interviewed on Vermont Public Radio. A movie based on the first book will be broadcast on Canadian television this year. NLS has recorded all 8 books in this series:

Still Life	DB 66731
A Fatal Grace	DB 67293
The Cruellest Month	DB 67419
A Rule Against Murder	DB 70384
The Brutal Telling	DB 70226
Bury Your Dead	DB 72936
A Trick of the Light	DB 74155
The Beautiful Mystery	DB 75464 (available soon)

Kathy Reichs writes books featuring Dr. Temperance Brennan, who, like Reichs herself, is a forensic

anthropologist and professor who divides her time between Quebec and North Carolina. The television series "Bones" is based on her books. NLS has recorded these titles in the series:

Deja Dead	DB 44763
Death du Jour	DB 48533
Fatal Voyage	DB 52789
Cross Bones	DB 60684
Monday Mourning	DB 58549
206 Bones	DB 69720
Spider Bones	DB 71923

**Second Glance, by Jodi Picoult DB 58036**  
Vermont. Developers acquiring property from an elderly scientist spark protests from Native Americans claiming the site is a burial ground. After a rash of unexplained phenomena, ghost hunter Ross Wakeman -- suicidal since his fiancée's death - - investigates. The paranormal activity shows disturbing links to eugenics projects in the 1920s-1930s. Some descriptions of sex and some violence. 2003

### Non-fiction

**Bowman's Store: A Journey to Myself, by Joseph Bruchac DB 47175**

An autobiography detailing the author's earliest childhood memories through age 28, when his grandfather died. The grandfather never admitted his Abenaki heritage, yet Bruchac traces the evidence of Native American customs in his grandfather's behavior. For senior high and older readers.

**Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents, and Survivors: 2012 Edition DB 75377**

**How to Win Friends and Influence People, by Dale Carnegie DB 53469**  
Modern edition.

**Is This Thing On? A Computer Handbook for Late Bloomers, Technophobes and the Kicking and Screaming DB 75394**

For computer novices, includes purchasing a computer, establishing Internet access, working with iPads and mobile devices, online banking, shopping, and using social media. 2011.

**No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission That Killed Osama Bin Laden, by Mark Owen DB 75401**

**Through a Howling Wilderness: Benedict Arnold's March to Quebec, 1775, by Thomas A. Desjardin  
DB 63664**

Primary sources chronicle American colonel Benedict Arnold's disastrous 1775 expedition through Maine to attack the British at Quebec City. 2006

**Wit and Wisdom from Poor Richard's Almanack  
DB 75399**

**Wounded Warrior Handbook: A Resource Guide for Returning Veterans DB 75316**

Second edition. Information on medical treatment, rehabilitation, mental health counseling, family support, transitioning to civilian life, benefits, taxes, legal issues, and bereavement. 2012

For younger readers

**Meet Our New Student from Quebec, by Ann Weil  
DB 71502**

Preparations by a third-grade class in New York for the arrival of a new student from Quebec is the setting used to introduce the history, geography, and customs of the Canadian province. For grades 3-6. 2010



**Night Wings, by Joseph Bruchac DB 69883**

Paul, a 13-year-old Abenaki, realizes too late that his dreams about a winged monster pursuing him were a warning. For grades 5-8. 2009

**Wabi: A Hero's Tale, by Joseph Bruchac DB 63363**

Though Wabi was born a great horned owl, he falls in love with Dojihla, a young Abenaki Indian woman, and transforms himself into a human. For grades 6-9. 2006

**The Way, by Joseph Bruchac DB 65613**

New student Cody LeBeau quickly becomes the target of bullies. Learning martial arts skills and the ways of his Abenaki Indian ancestors from his Uncle John help Cody gain confidence. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 2007

**The Winter People, by Joseph Bruchac DB 56646**

As the French and Indian War rages on in 1759, Saxso, a 14-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his Quebec village and taken his mother and sisters hostage. Some violence. For grades 6-9. 2002

## New DVDs with audio description available

The following DVDs were donated to the Library by the Vermont Council of the Blind. Please note that you may need the assistance of a sighted person to turn on the audio description feature, which adds audio to describe non-verbal content.

### Animated

The Adventures of Tintin DVD 307

Alvin & the Chipmunks: Chip Wrecked DVD 311

Hop DVD 312

Puss in Boots DVD 309

### Comedy

21 Jump Street DVD 302

American Reunion DVD 317

This Means War DVD 315

A Thousand Words DVD 322

The Three Stooges: The Movie DVD 316

Wanderlust DVD 303

### Drama

Red Tails DVD 318

## Family

Because of Winn-Dixie DVD 318

Big Miracle DVD 304

War Horse DVD 305

We Bought a Zoo DVD 306

## Fantasy/Sci-Fi

Chronicle DVD 323

Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance DVD 313

Underworld: Awakening DVD 308

## Suspense/Thriller

Contraband DVD 320

Covert Affairs: Season Two DVD 314

Mission: Impossible: Ghost Protocol DVD 310

Safe House DVD 321

## **Vermont Life now available on digital cartridge**

The magazine **Vermont Life**, which is recorded for us by a volunteer in Marshfield, is now available on digital cartridge. If you would like to receive this magazine, let us know.

## Music instruction now downloadable

Digital content from the NLS Music Collection of music books, scores, and magazines is now available on BARD, the NLS downloadable audio service.

## More French books available

Additional books in French are added periodically to the BARD download service. We have been making many of these available through our service by mail as well. If you are interested in receiving books in French, or in Spanish, please let us know.

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