



National Library Service visit to Wolfner



Your Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library recently hosted Pam Davenport, the National Library Service (NLS) consultant for the West and Midlands regions. Davenport met with staff to share information from NLS, answer questions and to hear about the good things going on at Wolfner. She was impressed with our service model and complemented the staff on our efficiencies and dedication to you, our patrons.

Prior to her role at NLS, Davenport worked at the South Carolina Talking Book and Braille Library so she knows how a state's network library runs. Two full days of tours and discussions were held and Davenport recorded a podcast episode that is available on our website for your listening pleasure.

Wolfner is grateful for the support NLS provides and our staff was humbled by the genuine positive compliments received by Davenport.

Know that we take our service to you very seriously and always strive to be the best at providing personal customer service and relevant, impactful programs.

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Adult Winter Reading Program | January 1 – February 28, 2025

Wolfner Library invites you to beat the blues this coming winter by joining us for a round of Library Bingo! Everyone participating will be given a card with different ideas for choosing books. Pick one idea from each column, so that you have a B, I, N, G and O. No straight lines or patterns needed—this isn't "regular" Bingo.

Next, pick out a book to match each of the five ideas you've chosen from your Bingo card. If you need help, a reader advisor can help you find whatever you are looking for.



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Be sure to let the reader advisor know that these are your Winter Bingo picks, so that the books can be grouped together onto a single cartridge for you. As always, anyone who wants to read above and beyond the five-book minimum is encouraged to do so.



The Winter Reading challenge will run January 1 through February 28, 2025, and all books must be logged by March 10th to receive a completion prize and be included in the grand prize drawing.

Large print cards are available on the Wolfner Library website if you would like to print your own copy:

Visit www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner

From the menu select **Programs and Events**
Scroll down to the **Program for Adults** section
Click on **Adult Winter Reading Program**

If you would like either a large print or braille version of the card mailed to you contact Wolfner Library. Please plan ahead and start making your book requests in December, as the holiday rush can be a challenging time for the U.S. Postal Service.

Registration opens November 1, 2024.

Registration available by:

Phone 800-392-2614 (toll-free), 573-751-8720

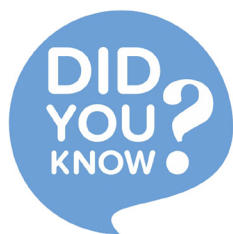
Online Beanstack <https://wolfpac.beanstack.org/>

By email wolfner@sos.mo.gov

For further questions please contact Wolfner Library, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. or email jami.livingston@sos.mo.gov.

Tips for Avoiding Fraud

Did you know that banks, the IRS, and legitimate businesses will never ask for your social security number, bank account information, or credit card information over the phone or in person? Millions of Americans fall victim to fraud each year. The top trending scams are: romance scams, where criminals pose as a romantic interest;



criminals posing as technology support representatives; people claiming a relative has an urgent financial need; or sweepstakes scams when criminals claim you have won a lottery.

Avoid “Act Now” scenarios, and never let a salesperson pressure you into making an immediate investment decision. Scammers might also tell you to pay in a specific way, such as wiring money or making checks directly to them instead of the third-party entity. Also, watch for the words “No Risk” with investments, because all investments have a risk, even if a small risk.

If you feel a friend or loved one has been the victim of securities fraud, contact the **Vulnerable Citizen Services Hotline** at **1-855-653-7300** to request a complaint form. Contact your local authorities immediately if the matter does not involve securities or an investment account. Furthermore, never give personal information to anyone over the phone.

A friendly reminder from Wolfner Library because we care about you.



Missouri Secretary of State **Wolfner Library Book Club**

2024 Upcoming Book Club Titles

If you are a Wolfner patron, participate in our weekly book club by dialing in every Thursday at 2:00 p.m., or by using Zoom from a smart device.

Here’s a list of books that will be featured for October, November and December followed by instructions on how to join in:

October 3 — ***The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*** by Jonas Jonasson **(DB075820)**

Sweden. On his one-hundredth birthday, former demolitions expert Allan Karlsson escapes from an old folks’ home, steals a suitcase filled with money, and begins a madcap adventure running from criminals and the police. Originally published in Swedish in 2009. Some strong language. 2012. [13 hours, 15 minutes]

October 10 — ***The Searcher*** by Tana French **(DB100859)**

After a bruising divorce, veteran Chicago cop Cal Hooper thought a fixer-upper in a bucolic Irish village would be the perfect escape. But when a local kid whose brother

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has gone missing arm-twists him into investigating, Cal uncovers layers of darkness beneath his picturesque retreat. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020 [14 hours, 35 minutes]

October 17 — ***Pony*** by R.J. Palacio (**DB105099**)

When a pony shows up at his door after three menacing horsemen take his father away, Silas makes the courageous decision to leave his home and embark on a perilous journey—with his ghostly companion Mittenwool—to find his father. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5–8. 2021. [7 hours, 16 minutes]

October 24 — ***The Black Girl Survives in This One*** by Desiree S. Evans and Saraciea J. Fennell (**DB120083**)

A collection of fifteen horror stories centering on black girls who battle monsters, both human and supernatural, face down death, and survive.”—OCLC. [10 hours, 46 minutes]

October 31 — ***Haunted Missouri: A Ghostly Guide to the Show-Me State’s Most Spirited Spots*** by Jason Offutt (**DBC24338**)

A serious but witty look at Missouri’s place in the ghostly realm, this book brings together history, folklore, and just enough mystery to intrigue the sceptics and delight the believers. Adult. Some strong language. [7 hours, 36 minutes]

November 7 — ***The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War*** by Erik Larson (**DB120675**)

“On November 6, 1860, Abraham Lincoln became the fluky victor in a tight race for president. The country was bitterly at odds; Southern extremists were moving ever closer to destroying the Union, with one state after another seceding and Lincoln powerless to stop them ... drawing on diaries, secret communiques, slave ledgers, and plantation records, Larson gives us a political horror story that captures the forces that led America to the brink—a dark reminder that we often don’t see a cataclysm coming until it’s too late.”—Provided by publisher. [17 hours, 22 minutes]

November 14 — ***The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-year-old Man*** by David Von Drehle (**DB115207**)

“When a veteran Washington journalist moved to Kansas, he met a new neighbor who was more than a century old. Little did he know that he was beginning a long friendship—and a profound lesson in the meaning of life ... *The Book of Charlie* is a gospel of grit—the inspiring story of one man’s journey through a century of upheaval.”—Provided by publisher. [7 hours, 5 minutes]

November 21 — ***The Blessing Way*** by Tony Hillerman **(DB049586)**

Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn of the Navajo Tribal Police investigates a murder and comes to suspect an unearthly killer. His friend, anthropologist Bergen McKee, who studies witchcraft on the reservation, also becomes involved in magic and the supernatural. Some violence. 1970. [6 hours, 24 minutes]

November 28 — No Book Club [Holiday Break]

December 5 — ***Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting*** by Jim Murphy **(DB071202)**

Examines the events that brought European countries into battle in the First World War. Describes one particular day, Christmas Eve 1914, when all along the Western Front German soldiers exchanged hymns with their British and French enemies and a fragile peace temporarily prevailed. For grades 4-7. 2009. [2 hours]

December 12 — ***Skipping Christmas*** by John Grisham **(DB052929)**

Tax accountant Luther Krank calculates that a Caribbean cruise will cost less than what he and his wife, Nora, spent celebrating the holidays last year. Since daughter Blair is in the Peace Corps, they plan to skip Christmas. Luther, however, doesn't anticipate the town's reaction. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2001. [3 hours, 58 minutes]

December 19 — No Book Club [Holiday Break]

December 26 — No Book Club [Holiday Break]

On the day of the book club, join by following the steps below:

Join by Zoom on any smart device:

zoom.us/j/96471504467

Join by phone by dialing:

312-626-6799

Enter the meeting ID when prompted: 964 7150 4467

For one tap mobile:

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Participants may also call Wolfner via phone to be linked into the meeting.

Call a Reader Advisor

Getting too many books, not enough books, or not liking the books and authors you receive. Call a reader advisor. An advisor can adjust your account preferences and help with book selections to get you materials that you will enjoy. Wolfner patrons have access to Reader Advisors from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720 or email us at wolfner@sos.mo.gov.

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PODCAST EPISODES

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Wolfner Library Podcast

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library is hosting a podcast! The podcasts include interviews with staff, volunteers and authors; instructional and informational segments, as well as interactive episodes with patrons.

Be on the lookout for our upcoming episode, “Beginning with BARD”.

To receive notifications about new episodes, call a reader advisor at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

You can view all episodes on our website at www.sos.mo.gov/WolfnerPodcast.

TBT—Talking Book Topics Now Available in Wolfner Catalog



Here's some exciting news, you can now explore and order books from the latest *TBT—Talking Book Topics* through Wolfner's online catalog.

To order TBT books online:

Visit <https://wolfpac.klas.com/>

Click on the “*My Account*” Tab (top of screen)

Enter your Username and Password

Click “*Log In*”

Click on the “*Browse*” tab (top of screen)

The first option will be *Talking Book Topics*

You can narrow your results by genre, topic or author (filters are on the left-hand side of the screen), and then choose the books you want to read by selecting titles, adding them to your basket and proceeding to checkout.

Please note that your book basket will not save book titles for a later date, you must complete the checkout process before leaving the page. (Although ***Talking Book Topics*** continues to be available on the NLS website, you cannot order books to be sent to you from that website.)

Call a reader advisor if you need help or access to your log in credentials at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720.

Kind Thoughts from Patrons

“The mailman just brought my replacement ... player! Just in the nick of time! I have been washing floors, vacuuming, dusting, cleaning the top of the fridge all the stuff I never do and I’m pooped. I’m 75 years old and I need a break. I almost kissed my mailman, but luckily, he’s fast. I appreciate everyone there at Wolfner. You just have no idea [how] you make my day, my week, my month, my year...”

Cape Girardeau, MO

“I am returning the audio book player you sent to—my cousin ... he immensely enjoyed listening to the books you sent, always excited upon new arrivals. I just want to thank you all for the wonderful work you do and the service you provide to the blind and their families. Trust me to spread the word of your free services and personal assistance by word of mouth and by social media.”

Grain Valley, MO

I hope you know my mom LOVED these tapes and lived to hear them. It helped her to pass the time and she enjoyed them so much. Thank you for what you do.

New from Wolfner Library Recording Studios



All books produced by the Wolfner Recording Studios are the result of many hours of service by volunteers who go through a rigorous audition process to record, monitor and review each title. These Missouri-centric titles are uploaded to BARD for the enjoyment of Wolfner patrons and readers across the country.

(Additional studio funding is provided by The Friends of the Wolfner Library.)

Youth

After Dark with Roxie Clark by Brooke Lauren Davis. **(DBC29239)**

Narrated by Shelley Swoyer.

The women in the Clark family are cursed; except for her sister and her grandma, all of Roxie Clark's female relatives have met an untimely demise. Roxie has made the macabre her hobby, passion and part-time job. She has embraced her family's grim history and created an elaborate ghost tour that earns her a bit of extra cash during the Halloween season. Gateway Award Nominee, 2024–2025. For junior and senior high readers. [9 hours, 26 minutes]

A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree by Daniel Bernstrom. **(DBC29288)**

Narrated by Christopher Baker.

When a hungry, fuzzy brown bear and a hive of angry bees come face to face, everybody's abuzz! This epic chase story features expressive characters that jump off the pages. MLA Building Block Award Nominee, 2024. For preschool–grade 2. [6 minutes]

Mister Kitty is Lost! by Greg Pizzoli. **(DBC29281)**

Narrated by Maggie Barnes.

A child and dog search for a lost pet, Mister Kitty, as the child describes what Mister Kitty looks like to the reader. MLA Building Block Award Nominee, 2024. For preschool–grade 2. [4 minutes]

Red: The (Fairly) True Tale of Red Riding Hood by Liesl Shurtliff. **(DBC29230)**

Narrated by Mary Beth Broughton.

Red is not afraid of the big bad wolf. She's not afraid of anything . . . except magic. But when Red's granny falls ill, it seems that only magic can save her, and fearless Red is forced to confront her one weakness. For grades 3–6. [6 hours, 21 minutes]

Rick the Rock of Room 214 by Julie Falatko. **(DBC29246)**

Narrated by Audie Cline.

Tired of sitting all day on the Nature Finds shelf in Room 214, a rock named Rick escapes the classroom for the great outdoors, only to discover that sometimes the greatest adventure in life is friendship. Show-Me Reader Award Nominee, 2024–2025. For grades K–3. [12 minutes]

Yetis are the Worst by Alex Willan. **(DBC29247)**

Narrated by Griffin Lyskowski.

Gilbert the Goblin is the first to admit that he was mistaken; unicorns actually throw the best tea parties, and dragons make delicious ice cream soup. This time, though, he can absolutely confirm that *YETIS ARE THE WORST!* They may seem cool and mysterious, but once you meet one, he's CERTAIN they're not all they're cracked up to be! Show-Me Reader Award Nominee, 2024–2025. For grades K–3. [8 minutes]

Adult

Blissfully Unremarkable by Tom Sodergren. **(DBC29225)**

Narrated by Marlene Lee.

A humorous culinary and cultural romp through the mid-century heartland. His parents grew up during the Great Depression and the lessons they learned became instincts. Sodergren writes about what he calls his typical mid-century Midwestern family with humor and joy. After all, they were blissfully unremarkable. [8 hours, 57 minutes]

First Light in Morning Star by Charlotte Hubbard. **(DBC29218)**

Narrated by Theresa Sullivan.

Leaving Flaud's Furniture to teach at the community's new school is a joy for Lydianne Christner. Old Order Amish, but new to Morning Star, she's grateful that the congregation trusts her with the position—but she panics when handsome Bishop Jeremiah Shetler asks about the life she left behind. [9 hours, 53 minutes]

Haunted Columbia, Missouri by Mary Collins Barile. **(DBC29159)**

Narrated by Caroline Ward.

According to Columbia ghost lore, the city's dead only dabble with departure. From the columns of Mizzou's quad to the region's winding country roads, author Mary Collins Barile explores the restless graves of Columbia's eerie heritage. [3 hours, 37 minutes]

Haunted Hotels of the West by Bruce A. Raisch. (DBC09653)

Narrated by Shirley Baker.

Across the expanses of the Great American West there is much to see and do. Thousands of inns are there to serve you. Many are beautiful, some historic and a few are even haunted. The ones in this book are all three. [5 hours, 33 minutes]

If Onions Could Spring Leeks by Paige Shelton. (DBC19499)

Narrated by Anne Rottmann.

With summer tourists flocking to Broken Rope, locals volunteer to keep Old West skits and stagecoach rides running smoothly. But when a spectral visitor appears by ghost train, it's a job for Betts and Gram. Then a town volunteer—a man of many ex-wives—is murdered. A Country Cooking School Mystery, Book 5. [7 hours, 51 minutes]

The Jefferson City Civil Pilots by Michelle Brooks. (DBC29215)

Narrated by Loretta Broker.

Aviation captivated young men before World War II, regardless of their skin color. But few black enthusiasts had access, means or opportunity until the Civil Pilot Training program. Lincoln University of Missouri and the old Jefferson Airfield offered the only program west of the Mississippi River exclusively for black pilots. Michelle Brooks explores Lincoln's men and moments in their pursuit of double victory. [5 hours, 30 minutes]



New Audio Magazines Available

New audio magazines are being added to the NLS collection. Missouri patrons can contact Wolfner Library to request a subscription to these new magazines.



Best Friends—Frequency: 6 issues/year [Available Now]

“*Best Friends* magazine is the nation’s most uplifting magazine for pet lovers. Full of engaging stories, happy tales of rescue and gorgeous photos, the magazine is the official publication of Best Friends Animal Society, a national nonprofit membership organization dedicated to saving the lives of homeless pets.” bestfriends.org/stories/magazine

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Magnolia Journal—Frequency: Quarterly [Available Now]



“The *Magnolia Journal* is a quarterly magazine by Chip and Joanna Gaines containing inspiration for life and home. Useful as a resource and a guide to living well, the *Magnolia Journal* contains stories, recipes, tips, and useful information you will refer back to again and again.”

magnolia.com/journal/subscribe

Availability: MOC and BARD

Mother Jones—Frequency: 6 issues/year [First issue expected late spring]



“*Mother Jones* is a nonprofit American progressive magazine that focuses on news, commentary, and investigative journalism on topics including politics, environment, human rights, health and culture.”

www.motherjones.com

Availability: MOC and BARD

NLS Programs Accessible by Phone or Zoom



Monthly *Many Faces of BARD*

The Patron Engagement Section of NLS offers a monthly program called *The Many Faces of BARD* on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Central Time. Each monthly event covers one aspect of BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download offered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Library of Congress).

This event is open to all. For more information, please visit

loc.gov/nls/about/services/many-faces-of-bard or call a Wolfner reader advisor at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

That All May eRead

The Patron Engagement Section has launched a new monthly program called, *That All May eRead* on Zoom. This program, occurring the last Tuesday night of each month at 6:00 p.m. Central, will focus on using the NLS Braille eReaders.

Each session will begin with a brief demonstration of a feature or use case. The rest of the hour will be spent answering patron questions about any aspect of the Zoomax or HumanWare Braille eReaders.



For more information visit, www.loc.gov/nls/news-and-updates/that-all-may-eread/

Zoomax Patron-to-patron Communication

National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled provides a listserv for patrons using the Zoomax eReader. The listserv is a way to connect with other patrons who are using the Zoomax via group email messages. Patrons can reach out to each other for help with navigating and utilizing the Zoomax eReader.

If you subscribe to the listserv any emails that you send will go to the entire group of subscribed Zoomax patrons.

To subscribe to the Zoomax eReader Patron's Listserv:

1. Create an email to LISTSERV@listserv.loc.gov
2. Leave the subject line blank
3. Put the following text in the body of the message:
subscribe NLS-ZM-EREADERPILOT@listserv.loc.gov *your first name your last name*

For more information you can contact your network library at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720.

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Upcoming Holidays

As a reminder to patrons, Wolfner Library will be closed on the following holidays:

Monday, October 14	Columbus Day
Monday, November 11	Veteran's Day
Thursday, November 28	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas
Wednesday, January 1	New Year's Day



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Wolfner Library Donations

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Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library
PO Box 387
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Friends of Wolfner Library
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