



Wolfner NEWS

John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State

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Message from Wolfner Director Robin Westphal

Oceans of Possibilities for Summer Reading

It has been an exciting spring at Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library, and we are excited to get started with our summer library programs for adult and youth patrons as part of the “*Oceans of Possibilities*” theme this year! That theme is timely for us because we see “*Oceans of Possibilities*” in many areas right here at Wolfner.

This spring our recording studio staff and volunteers recorded and uploaded our 1,000th book to BARD! This is a huge feat for a Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPD) since only two other libraries in the country have reached this milestone. With a second recording studio, we have “*Oceans of Possibilities*” to record multiple books at one time and accommodate our growing number of volunteers that record, monitor and review titles.

Wolfner’s new Adult Services Librarian Alyssa Holland brings to Wolfner public library and academic experience, and we can see “*Oceans of Possibilities*” for adult programs and services for Wolfner patrons. Lisa Kincaid, Youth Services Specialist, has been promoted from her reader advisor position, and brings a wealth of public school library experience to her new role. Oh boy, are there “*Oceans of Possibilities*” that abound for our youth patrons!

Soon you might be hearing the voice of our newest reader advisor Kitty Engler when you call in to Wolfner. Kitty has worked extensively in disability and senior services positions, and we see “*Oceans of Possibilities*” in learning from her and utilizing her strengths.

Because the rollout of Duplication on Demand has dramatically changed our workflow, Wolfner staff in our circulation department, the area that processes and gets material to our patrons, are trained to work in other areas as needed. One is trained to work in the recording studio, another to support reader advisors, and a third to call patrons when items are overdue or any other communication that needs to be made. This cross training has been so successful that there really are “*Oceans of Possibilities*” in how we identify and maximize the strengths of our entire staff.



Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

I don't know if there's ever been a more fitting summer library program theme, but we are embracing the "Oceans of Possibilities" message and looking forward to providing you...well, say it with me..."Oceans of Possibilities" of programs and services now and in the future!

Magazines for miles...

Do you miss reading magazines? You don't have to! Did you know you can subscribe to audio, digital, and braille formats of some of your favorite magazines through NLS and Wolfner? This includes our very own *Missouri Conservationist* magazine that is produced by Wolfner in-house and then provided for national distribution on BARD.

Popular titles include:

- *Guideposts*
- *AARP*
- *Consumer Reports*
- *Sports Illustrated*
- *The Smithsonian*
- *Jack and Jill*
- *National Geographic*
- *Readers Digest*

There are over 80 titles to choose from with various topics of interest, including current events, politics, sports, family life, homemaking, science and technology, nature, hobbies, and many more. For a list of all available titles, visit

<https://www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/magazines/#nlsmags>.

Book Club Kits

Did you know that Wolfner has book club kits? These are great for senior centers, care facilities and individuals who would like to host a book discussion with friends. The kit contains 10 audio cartridges, each containing a copy of the book, a discussion and activity guide in large print and braille, and tactile/sensory elements that pertain to the title. Some kits will also include large-print copies of the books, music, and/or descriptive DVDs. Fifteen kits are available for checkout, including titles such as *The Light Between Oceans*, *The Martian*, *Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure* and *The Devil in the White City*. A full list of titles may be found on the Wolfner website at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/bookclubkits>. Call and request a kit from a reader advisor today and share the love of reading. **800-392-2614**

Wolfner Reads Book Club - New Name, Same Great Program

The book clubs here at Wolfner have been evolving over the last year. Because of this, we are consolidating all the individual clubs under one umbrella with the name **Wolfner Reads**. Don't panic! We will still be covering great titles from multiple genres, meeting via Zoom at 2:00 pm on four Thursdays each month and encouraging members to join in discussions any way you can. It's your book club, and we want you to enjoy participating in it. For more information, registration and a list of upcoming titles, dates and times, please give us a call or visit the website at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/bookclubs>.



Upcoming Book Club Titles

June:

- June 9 at 2 p.m. ***The Princess Bride* by William Goldman (DB058817)**
The pending romance of a beautiful woman and a perfect man is interrupted by fate and a wicked prince.
- June 16 at 2 p.m. ***Ivory Vikings* by Nancy Marie Brown (DB084273)**
The history of the Vikings and carved ivory game pieces called the Lewis chessmen discovered in Scotland in the early 1800s is chronicled. 2015.
- June 23 at 2 p.m. ***Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell (DB062761)**
Deserted on a California coastal island by her Native American tribe, a young lady finds comfort, beauty, and at times joy in her solitude.
- June 30 at 2 p.m. ***Jaws* by Peter Benchley (DB062714)**
The classic tale of a great white shark that terrorizes a New England coastal town. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex and violence. 1974.

July:

- July 7 at 2 p.m. ***The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict (DB103929)**
Belle da Costa Greene, curator for the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York City, becomes a fixture in 1900s society, although she is an African American passing as white. Unrated. 2021.
- July 14 at 2 p.m. ***Dances with Wolves* by Michael Blake (DB032009)**
An American army lieutenant mistakenly assigned to an abandoned army outpost finds companionship with a wolf and Indian friends.

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- July 21 at 2 p.m. ***She Come by It Natural* by Sarah Smarsh (DB101091)**
Explores how the music of Dolly Parton and other prominent women country artists has both reflected and validated the harsh realities of rural working-class American women. Unrated. 2020.
- July 28 at 2 p.m. ***The Bromance Book Club* by Lyssa Kay Adams (DB097443)**
A baseball player's marriage is in trouble, and to fix things, he discovers a secret book club of other men who used romance novels to re-establish their own relationships. Unrated. 2019.

August:

- August 4 at 2 p.m. ***Bonnie: A Novel* by Christina Schwarz (DB101129)**
The biography of Bonnie Parker, who grew up poor and dreamed of stardom, but ended up living the life of an outlaw with Clyde Barrow. Unrated. 2020.
- August 11 at 2 p.m. ***Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce (DB101436)**
In this bestseller, a 1950s London schoolteacher Miss Margery Benson quits her job to search the South Pacific for the beetle she fell in love with at the age of ten. Unrated. 2020.
- August 18 at 2 p.m. ***A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms* by George R. R. Martin (DB082848)**
Taking place nearly a century before the events of *A Game of Thrones*, this compilation contains the first three official prequel novellas to the masterwork *A Song of Ice and Fire*. Some violence. 2015.
- August 25 at 2 p.m. ***All You Can Ever Know* by Nicole Chung (DB094833)**
The Korean author reflects on her adoption by a white family, the sacrifices her biological family made, the prejudices she faced and her curiosity about her origins. Unrated. 2018.

New from the Wolfner Recording Studio

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.

Adult Books

- ***For a Time We Were Titans* by Tom Reed (DBC19484 7 hours 41 minutes)**
A detailed account of the role the Long Range Patrols played in the war in South Vietnam. Some strong language and violence.

- ***Longshot in Missouri* by Keith R. Baker (DBC19432 5 hours 22 minutes)**
Irish immigrant farmer Rob Finn rose through the ranks to become a special operations sniper with the nickname “Longshot.” But even he was powerless to stop the war from stealing the lives of his wife and children.
- ***Wicked Women of Missouri* by Larry Wood (DBC09691 4 hours 17 minutes)**
Profiles of infamous Missouri women whose exploits ranged from horse thefts to bank heists. Includes Belle Starr, Bonnie Parker and Ma Barker.

Youth Books

- ***The Good Dog* by Avi (DBC16454 4 hours 47 minutes)**
A malamute named McKinley is reliable, trustworthy and never even thinks of letting anyone down — until he meets Lupin. For grades 3-6.
- ***Poet, Pilgrim, Rebel: The Story of Anne Bradstreet, America’s First Published Poet* by Katie Munday Williams (DBC16300 18 minutes)**
This biography tells the inspiring story of a gifted Puritan writer who overcame barriers to become America’s first published poet. For grades K-3.
- ***We Will Rock Our Classmates* by Ryan T. Higgins (DBC16288 12 minutes)**
As the only T. Rex in her school, Penelope is often overlooked. But when she loses her confidence after signing up for the school talent show, her father and some friends help her find her courage. For preschool to grade 2.

National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled Launches Quarterly Patron Corner Programming

To enrich the library experience for its patrons, a quarterly Patron Corner virtual event will be held, starting this month by the Patron Engagement Section of the NLS.

On June 13 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time, the topic that will be discussed is *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Collection Selection, But Did Not Have the Vehicle to Ask*. To join the one-hour meeting that evening, go to:

- (via Zoom)

<https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600983343?pwd=VW9tRWtwY3BsdHRac0s2MmJkN0RCZz09>
(passcode 164674)

- (via mobile phone) 669-254-5252
- (via Skype for Business) <https://loc.zoomgov.com/skype/1600983343>

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- (via H.323/SIP room system)

H.323:	161.199.138.10 (US West) 161.199.136.10 (US East)
Meeting ID:	160 098 3343
Passcode:	164674
SIP:	1600983343@sip.zoomgov.com
Passcode:	164674

Have your questions and thoughts ready. The next Patron Corner virtual event will be held on September 12 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

From Our Patrons

“Just a shout out for the services provided by Wolfner Library! Ray has lost most of his vision due to macular degeneration. He has always loved to read and frequently devoured a book a day after his retirement. He can no longer read even large-print books. Nor can he see well enough to watch TV. Thanks to Wolfner, he has converted to talking books. If you know someone who’s struggling with vision loss, contact Wolfner to see if they meet the visual qualifications. This has been a lifesaver for Ray!”

Upcoming Holidays

Just a reminder to patrons that Wolfner Library will be closed for the following holidays:

Monday, June 20 - Juneteenth (observed)

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

Wolfner Staff Listing

Director

Robin Westphal, State Librarian

Public Services Team

Lori Brown, Director of Public Services

- Kitty Engler, Reader Advisor
- Brandon Kempf, Reader Advisor
- Meghan McCormack, Reader Advisor
- Kenna Tervo, Reader Advisor

Lisa Kincaid, Youth Specialist

Alyssa Holland, Adult Librarian

Production Team

Randy Wright, Director of Production and Special Projects

- Chris Cowan, Tech II
- Brandon Lammers, Tech IV

Circulation Team

Verhonda Winters, Director of Circulation

- Stacy Jo Butler, Circulation Tech IV
- Emma Deuschle, Circulation
- Tim Emmel, Circulation
- Cheryl Schreiman, Circulation
- Justin Stauffer, Circulation