

# West Virginia Library Commission Special Services

## THAT ALL MAY READ



Summer 2014

### Free Currency Reader Available

NLS has partnered with the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) to distribute its free U.S. currency readers. Current patrons of Special Services may obtain these readers before December 31, 2014. After that the program will open to all U.S. citizens who are blind or visually impaired. If you would like a currency reader, call Special Services at 800 642 8674. We will verify your eligibility and then add your name to the national database. BEP will then distribute the readers.

### Upcoming Special Services Closing Dates

October 13th – Columbus Day  
November 4th – Election Day  
November 11th – Veterans Day  
November 27th – Thanksgiving  
November 28th – Holiday  
December 24th – Christmas Eve 1/2 day  
December 25th – Christmas Day

### Like the Special Services

#### Facebook Page

On our Facebook page, Special Services posts agency closures, service updates, and technology news. We want to expand our postings to pass along more information that you want to read. Help us develop new offerings for news that interests you. Visit our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Library-Commission-Special-Services-Division/192066677482805) at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Virginia-Library-Commission-Special-Services-Division/192066677482805> and leave comments.

### WV Author Alert!

Julia Keller writes a fine, character-driven mystery series set in fictitious Ackers Gap, WV. Bell Elkins and her daughter Carla return to Bell's hometown as the county's prosecuting attorney. In the first book, *A Killing in the Hills*, DB 77620 or LT 22746, three elderly men are gunned down (*page 3*)

## NFB-NEWSLINE®, For Your Information

NFB-NEWSLINE, your access to state and national newspapers, has been experiencing problems. In order to keep up to date on the 390+ publications we need your help. When you can't listen to your news, quickly call (800 642 8674) or email ([talkbks@wvlc.lib.wv.us](mailto:talkbks@wvlc.lib.wv.us)) us. We pass the problems to NFB immediately. When problems are resolved NFB responds to us by email. Remember, you can't call us too many times or too quickly.

### New Titles on NEWSLINE

Three new titles added to NFB-NEWSLINE include: *ESPN Online*, the internet-hosted version of *ESPN, The Magazine*, is under "Breaking News" and "Magazines"; the *Journal News* from White Plains, NY; and the *Reno Gazette* from Nevada.

### Locally Produced Digital Talking Books

Special Services volunteers have been busy narrating projects in our recording studio. For your reading interest we offer these titles by WV authors:



*Mickey's Mountaineer Memories*, DB 99016, by Mickey Furfari and forward by Jerry West. Narrated by Jon Barker. West Virginia's most-beloved sportswriter provides a compilation of his historic coverage of WVU athletics. 2010

*Once Upon a Baby Brother*, DB 99017, by Sarah Sullivan. Narrated by the author. Lizzie loves to make up stories and tell them to anyone and everyone. Now that her annoying baby brother, Marvin, has joined the family, no one has time to listen. 2010. K-3, 2-4.

*Dear Baby: Letters From Your Big Brother*, DB 99018, by Sarah Sullivan. Narrated by the author. There's a baby on the way! Of course, Mike is very excited and curious about this new sibling. His account of their first year together evolves into a special keepsake. K-3, 2-4.

## Book to Movie

*World War Z*, by Max Brooks, DVD 00255, LT 16120, DB 65111. The author of *The Zombie Survival Guide* (DB 64675) records firsthand interviews with survivors of humanity's devastating clash with the undead. Personal accounts from all over the world reveal the scope of the conflict, from the first zombie outbreak to the aftermath of war. Strong language. Some violence. 2006

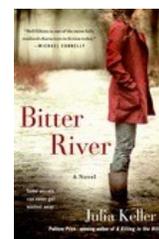
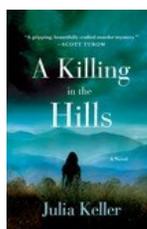
## Read That Movie!

*Frozen*, DVD 00295; *Frozen: Junior Novelization*, by Sarah Nathan. DB 78544

So there are books to movies, turning the story on the page into a film. How about a movie into a book? *Frozen*, the delightful Disney film for young people of all ages, tells the story of Princess Elsa who runs away after she accidentally unleashes her power and traps the kingdom of Arendelle in an eternal winter. Elsa's younger sister Anna teams up with adventurer Kristoff and his reindeer Sven to find Elsa and save the kingdom. The book is for grades 2-4 and older readers. 2013

## AFB Offers Two FREE Apps for i-Devices

If you own an Apple device such as an iPhone, iPad, or iPod you can now download two free apps created by the American Federation for the Blind, AFB, from the Apple Store. The first app, AccessNote, is a specialized note taker that allows users to combine note taking with other accessibility features and functions of i-devices. AccessWorld, the second app, is a portal to *AccessWorld Magazine* containing articles about technology news for people who are blind or visually impaired.



## WV Author Alert! (continued)

in a local diner and Carla is a witness. Is it local drug violence or a random killing? In the second mystery, *Bitter River*, DB 77621 or LT 22745, the body of Lucinda Trimble, a promising high school student, is found in a car in the river. She was shot – and was pregnant. Each volume has some violence and strong language.

## “Future of Braille” Report Released by NLS

In 2013, the National Library Service, NLS, sponsored a national Braille Summit at the Perkins School for the Blind with over 100 stakeholders attending. The “Future of Braille: NLS Presentations and Outcomes” presents for improving Braille literacy. Read the report at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/other/futureofbraille.html>



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