



Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

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SUMMER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Macomb LBPH is Open

The Macomb Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Patrons visiting the Macomb LBPH will need to use the LBPH entrance on the side of the building near the garage doors. This entrance is not accessible to wheelchairs as there are three steps to climb at the LBPH entrance. Book returns should not be left at the front entrance to the building. Please return books by mail or inside the LBPH.

The Macomb County Reference and Research Center (formerly the Macomb County Library) is closed for renovations and scheduled to open in January 2010. The Macomb LBPH will receive renovations too. We anticipate a new coat of paint and new carpeting. The LBPH will have to close temporarily when these renovations are being completed. We do not have any scheduled dates for the LBPH renovation project. We will try to let you know as soon as we know. If you are visiting the library, it is best to call us first. It is also a good idea to have plenty of books at home so you don't run out during the renovations.

Digital Players



The National Library Service has selected a few libraries to test the new players. They received digital players to distribute to patrons. Patrons are trying the machines and providing feedback to the library. They identified a couple of problems but the overall response is great. The machines are easy to use and have good directions. Each button when pressed gives you directions for its use. They are lighter than the cassette player but sturdy. The sleep button is a wonderful addition to the players. The sound quality is great. Patrons love the machines.

The Macomb LBPH has two machines, one standard and one advanced, for demonstration. You are welcome to visit the library and see the machine before it arrives in your mailbox. Machines will initially be distributed this fall in the mail from the Lansing SBPH. Veterans will be the first people to receive the machines followed by centenarians, individuals on the request list, and finally institutions on the request list. We will call you when your machine is put in the mail.

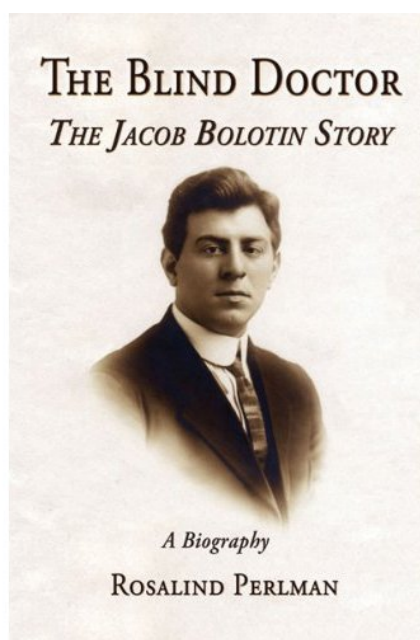
New books will be available on cassette (RC) and digital cartridge (DB) formats until 2010 when cassette production ceases. However, patrons should keep their cassette player. It will be needed to read magazines and books not available in the digital format.

Magazine Subscription Changes

U.S. News and World Report will no longer be provided by the National Library Service in audio format. It has been replaced by The Week.

Parenting Magazine is now published as two separate publications; Parenting: Early Years and Parenting: School Years.

Patron Recommendation



The Blind Doctor: the Jacob Bolotin Story by Rosalind Perlman is a biography of a respected heart and lung specialist. Jacob Bolotin (1888-1924) was blind from birth and determined to become a physician. The author describes his life and difficult medical training. Larry Robbins thought others may like to read this interesting book. RC 64720

BOWLERS WANTED

The MACOMB BLIND BOWLERS will start their 2009-10 bowling season on Wednesday, September 9. They are always looking for bowlers who are legally blind as well as sighted bowlers/scorekeepers. The bowling season runs from September till mid May. They bowl every Wednesday starting at 11:45 a.m. at Fraser Star Lanes, 33042 Garfield (just north of 14 Mile Rd). If you know of anyone who is legally blind or a sighted bowler/scorekeeper that is interested in joining them or have other questions, feel free to call Frank Cunningham, (586) 465-6694 or Jerry Clancy, (586) 294-7659.

Websites of Interest

Disability.Gov – www.disability.gov

A redesigned federal website that connects to thousands of trusted resources on disability related issues, programs and services.

Vision Aware – www.visionaware.org

Vision Aware is a self-help resource center website for vision loss offering free, practical, hands-on information to enhance quality of life and independence for adults with vision loss, their families and friends, caregivers, and related professionals.

Jewish Guild for the Blind – www.jgb.org/guildscholar.asp

Scholarship programs for college bound high school students who are legally blind.

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities www.nichcy.org

Website provides information about disabilities in children and youth.

National Eye Institute – www.nei.nih.gov/health

Website provides information on research done on eye diseases.

Braille Bug – www.afb.org/braillebug

American Federation for the Blind website to teach children about Braille.

Spectrum Training Systems, Inc. www.spectrumtrainingsysteminc.com

Spectrum Training Systems hosts conferences throughout the United States on Autism Spectrum Disorders. They educate parents, teachers and therapists by hosting internationally recognized experts, authors and doctors at conferences. View the website for a schedule of conferences.

Deaf Celebration Day - Sept. 26

Deaf Community Advocacy Network is sponsoring this event at Northland Center Mall in Southfield from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Over 50 exhibitors will offer information about the deaf community. Entertainment, arts & crafts and give-a-ways will be available for the children. More information is available by calling 248-332-3331 (voice) or 248-332-3323 (TTY) or emailing deafcan@deafcan.org.

Mental Illness in Children - Oct. 28

Christopher Okiishi, M.D. will be the guest speaker at this conference at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing. He will discuss psychiatric disorders in children including depression, bipolar disorder, adjustment disorders, grief, generalized anxiety disorder, social anxiety, panic disorder, OCD, post-traumatic stress disorder, separation anxiety disorder, ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, Tourette Syndrome, mental disabilities, learning disorders, elimination disorder and Schizophrenia. Diagnostic strategies, symptoms, impact of symptoms, reasons to treat, how to treat and what to avoid will be included in the presentation. The cost is \$80 for parents. More information is available by calling 920-749-0332 or emailing spectrumtrainingsystems@yahoo.com.

Learning in the 21st Century Classroom - Nov. 16 & 17

The Learning Disabilities Association of Michigan is sponsoring this conference on learning disabilities at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing. Monday's keynote speaker, Lynell Burmark, PhD, will discuss "Visual Literacy: Learn to See, See to Learn". Tuesday's keynote speaker, Christopher Lee, PhD, will discuss "Life with Learning Disabilities". Tuesday is Teen Tuesday with special sessions for high school students. For more information call 888-597-7809 (toll free) or 517-485-8160 or email ldamich@sbcglobal.net or visit the website at www.ldaofmichigan.org.



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The library will be closed on the following holidays:

SEPT. 7	LABOR DAY
OCT. 12	COLUMBUS DAY
NOV. 11	VETERAN'S DAY
NOV. 26	THANKSGIVING DAY
NOV. 27	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING