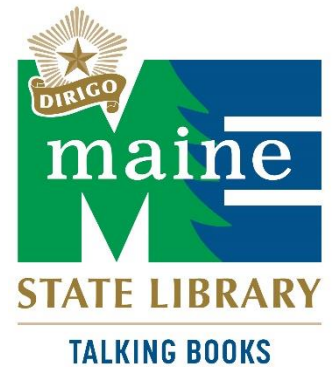


# MAINE STATE LIBRARY TALKING BOOK NEWSLETTER



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For a digital version of the *Maine State Library Talking Book Newsletter* visit:  
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## New URLs for WebReads OPAC and NLS Quick Search Catalog

Two website addresses have been recently updated. To avoid interruptions in accessing your desired website, please update any bookmarks or shortcuts saved to your computer with the new website links below:

**WebReads OPAC:** <https://readsopac.loc.gov>

**NLS Quick Search Catalog:** <https://tinyurl.com/NLS-Quick-Search>

## NLS Summer Reading Program Update

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled held its first summer reading program this year. Online events included a story time with Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress; author talks for all ages; and musical events. NLS will hold an expanded Summer Reading Program in 2024! If you would like to participate in next year's program, stay tuned to the Maine State Library – Talking Book Plus Facebook page, the Maine State Library website, and the Spring/Summer Talking Book Newsletter.

## Updated NLS Public Website

NLS has launched a newly updated public website, [www.loc.gov/nls](http://www.loc.gov/nls)  
The updated website has re-organized content that improves searching for NLS services and resources.

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## Survey Says!

The Outreach Services Department at the Maine State Library wants to hear from you! By completing a brief survey, patrons will have the opportunity to let us know how we can serve them better.

Please follow the link or scan the QR code to complete the online survey: <https://tinyurl.com/MSLsrv325>



If you do not have access to a computer, please call the Outreach Services Department at **1-800-762-7106** or **207-287-5650**, and we will assist you in completing the survey over the phone.

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## Reading Corner

**DB 114742 *Happy Place: A Novel*** by Emily Henry. Based in Maine, this novel explores friendships and relationships. Bestseller - contains strong language and some descriptions of sex. Fiction

**DB 111281 *Saving Sandcastles*** by Meredith Summers. This is book 1 in the Lobster Bay series. Fiction.

**DB 103261 *Finding Freedom: A Cook's Story; Remaking Life from Scratch*** by Erin French. As a chef known for her focus on Maine ingredients and culture, and whose restaurant fills its seats with people from all over the world, French presents her journey to becoming who she is. Nonfiction.

**DB 108542 *Hatchet Island*** by Paul Doiron. This is book 13 in the Mike Bowditch series that follows a Maine game warden investigator on suspenseful mysteries throughout the state of Maine. Fiction.

**DB 107538 *Lessons in Chemistry*** by Bonnie Garmus. An uplifting story of a female scientist who finds herself hosting a popular TV cooking show. Fiction.

**DB 113965 *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*** by David Grann. On January 28, 1746, a ramshackle vessel washed up on the coast of Brazil with thirty emaciated men clinging to life. Nonfiction.

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## **NLS Magazine Program Expands**

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled has recently added many new audio magazines to the collection. All NLS magazines can be downloaded easily from BARD, or you may contact the Outreach Services Department to have the audio cartridge subscription added to your account.

### **New magazines include:**

*Baseball Digest* (bimonthly)

*Bookmarks* (bimonthly)

*Consumer Reports: On Health* (monthly)

*Cooking Light* (quarterly)

*Dogster* (bimonthly)

*FIYAH Literary Magazine* (quarterly)

*Golf Digest* (monthly)

*Guideposts* (bimonthly)

*International Living* (monthly)

*Jet* (TBD)

*Make* (quarterly)

*Prevention* (monthly)

*Scientific American* (monthly)

*Selecciones del Reader's Digest* (monthly – Spanish language)

*The Sun Magazine* (monthly)

*Vanidades* (monthly – Spanish language)

*Wax Poetics* (semiannually)

## Correction

In the Spring/Summer TB Newsletter, the link for Pine Tree Guide Dog Users was incorrect. The correct link is: <https://pinetreeguidedogusers.org/>

HOLIDAY	DAY & DATE OBSERVED
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 15, 2024
Washington's Birthday/President's Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Patriot's Day	Monday, April 15, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2024
Juneteenth	Wednesday, June 19, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2024
Indigenous Peoples' Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Veterans' Day	Monday, November 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28, 2024
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday, November 29, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25, 2024

### Would you like to receive a free braille calendar?

The National Library Service (NLS) produces two braille calendars – pocket sized, and wall sized. These calendars are sent directly to your door free of charge, and subscribers will automatically receive new annual calendars when they are published. Please call the Outreach Services Department at **1-800-762-7106 or (207) 287-5650** to add the calendar subscription to your Talking Book account.

