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Reading and libraries are for everyone. Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services is here to serve you and your family in a timely manner. Please call Kathy Hutchins or Arlene Freeman at 229.248.2680 or 1.800.248.2680 to find out how we can assist you or your family member today and to report any problems in service delay or delivery.

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If you are not getting your digital magazines on a monthly basis then you may be late in getting your cartridges back in the mail. Please remember to return them as soon as you finish listening to them so you won’t be late getting the next month’s issue. If you are not receiving magazines on digital cartridges and would like to please give us a call and we can set you up to begin receiving them.
U.S Currency Reader Program

As part of the U.S. government’s meaningful access initiative, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) will provide an iBill® Talking Banknote Identifier at no cost to all eligible blind or visually impaired persons who request one.

What is the iBill® Talking Banknote Identifier?

iBill® is a currency reader device that provides a convenient means for blind or visually impaired individuals to identify Federal Reserve notes (U.S. currency). Its compact “key-fob” design allows it to be carried in a pocket or purse, clipped to a belt, or attached to a keychain or lanyard.

The iBill® is a fast and accurate means to identify all Federal Reserve notes in circulation - $1, $2, $5, $10, $20, $50, and $100.

It is convenient and easy to use. Just insert a Federal Reserve note into the device, press the button on the side, and the denomination is identified.

The denomination is announced in one of three ways: a clear natural voice, a pattern of tones, or a pattern of vibrations for privacy. The vibration mode also assists people who are deaf and blind.

The iBill® operates on a single, AAA battery which typically lasts for more than a year. The initial battery is included.

Does iBill® authenticate banknotes?
The iBill® does not identify counterfeit banknotes.

Banknotes in poor physical condition are indicated as un-identifiable and are not read.

Coming To You

Beginning September 2, 2014, in partnership with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, the BEP will begin a pilot program where NLS patrons can pre-order an iBill® currency reader. Currency readers will be widely available to eligible others beginning January 2, 2015.

In addition to distributing currency readers, the BEP will also add a raised tactile feature and continue to add large, high-contrast numerals and different colors to each denomination that it is permitted by law to alter.

For more information about the U.S. Currency Reader Program please go to www.bep.gov
Digital Battery Info Reminder

Some patrons are reporting that the capacity of the batteries in their digital players is no longer at “Greater than 29 Hours”. This decrease occurs naturally with use and is not a cause for concern. The National Library Service (NLS) has set the minimum standard for what they consider an acceptably-charged battery at 12 hours.

You can keep your battery operating in peak condition by following these simple tips:

- Allow the battery to fully discharge before recharging
- Recharge when battery is at 1 hour
- Allow the player to recharge for at least 4 hours (keep in mind that you can still listen to books while the player is charging)
- If you are not going to be using your player for an extended length of time (more than 3 months), it is best to leave it plugged into an electrical outlet so that the battery is not completely drained
- If it is feasible, you can always leave the player plugged into an electrical outlet at all times.

The digital player has been designed to only start the recharging process when the battery charge drops below 75% of battery capacity. This design feature means the battery will not always recharge when you plug it in. However, when you plug the player in it will run off the power from the wall, so there is no danger of the player ceasing to function as long as it is plugged in. If you hear the player announce either of the following messages: Battery low or Battery charge remaining 1 hour you will need to plug your player in for recharging.
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Information presented in this newsletter will be provided in alternative formats upon request.

Online Catalog for ordering library books: http://webopac.klas.com/glass
Call the library for your log-in and password.

NOTE: Please submit information or news that you would like to share to Kathy Hutchins or Arlene Freeman.