The Subregional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped of Southwest Georgia is a part of your public library and the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, serving Baker, Brooks, Calhoun, Clay, Colquitt, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas and Webster counties.

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Digital Players

We are excited to announce that the distribution of the new digital players has begun. First to receive the digital players are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped supervisor Kathy Hutchins presented their first digital player to World War II veteran and Purple Heart recipient Kenneth Smith. The new digital players offer many advantages to the old tape players. They are smaller in size, have a longer battery life, and have a bookmark function. As a small number of the machines are currently available, the Library of Congress who oversees the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program designated veterans as the first group to receive the new machines.

Mr. Smith was excited to be the first in the area to receive his digital player. “It will get used,” he said exuberantly. “Those talking books, that’s just about my total entertainment. I really enjoy them; they’re great” Mr. Smith explained to Mrs. Hutchins.
The Bainbridge Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped selected him as the first veteran due to his status of having listened to the most titles. He has listened to over 500 titles since learning about the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program at the Southeastern Blind Rehabilitation Center at the Birmingham VA Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Smith served in the Navy as a boatswain’s mate from 1942 – 1948.

If you would like to receive a digital player please call the Library for the Blind and ask to be put on our waiting list to receive a player.

Christmas Music for the Holidays

Recordings for Recovery (R4R) is a music library with holiday and other music for everyone and your holiday music can come through the mail. Members can select up to eight tapes for each order, or have R4R set up a large standing order for them. The tapes may be kept and enjoyed for up to 60 days. They are then mailed back to R4R “Free Matter for the Blind” using the provided return label.

If you want to become a member, call us at 1-800-798-1192. There is nothing to fill out. We will set up an order for you or send an information pack that includes a recorded catalog and membership information. Individual memberships are only $10.00 per year. Alternative memberships are available for those who cannot afford the annual fee.

Job Search Organizations

If you are disabled and looking for employment or looking to hire an employee, you can contact www.gettinghired.com online. They offer job search, employee search, mentors, and social networking. They estimate that more and 23 million Americans with Disabilities are either grossly underpaid or unemployed. Their goal is to work for your rights and give dignity to those who have disabilities of all types. They are a national employment service for the disabled and includes disabled veterans.
The Library will be closed on December 24, 25, 26\textsuperscript{th} and January 1\textsuperscript{st} for the holidays.

The staff of the Bainbridge Subregional Library wants to wish you a happy holiday season. May the holidays bring joy and happiness to you and your family.
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**Hours:**
- Monday 9am to 8pm
- Tuesday 9am to 6pm
- Wednesday 9am to 6pm
- Thursday 9am to 7 pm
- Friday 9am to 6 pm
- Saturday 9am to 4 pm

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Take a virtual tour of our libraries and Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped by clicking on [www.swgrl.org/handicap.php](http://www.swgrl.org/handicap.php)

Information presented in this newsletter will be provided in alternative formats upon request.

Online Catalog for ordering library books: [www.klas.com/glass](http://www.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.