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Special Days in June
June 14th is Flag Day in the United States. If you have an American flag you will want to fly it proudly on that Friday in honor of our troops and our freedom.
Sunday, June 16th is designated as the day we celebrate our Fathers and all they have done or are still doing for us. Let them know you care. It is their special day.
June 21st is the official beginning of summer.
We hope you have a happy and safe summer.

Notes in Containers
Patrons include notes in mailing containers and machine boxes when returning mail. Although the staff tries to open every box and container, some are missed. We suggest that if you have a note to send that you put it in an envelope and mail it to the library. That way your note will not be missed and will get to the right person.

Please be Careful
We are losing a lot of books, and you can help stop this. (1) When you send back a book, make certain that the cartridge is in the case before you put it in the mail. We get a lot of empty cases back. (2) Make certain that the cartridge you put in a case matches that case. We get a lot of mismatched books in the mail, and without the other piece, these books are off the shelf, sometimes for good. (3) Don’t put two cartridges in on mailing case. The cases are made to hold only one cartridge. If you force a second cartridge into the case, the case will come open in the mail, and two books are lost. Call us at 1-800-795-2680 and we will send you a padded envelope and label to mail back the extra cartridge. Please take a few minutes to double-check your books before putting them back in the mail, and you can help us keep books on the shelf for everybody.
Cassette Players and Books

Cassette players and cassette books will not be for sale. The players and the books are federal property that belongs to NLS and the Library of Congress. NLS has loaned these players and books to us so that we may distribute them to patrons for temporary use. When the time comes for those players and books to be withdrawn from the collections, they must be returned to us so that we may ship them to locations designated by NLS. As federal property, these players and books must be removed from our inventory records and transferred back to NLS. NLS also has inventory records to update and they will make an accounting of this property. Therefore, please do not dispose of cassette players and cassette books in any other way than by returning them to us. We have a system in place for returning property to NLS, so please help us do this in the right way. If you need more information on this matter, please call 1-800-795-2680.

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.
**Getting a Copy to Keep**

If the title is available in digital format (DB), you may download the title from BARD. Once you have downloaded a book on BARD, you may keep it on your cartridge or USB drive forever. Or you may store the book on your computer and copy it back onto your cartridge or USB drive whenever you want to re-read it.

For a permanent copy of The Bible, contact Aurora Ministries. This non-profit organization makes recordings of the Bible available at no cost to eligible patrons on MP3, CDs and DVDs which can be played on many commercial players.

If you prefer to listen to the Bible on your NLS digital player, the organization will also copy their audio Bible recordings on to a blank NLS cartridge that you provide. Or, for a donation of $15.00, they will purchase a cartridge for you, load the audio Bible version of your choice and mail it to you.

You may contact this service by visiting the Aurora website at [http://audiobibles-fortheblind.org/audio-bibles-by-mail/](http://audiobibles-fortheblind.org/audio-bibles-by-mail/), by calling (941)738-3031 (not a toll-free call), or by writing to Audio Bibles for the Blind, P.O. Box 621, Bradenton, FL 34206

**Website for People with Vision Loss**

Are you or a family member having difficulty seeing? Or perhaps been diagnosed with an eye condition such as macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma or diabetic retinopathy? If the answer is yes, you’re not alone; vision problems affect 25 million Americans, and are on the rise.

To support this growing community, the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) and Reader’s Digest Partners for Sight Foundation have launched VisionAware.org, a free, easy-to-use informational website for adults with vision loss, their families, caregivers, healthcare providers, and social service professionals.

The new VisionAware combines two stand-alone resources from AFB and Partners for Sight, which feature dynamic social networking and customized guidance for adults of all ages with rich content and practical tips on living with vision loss.

For more information, visit [www.VisionAware.org](http://www.VisionAware.org)
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NOTE: Please submit information or news that you would like to share to Kathy Hutchins or Arlene Freeman.