



## Fall Greetings from Wolfner Director Janet Caruthers



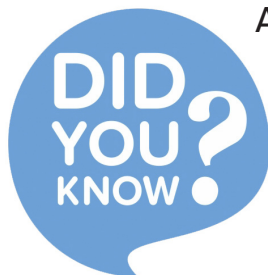
As cool breezes and crisp leaves arrive, the outdoors calls us to gather with friends and enjoy all nature has to offer. Take a walk in the woods with your loved ones to find the perfect spot to peacefully sit near the skittering squirrels hiding nuts for the winter. I plan on walking through a creek and waves of colorful leaves, which could be perfect for little ones to leap into.

Several bonfires are in order as well this fall. You could tell scary stories or listen to a ghastly tale on BARD around the flickering light. Make sure to enjoy a s'more for me, though I argue they're not just a fall treat! At my bonfires, I'll try to spot our neighbor possum, who is likely looking for any scraps we leave behind.

Maybe you could throw on some football and check how the Chiefs are faring this season, or sit in the stands to keep up with your local sports teams. You could make some chili, bake a pie, or enjoy a cup of apple cider. No matter what you decide to do this fall, we'll be here to provide you with excellent service and plenty of reading materials to enjoy inside or out. We hope you have a lovely autumn with your friends and family.

Janet

## Wolfner Newsletter Downloadable Braille



A downloadable braille file of the Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library newsletter is now available on our website. If you use a refreshable braille display and download braille files from your computer, you can now access all the latest news in electronic braille. To download the braille file, visit <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/wolfnews>.

## New Digital Advanced Player (DA2) in Stock

Wolfner has received our allotted shipment of the new Digital Advanced Talking Book Player, the DA2. Circulation has begun for patrons who have requested access to this player for BARD, instant downloading of audiobooks.



## Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

If you have access to high-speed internet and an email account, you can contact a Reader Advisor to learn more about downloading books through BARD on this new digital talking book player. For more information, contact Wolfner at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720.



### Youth Summer Reading Wrap Up



Wolfner youth patrons completed their summer reading challenge, logging over 13,000 combined minutes. Along with reading, our youngest patrons created unique textile art pieces, painted, and pieced together their very own mosaics to *Color Our World*.

A huge thank you to our sponsors, the Friends of Wolfner Library, who provided raffle prizes and art kit supplies for this fun program, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provided funding for *Color Our World* swag! It was an engaging summer of reading and creating.

The 2026 theme, *Unearth a Story*, is currently in the planning stages. If you have a great idea for a dino project, send us an email at [wolfneryouthservice@sos.mo.gov](mailto:wolfneryouthservice@sos.mo.gov).

### Adult Summer Reading Challenge

Wolfner's Adult Summer Reading Program has concluded for the year. This year's theme was *Color Our World*. Nearly 40 adult participants read books and logged them for prizes this summer. Two Amazon Dot devices were sent to the grand prize winners.

Participation gifts and grand prizes were purchased by the Friends of Wolfner Library. We appreciate our Friends and thank them for their support. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Wolfner Library to help provide programming support, their contact information is always available at the end of our newsletter.



Mark your calendar for our upcoming Cozy Winter Reading Program in January 2026.

### Wolfner Advisory Council

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library would like to thank the volunteer members of our advisory council. This team meets three times a year to advise on the current

services offered by Wolfner and help make recommendations on future service developments. We thank them for their time, shared resources, and dedication to Missouri's print-disabled citizens.

**Image Caption** Mandy Dovin, Chair of WAC, poses with her seeing eye dog, Boz, at Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library.



## Wolfner Attends Senior Day at State Fair



The Missouri State Fair, the state's largest annual agricultural and entertainment event, was held this August in Sedalia, Missouri. Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library attended for Senior's Day and shared resources and information about our library. Our adult services Librarian, Jami Livingston, and Katie Dunn, the Missouri State Library's Youth Services consultant, spoke with over 280 potential new patrons.



If you have a friend or family member who could benefit from Wolfner services, send them our way. Wolfner staff can mail them an application and provide all the information necessary to begin services. A link to our application is also available online at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/applyforservices>.

**Image Caption** Top: Jami Livingston, Librarian at Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library, shares information with a State Fair attendee. Bottom: A line of attendees interacts with State Fair booths.



## Missouri Secretary of State Wolfner Library Book Club

### 2025 Upcoming Book Club Titles

If you are a Wolfner patron, participate in our book club by dialing in on the first and third Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m., or by using Zoom from a smart device.

Here's a list of books that will be featured for September, October, and November, followed by instructions on how to join in:

## Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

September 4 — ***Beloved*** by Toni Morrison. **(DB026026)**

Related in kaleidoscopic fashion and set in rural Ohio during the period immediately following the Civil War, this chronicle of slavery and its aftermath traces the life of Sethe, a former slave. Sethe has a secret in her past so horrific that it has alienated the community, driven off her two sons, isolated her surviving daughter, and threatened her new, loving relationship with Paul D., also a former slave. Bestseller 1987. Some violence. [11 hours, 31 minutes]

September 18 — ***Mission at Nuremberg*** by Tim Townsend. **(DBC16331)**

Henry Gerecke, a Lutheran minister from St. Louis serving as an Army Chaplain at the close of WWII, was asked to minister to Nazi leaders standing trial at Nuremberg. Townsend shows the moral and religious issues confronting wartime chaplains. Violence. [14 hours, 12 minutes]

October 2 — ***Slewfoot: A Tale of Bewitchery*** by Brom. **(DB105459)**

Connecticut, 1666. Slewfoot, an ancient spirit, is known as a protector to the wildfolk and a demon to the colonists. To Abitha, a recently widowed outcast in her pious village, Slewfoot is the only one she can turn to for help. Together, they ignite a battle between pagan and Puritan. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021. [14 hours, 17 minutes]

October 16 — ***Evil Librarian*** by Michelle Knudsen. **(DB079820)**

When Cynthia's best friend, Annie, falls head over heels for the new high-school librarian, she is amused at first. But after meeting Mr. Gabriel, Cyn realizes something isn't quite right and races to save the entire student body. Some violence and some strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2014. [9 hours, 16 minutes]

November 6 — ***The Berry Pickers*** by Amanda Peters. **(DB117941)**

A four-year-old Mi'kmaq girl goes missing from the blueberry fields of Maine, sparking a tragic mystery that haunts the survivors, unravels a family, and remains unsolved for nearly fifty years ... In Maine, a young girl named Norma slowly comes to realize there is something her parents aren't telling her. Strong language and some violence. [8 hours, 47 minutes]



November 20 — ***Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux*** as told through John G. Neihardt. **(DB022552)**

The autobiography of an Indian warrior and hunter who, because of his visions and psychic experiences, becomes the tribe's medicine man.

[6 hours, 46 minutes]

On the day of the book club, join by following the steps below:

**Join by Zoom on any smart device:** [zoom.us/j/96471504467](https://zoom.us/j/96471504467)

**Join by phone by dialing:**

312-626-6799

Enter the meeting ID when prompted: 964 7150 4467

**For one tap mobile:**

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Participants may also call Wolfner via phone to be linked into the meeting.

## Kind Thoughts from Wolfner Friends

“Thank you all for being there for all of us!! Don’t know what I’d do without tapes... Blessings to all. Gratitude for you all.”

- Anita, Saint Louis

“I just want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the service you provide. My Dad was legally blind for the last few years of his life and your audiobooks were basically the only thing he had to live for. The books were not just for entertainment; they were all he had...I can't express enough how important your service is. It is not just frivolous entertainment. It made life bearable for my Dad who had always loved reading and working on the computer.”

- Arlene, Conway

“I am not a patron but I have signed up many patrons to Wolfner as the home borrowing and outreach coordinator ... So many times, I hear patrons complain about how they used to love to read, but it is too difficult to read now that their vision has gotten worse. I always take the opportunity to tell them about the fabulous service that Wolfner Library offers...”

- Lynne, Librarian, Kirkwood

## Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

“Thank you so much for keeping Dad entertained these last several years. You made a difference! You kept his mind sharp until the very end. You gave him a new topic/book to think about and talk about every couple of weeks. You listened to him complain when he didn’t get a new tape fast enough, and you listened to him tell a joke when he was lonely. Thank you.”

- Judy, Saint Louis

### Wolfner Library Recording Studios



All books produced by the Wolfner Recording Studios are the result of many hours of service by volunteers who go through a rigorous audition process to record, monitor and review each title. These Missouri-centric titles are uploaded to BARD for the enjoyment of Wolfner patrons and readers across the country.

(Additional studio funding is provided by The Friends of the Wolfner Library.)

### Youth

***The Carrefour Curse*** by Dianne K. Salerni. **(DBC31082)**

Narrated by Caroline Ward.

Twelve-year-old Garnet regrets that she doesn’t know her family. Her mother has done her best to keep it that way, living far from the rest of the magical Carrefour clan and their dark, dangerous mansion known as Crossroad House. For grades 4–7. [5 hours, 55 minutes]

***Dig, Dig, Dinosaur*** by Anjali Goswami. **(DBC31073)**

Narrated by Griffin Lyskowski.

Three young adventurers embark on "an expedition to a faraway land." With the proper tools and an ambitious spirit, the adventurers dig for dinosaur bones, discovering and learning about various types of dinosaurs. Along the way, the adventurers strive to uncover dinosaurs bigger than the ones before, eventually revealing the biggest dinosaur at the end of the book. For preschool–grade 2. [4 minutes]

***I Live in A Tree Trunk* by Meg Fleming. (DBC31072)**

Narrated by Penelope Barnes.

I live in a tree trunk. I live in a barn. I live in a shoebox. I'm down on the farm... Soon, all the other animals can't help but share what their homes are called, too. Readers will learn about porcupines, salamanders, groundhogs, and more. For preschool-grade 2. [9 minutes]

***The Kitten Story: A Mostly True Tale* by Emily Jenkins. (DBC31079)**

Narrated by Donna White.

When a cat-loving family decides to bring home a pet, their quest reveals the highs and lows of everyday family life in this heartwarming story. For preschool-grade 2. [9 minutes]

***Missouri Weird and Wonderful* by Amanda E. Doyle. (DBC32939)**

Narrated by Ginger Fletcher.

Learn the many wild nicknames of our famous native amphibian, get an appreciation for how radical Scott Joplin's ragtime music was in the early 1900s, and discover the entire branch of medicine that was born here. Sports, history, wildlife, food, inventions, architecture, natural wonders, and just plain fun come to vibrant life in these richly illustrated, full-color pages. For grades 3-6. [52 minutes]

***Treemendous: Diary of a Not Yet Mighty Oak* by Bridget Heos. (DBC32940)**

Narrated by Ann Kovar.

Told in the diary entries of an acorn, this picture book follows a young acorn and its long life as an oak tree, from being buried by a squirrel to towering over other trees. For preschool-grade 2. [12 minutes]

**Adult**

***Brannigan's Land* by William W. Johnstone. (DBC29310)**

Narrated by Rick Wallis.

It's been close to twenty years since Brannigan hung up his six-guns. Now he's more content wrangling cows than criminals...now thieves and killers looking to settle old scores have tracked the ex-law dog to his ranch. They've made the mistake of targeting his wife and children, only to discover that Ty Brannigan enforces his own law with lightning-fast draw and a dead shot aim. Some strong language. Some violence. [11 hours, 14 minutes]

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### ***The Flower Sisters*** by Michelle Collins Anderson. (DBC29304)

Narrated by Anne Rottmann.

Daisy Flowers is fifteen in 1978 when her free-spirited mother dumps her in Possum Flats, Missouri. Sentenced to spend the summer living with her grandmother, the wry and irreverent town mortician, Daisy draws the line at working for the family business, Flowers Funeral Home. Instead, she maneuvers her way into an internship at the local newspaper, where she learns of a mysterious tragedy from fifty years earlier. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Some strong language. Some violence. [7 hours, 3 minutes]

### ***Indigenous Missourians: Ancient Societies to the Present*** by Greg Olson. (DBC29125)

Narrated by Vaughn Whiting.

Historian Greg Olson argues that the history of Indigenous people in present-day Missouri is far more nuanced, complex, and vibrant than the often-told tragic stories of conflict with white settlers and forced Indian removal would lead us to believe. In this path-breaking narrative, Olson presents the Show Me State's Indigenous past as one spanning twelve millennia of Native presence, resilience, and evolution. Some strong language. Some violence. [18 hours, 13 minutes]

### ***It Shined: The Saga of the Ozark Mountain Daredevils*** by Michael Supe Granda. (DBC30985)

Narrated by Mark Simmons.

Expose of the life and times of the Ozark Mountain Daredevils band in and out of the spotlight, on and off the stage, and from the top of the charts to the bottom of the barrel. Follow the path of the band from its beginnings at the New Bijou Theater in 1971 to one of their last gigs on the stage of the Shrine Mosque in 2004. In between those dates, you will find a cornucopia of stories - some good, some bad, some ugly, all entertaining. Some descriptions of sex. Some strong language. [18 hours, 40 minutes]

### ***A Killing in Capone's Playground*** by Chriss Lyon. (DBC30989)

Narrated by Christopher Baker.

On December 14, 1929, St. Joseph, Michigan Police Officer Charles Skelly working a routine traffic crash came face to face with a killer, Fred Burke, a highly sought suspect in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and now the most wanted man in the nation. Some strong language. Violence. [13 hours, 42 minutes]



### ***Men of No Reputation* by Kimberly Harper. (DBC30988)**

Narrated by Shirley Baker.

*Men of No Reputation* is the first account to explore the life of Robert Boatright, one of Middle America's most gifted, but forgotten, confidence men. Boatright's story provides a rare window into the secret world of Missouri's criminal past, which influenced the methods of confidence men across the country. Some descriptions of sex. Some strong language. Some violence. [11 hours, 40 minutes]

### **Wolfner Facebook**

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### **NLS Programs Accessible by Phone or Zoom**

#### **Monthly *The Many Faces of BARD***



The Patron Engagement Section of NLS now offers a monthly program called *The Many Faces of BARD* on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. central time. Each monthly event covers one aspect of BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download), offered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Library of Congress.

This event is open to all. For more information, please visit <https://www.loc.gov/nls/many-faces-of-BARD/> or call a Wolfner Reader Advisor at 800-392-2614.

## Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

### **BARD 2 Offers New Features for Patrons**

BARD, the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download website, now offers expanded functionality and will serve as a gateway to exciting new services in the future.

We are pleased to announce that if you use BARD on the web, you now have access to BARD 2. If you're not a BARD user, this is your chance to sign up for the service and get instant access to hundreds of thousands of audio and braille books and magazines for reading with an NLS digital talking-book machine, a personal smart device with BARD Mobile, a Braille eReader, or your PC with the BARD Express player. Contact us at 800-392-2614 or 573-751-8720 to sign up for BARD.

Features of the new website include:

- Reorganization of the Wish List, Reading History, Subscriptions, and Account Settings under one menu.
- New sorting capabilities of book lists. You can now search through book lists and refine the results by format, language, and subject.
- An updated search engine, so finding books is easier and faster than ever before.
- Advanced search functionality.

If you have any questions, need assistance, or just want to tell us about your experience with BARD 2, contact your reader advisor at Wolfner.

### **Find Your New Favorites with Collections Connections**

Collections Connections is an electronic newsletter assembled by the staff of the NLS Collections Division that highlights works of diverse interest that come out each month.

With hundreds of thousands of audio and braille books and magazines available from NLS, it may be hard to know where to start. You can receive these timely book recommendations from the NLS Collections Division straight to your inbox through the Collections Connections newsletter.

Subscribe to Collections Connections at the following link: <https://www.loc.gov/nls/collections-connections/>.

# Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

## Upcoming Holidays

As a reminder to patrons, Wolfner Library will be closed on the following holidays:

- Monday, October 13                      Columbus Day
- Tuesday, November 11                  Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 27                Thanksgiving
- Thursday, December 25                Christmas

## Wolfner Library Donations

Donations to Wolfner Library may be made to the Wolfner Trust Fund or The Friends of Wolfner Library:

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library  
PO Box 387  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Friends of Wolfner Library  
PO Box 24834  
Kansas City, MO 64131

For information on how to become a Friend of Wolfner Library you can email [wellsjerry9@gmail.com](mailto:wellsjerry9@gmail.com) or phone 816-678-1257.

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