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## Recent news from the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library

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### Holiday mail reminder



Please remember that the holidays can create slower mail delivery. Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library patrons should request books early, in addition to ordering many books. No one wants to spend Christmas without a good book!

Call and order more today at 800-622-4970 or 317-232-3684.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

From Judy, Sam, Abby, Kiley and Camden.

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### Music services and materials

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### Nonfiction read-a-likes for fiction lovers

The Music Section of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), part of the Library of Congress, houses more than 25,000 titles, including braille and large-print scores and recorded instructional materials about music and musicians. It is the largest accessible collection of its kind in the world. Music-related magazines in audio and braille are also available. The music section does not offer recreational listening music, only educational music materials.

While patrons in Indiana receive most NLS services through the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library, NLS music materials circulate directly to patrons from the NLS headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Any person eligible for NLS service is also eligible for NLS music services. Patrons already registered with the Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library and interested in receiving NLS music materials should contact the NLS Music Section directly, either via phone at 800-424-8567 ext. 2, or [via email](#).

Though phone and email are the most efficient means of contact, the Music Section may also be contacted by mail at:

Music Section  
The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled  
Library of Congress  
Washington, D.C. 20542

Eligible individuals who are not yet registered with the Indiana Talking Book and Braille library can receive more information by calling 317-232-3684 or 800-622-4970, or by clicking [here](#).

## Adult winter reading book bingo

The Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library will be hosting an adult winter reading program! Patrons, ages 18 and up, can sign up for the program by filling out and sending in a form, which can be found [here](#). Patrons will receive a bingo card in the mail.



Those who enjoy reading books by **Patricia Cornwell, Tess Gerritsen** or **Robin Cook** can try reading nonfiction by:

- Mary Roach
- Caitlin Doughty
- Judy Melinek
- Rebecca Skloot
- Jennifer Wright

Those who enjoy reading books by **Amy Tan, Lisa See, Ocean Vuong** or **Jean Kwok** can try reading nonfiction by:

- Michelle Zauner
- Yang Erche Namu
- Qian Julie Wang
- Jade Snow Wong
- Lawson Fusao Inada
- Helen Zia
- Wesley Yang
- Alice Wong

Those who enjoy reading books by **Tommy Orange, Louise Erdrich, Amanda Peters** or **James Welch** can try reading nonfiction by:

- Mary Brave Bird
- Black Elk
- Dee Alexander Brown
- Robin Wall Kimmerer
- Vine Deloria
- Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
- David Treuer

The bingo card will allow patrons to keep track of the books they read from Monday, Dec. 29, through Friday, Feb. 27, 2026. Book titles may be used only once per bingo card. Readers do not need to write titles on the bingo card; simply mark the box.

“Haven’t read the classics since high school? Pick one up this winter! Friends with a westerns fan? Find something you can read together! With the various genres we have, there is something for everyone. Winter is a great time to try something different, branch out and discover a new favorite genre,” said Abby Chumin, Talking Book and Braille Library librarian.

Those who are not sure where to start can contact the Talking Book Library staff. They have extensive knowledge of various genres and are happy to help patrons find something they will enjoy. Those with questions about the winter reading program can call Abby Chumin at 317-232-3738.

Once the season is over, patrons should mail in the completed bingo card. Everyone who submits a card will win a prize. All cards must be submitted by Monday, March 9, 2026.

The Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library would like to thank the Washington Talking Book Library for the inspiration for the program.

- Pekka Hamalainen

Those who enjoy reading books by **Kim Michele Richardson, Brianna Labuskes, Eva Jurczyk, Janet Skeslien Charles, Genevieve Cogman** or **Freya Sampson** can try reading nonfiction by:

- Annie Spence
- Allison Hoover Bartlett
- Glory Edim
- Azar Nafasi
- Megan Rosenbloom
- Nicholas A. Basbanes
- Andrew Pettegree
- Joshua Hammer
- Elyse Graham
- Kathy Lee Peiss

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## Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library calendar

**Talking Books will be closed on the following holidays in 2025 and 2026:**

Thursday, Dec. 25, 2025

Friday, Dec. 26, 2025

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026

Monday, Jan. 19, 2026

### Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library Hours:

Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



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