

# Window to the World

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## New Reader Advisor

Please join the Tennessee Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (TLBPH) staff in welcoming our newest reader advisor! His name is Roy Lee and he is the reader advisor for patrons whose last names start with S-Z. Roy joined us in February, and has quickly become an indispensable part of our team. Roy is a true Southerner. He was born in Mississippi, raised in Georgia, and now lives here in Middle Tennessee with his wife, Patti, and two daughters. Zelda is six and Eleanor is 3, so you know Roy and Patti have busy, exciting lives! Roy's interests are theater and comedy, especially improv, but he is also part of the Star Wars and Star Trek cliques. Of course, his reading interests include drama, but he also likes to read children's and young adult fantasy, plus "how-to" books. We're very happy Roy has joined us. Maybe he can help us with some of our "do-it-yourself" projects!



## Hooray Spotlight Gateway and Bookshare!

Are you familiar with Bookshare? Bookshare is an online collection of over 520,000 titles available in audio, braille, and large print. The audio books use high-quality text-to-speech digital voices. Books can also be read on a computer screen with highlighted words and enlarged print.

All patrons of TLBPH may join Bookshare, although there is a cost. The annual fee is currently \$50, plus a one-time setup fee of \$25.



However, the program is free for U.S. students and for schools in the United States. Students may also enroll in the program through a program called “Spotlight Gateway.” Spotlight Gateway is an e-reading application designed specifically for people with eye disorders. All students who enroll through Spotlight Gateway will receive a membership to Bookshare and the Spotlight Gateway app.

For a limited time, students who demonstrate financial need will also be eligible to receive an Apple iPad. This program is provided by the the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired and VisionServe Alliance at no cost. The Spotlight Gateway application must be certified by an ophthalmologist. More information and the application form are available at: <http://www.lighthouseguild.org/spotlightgateway/about/>

## Order Library Books Online

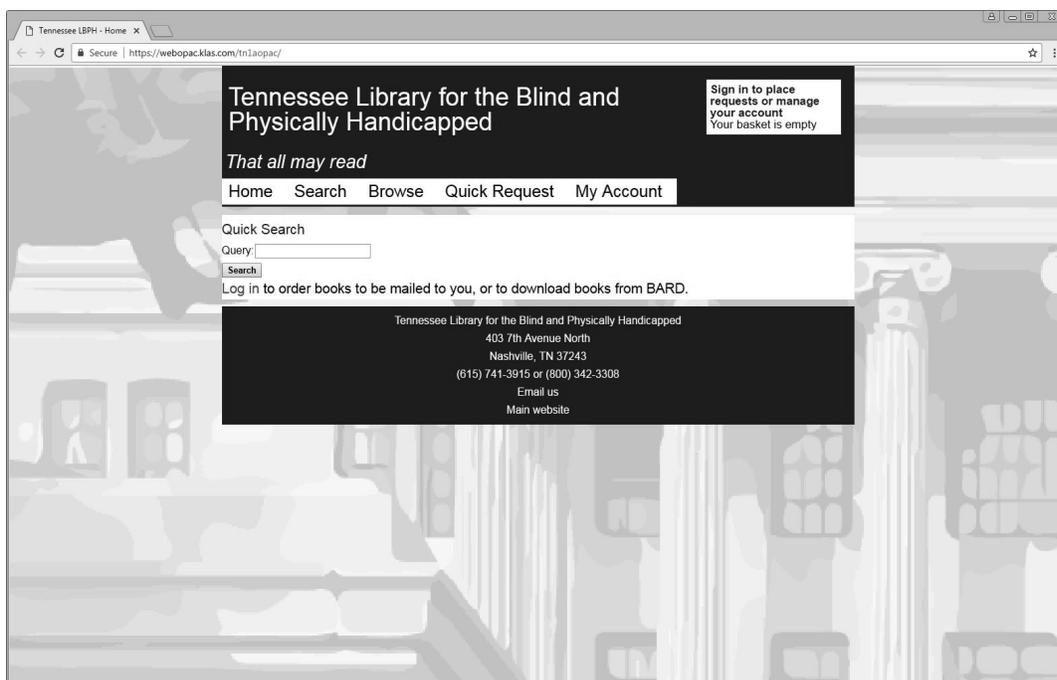
I’m sure many of you have heard us mention our new computer system. As often happens when systems change, we have had some minor glitches, especially in magazines subscriptions. It

also offers some wonderful features, like our new online ordering website.

On our online ordering website, you can check whether we have a title you want, in the format you want—audio, braille, or large print. You'll be able to tell whether the book is currently on the shelf at the library and ready to be shipped to you on the next working day.

You will be able to add books to your request list yourself. You will also be able to see how many (and which) books our system indicates are on loan to you and when they were sent. You can also determine whether you have books that need to be returned to us to keep your record in good standing.

If you want to check out our online ordering



site, go to <https://webopac.klas.com/tn1aopac>. To place requests or look at what is checked out to you, call your TLBPH reader advisor. While you are exploring the website, don't forget to check out the browse lists. They show you the latest books added to our collections and the titles that are borrowed most!

Never fear, your reader advisors are still here to take your requests, look up titles for you, etc., if you prefer to keep requesting your books that way. Just call our toll-free number, (800) 342-3308, or your advisor's direct line.

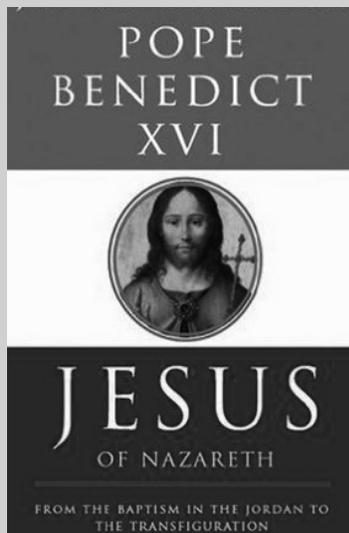
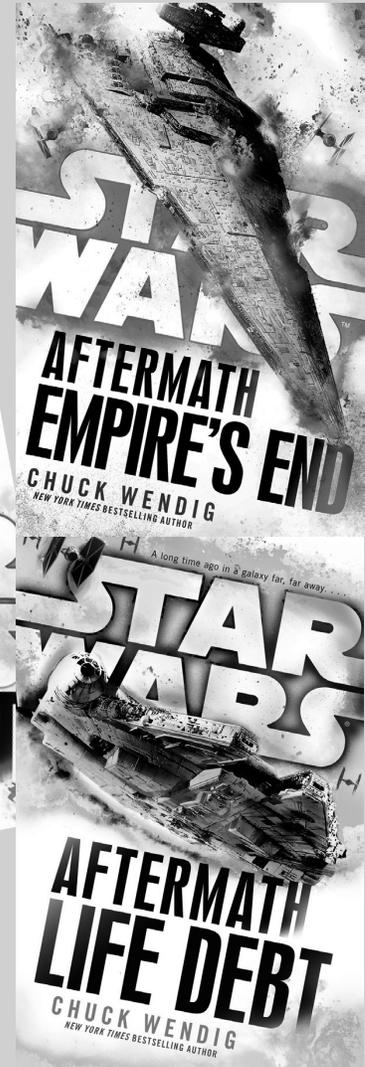
## Staff Picks:

Jerry Clinard is a Library Assistant IV in TLBPH's circulation department. Like most of us who work at the library, he has a wide variety of reading interests. He is very happy that the third volume in the Star Wars *Aftermath* series, *Empire's End* by Chuck Wendig, is finally available for downloading on BARD (DB87418). Hopefully, we will have the cartridges in stock by the time you are reading this!

Jerry's been checking every day and, although the official NLS catalog says it's still "in process," he has found it on BARD and downloaded it already. The first two titles in the series are *Aftermath* (DB 82840), and *Life Debt* (DB 85102). Set during the New Republic era,

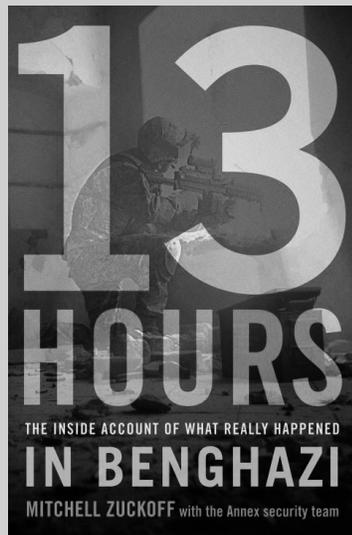
these titles tell of more rebellions against the Empire in distant worlds.

Like many of us, Jerry likes reading series. He has read the three books in Pope Benedict XVI's series on *Jesus of Nazareth*, which are available from TLBPH in both audio and braille formats. In the first book, *From the Baptism to the Transfiguration* (BR 17214 and DB 64444), the pope discusses the role of Jesus as the central figure of Christianity. In *Holy*

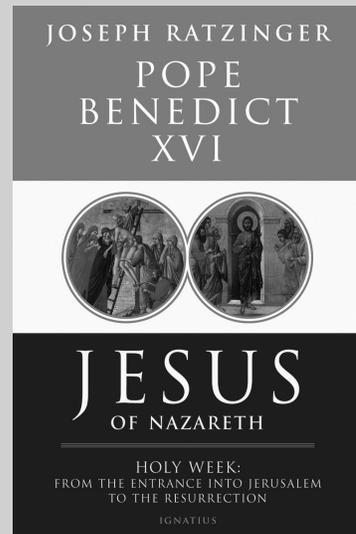
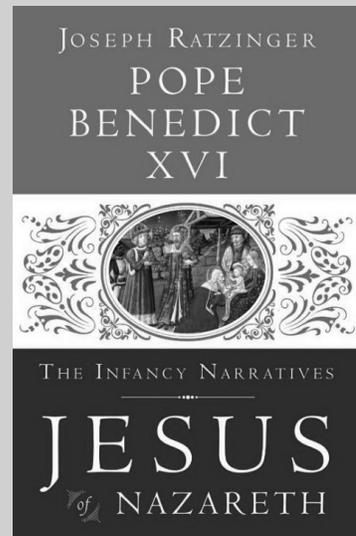


Week: *From the Entrance Into Jerusalem to the Resurrection* (BR 19243 and DB 72929), he interprets the meaning of Jesus's life, teaching, death, and resurrection. *The Infancy Narratives* (BR19928 and DB 76462) examines the Gospels' accounts of Jesus's life as a child, and explains their relevance in modern times. All of these books were translated into English from Pope Benedict's native German.

As the son of a Tennessee Highway patrolman, Jerry has always been interested in law enforcement and the military. He recently



read *Thirteen Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi*, by Mitchell Zuckoff with members of the Annex security team (DB 80174). This book is the basis for the 2016 movie of the same name, starring John Krasinski, James Badge Dale and Max Martini.



## Unified English Braille

Do you know there have been some recent changes in the way people write braille? It is now called Unified English Braille, or UEB. Braille is a system of writing with combinations of raised dots arranged in what is known as a six-dot cell. A cell is an arrangement of six possible dots, two in each row, with three rows. Each letter of the alphabet is represented by a combination of one or more dots, depending on their arrangement in the cell.

As you probably know, braille has been used since the 1800s, but did you know that there are many different braille codes? According

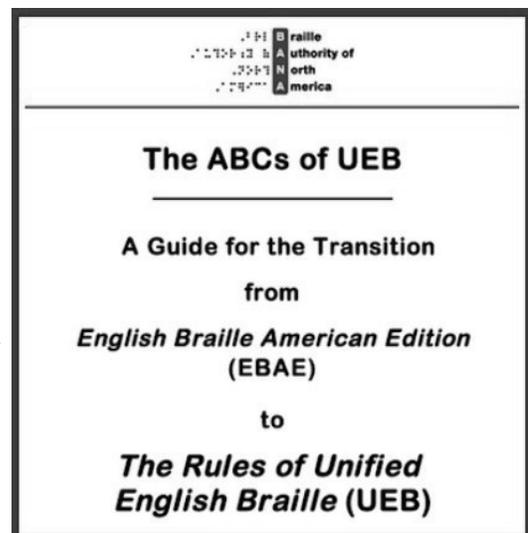
to the Braille Authority of North America (BANA), before the adoption of UEB there were five basic braille codes:

- 1) the literary code
- 2) the braille code for textbook formats and techniques
- 3) the Nemeth braille code for mathematics and science
- 4) the computer braille code
- 5) the braille music code

All of these codes were developed independently of each other, and there are conflicts with regard to symbols and rules. For example, a dollar sign had one symbol in literary braille, another in the Nemeth code, and still another in computer braille. With the adoption of UEB, the computer braille code has been absorbed but the Nemeth and music braille codes are still being used. It is the goal of UEB to standardize symbols and codes for all English-speaking countries.

UEB was formally adopted by the BANA in November of 2012. As of January 2016, all braille publications produced by the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (NLS) are in the UEB code. Of course, TLBPH still has many older titles in the “old” braille code that we are still circulating. Many people still write in the code that they originally learned, but students currently taking braille classes are generally taught the UEB code.

UEB hasn't been that difficult for most braille readers to learn. A TLBPH patron David Stewart says, “UEB is really much better and easier than ‘American braille.’ When I took the UEB course from Hadley, I found it difficult as I had no practical application, but when the magazines started coming in UEB, I found it much easier and now don't want to read the old books in the library's collection!”



## Tennessee Electronic Library

Did you know the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL) has tutorials for taking many standardized tests, including the ACT (originally known as “American College Testing”), GED, GRE, ASVAB and the U.S. Citizenship test? Go to TEL’s Learning Express Library at <http://bit.ly/2obzzwy> to find free tutorials, practice tests, and study guides.

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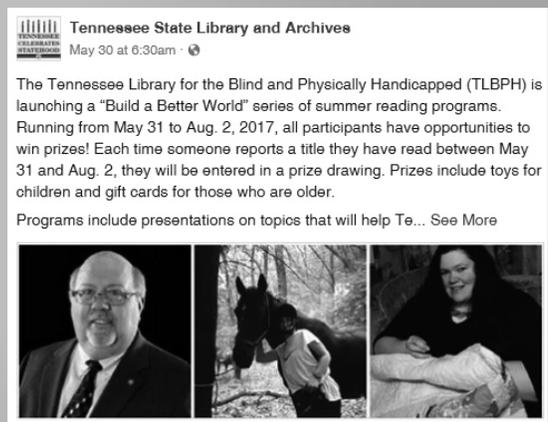


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## TLBPH on Social Media and the World Wide Web

Did you know TLBPH frequently post updates about events on the Tennessee Library and Archives’ (TSLA) Facebook page? If you have access to the Internet you can go to [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/TennesseeStateLibraryandArchives) and search under “Tennessee State Library & Archives.” There you will find lots of information about Tennessee history and events and local public libraries, and see postings about books and events at TLBPH. Recent postings introduced TLBPH’s summer programming and books about the history of the U.S. flag and flag etiquette. You can also “follow” TSLA’s Facebook page to get updates whenever something new is posted.

Another item you may find interesting is on TLBPH’s website: <http://sos.tn.gov/tsla/lbph>. We’ve added a column which lists TLBPH’s programs plus a calendar which shows events, including dates when TLBPH staff will be visiting communities around Tennessee for community fairs, giving programs at local community clubs, etc. You can also read back issues of Window to the World. Issues are posted in PDF, Word and MP3 audio files.



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