

St. Charles Public Library News for Large Print Readers

Grandparent Programs in Youth Services



A number of Youth Services programs are available for grandparents who would like to attend with their grandchildren. Grandparents may sign up for such popular programs as **You Build with LEGO**, **Dance with Me**, and **Stories at the Nature Center**. For other grandparent/grandchildren programs, look for the "G" in the Youth Services event calendar online or in *Discover Your Library!* Register for the programs and come along with your grandchildren.

A Midsummer Night's Read

All St. Charles patrons are invited to participate in the summer reading program. It is called [A Midsummer Knight's Read](#) and all who register will be eligible for prizes. For our large print readers we have a book logs in large print. Just [Ask Outreach Services](#) for the large print log. Call us at 630-584-0076, ext. 219 or 269.



The [Aging] Eyes Have It!

As we age it is more likely we will experience low vision. With the numbers of older adults increasing, businesses are motivated to develop products for those with low vision. Here are some you might find interesting.

"High-Tech Gadgets for Aging Eyes" was published in *Kiplinger's Retirement Report*, May 2011 issue. The article touches on electronic devices to assist those with diminished vision. Portable, handheld electronic magnifiers such as the [Feather](#) (\$349) from [Clarity](#) or the [Pebble](#) (\$545) from [Enhanced Vision](#) help those with low vision read a restaurant menu or a prescription bottle, and more.



The Pebble is shown in the photograph on this page.

Desk top digital magnifiers for use at home are readily available as well, though at considerably higher cost. Before you buy an expensive device, try it out if at all possible.

Ask your low vision specialist where you might try a device. Consider attending a low vision fair or loan a device through [Illinois Assistive Technology Program](#) (IATP). For more information, call IATP at 800-852-5110.

Another area of booming technology for low vision users is the smart phone market. Smart phones are increasingly popular and more and more “apps” are developed to increase their usefulness. Some apps offer voice control or convert the spoken word into a text message. Others magnify or allow visual online searching. The possibilities are exciting for both the iPhone and Android phones.

Technology Open House

On September 10 [Spectrios Institute](#) will hold a Technology Open House at Deicke House in Wheaton. This is an excellent opportunity to see the latest in low vision, high tech tools.

September 10, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

Location: [Deicke House](#), 219 East Cole Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187.

Technology offers a host of new tools to help people with vision loss. Please stop by and learn about the latest in:

- CCTV Technology
- “Capture to Speech” devices and software
- Talking GPS systems especially for people with low vision
- Accessibility features on the iPad

Talking Books

Funding has stabilized for the [Talking Book Program](#) and service is better than ever. Talking Books is a service of the [National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped](#), or NLS. NLS provides books in audio and Braille formats with the blind or visually impaired in mind. The Talking Books audiobooks require specific [players](#) which are distributed to low vision readers along with the audiobooks themselves. The new digital player is available now.

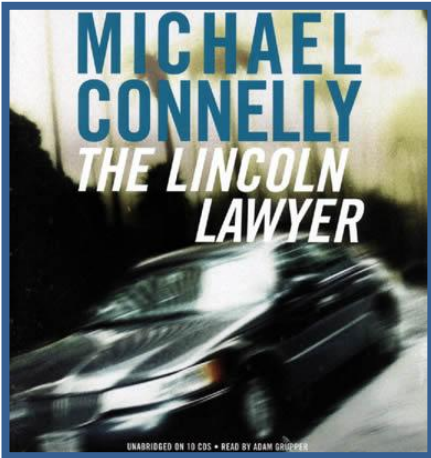
Regional offices throughout Illinois help the [Illinois State Library](#) administer the program. The [Voices of Vision Talking Book Center](#) (VoV) in Geneva serves our area.

To learn more about this service, your eligibility and related services, contact the [Voices of Vision Talking Book Center](#) at 800-227-0625 or Outreach Services at 630-584-0076, ext. 219. If you have low vision, why not try Talking Books?



"Reel" Books, in Large Print

Filmmakers often adapt books to film. This year many movies are based on books which are available in large print. Whether or not you plan to see the movie, you might want to explore these titles.

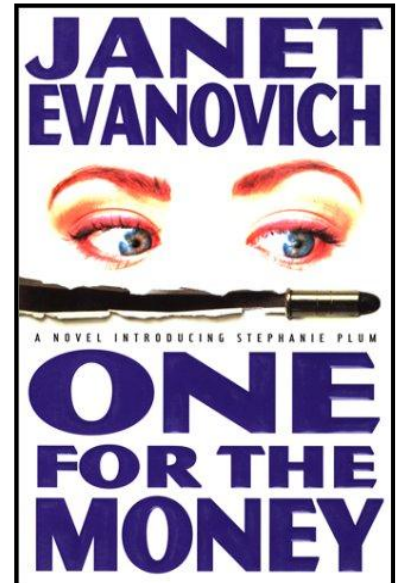


The Lincoln Lawyer,* Michael Connelly
LARGE PRINT FIC CONNELLY

Mickey Haller is the "Lincoln Lawyer" featured in a number of Connelly novels, the most recent being the bestselling **The Fifth Witness**. He has also appeared in a few of Connelly's Harry Bosch crime stories. Haller was brought to the screen earlier this year by Matthew McConnaughey.

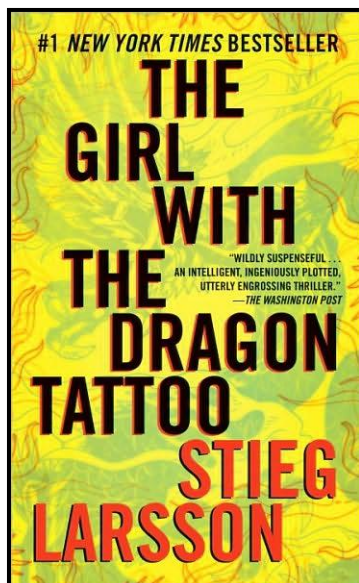
One for the Money,* Janet Evanovich
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Since she first appeared in **One for the Money** in 1994, Evanovich's Stephanie Plum draws more readers with each installment. The latest installment, **Smokin' Seventeen**, is set for print release this summer. Plum is a one-of-a-kind character, a sexy, funny, irreverent Jersey bounty hunter whose associates are equally unique. Katherine Heigl stars as Stephanie in *One for the Money*, to be released on film later this year.



Water for Elephants, Sara Gruen
LARGE PRINT FIC GRUEN

Set during the Great Depression, Gruen's novel follows Jacob Jankowski as tragedy causes him to drop out of veterinary school and join a travelling circus. Gruen immerses the reader into the unique, sometimes brutal world in which Jakob finds himself. Also a love story with hopeless love triangle, we watch as Jakob falls in love with a married circus performer. Adapted for the screen and starring Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon, the film was released earlier this year.



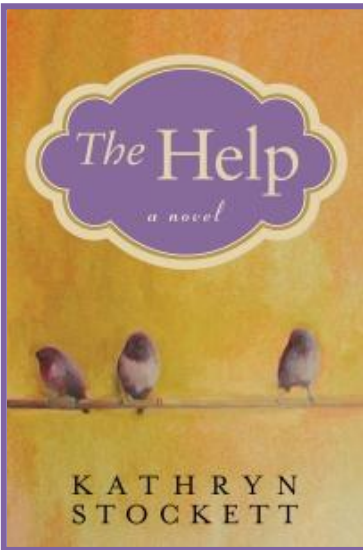
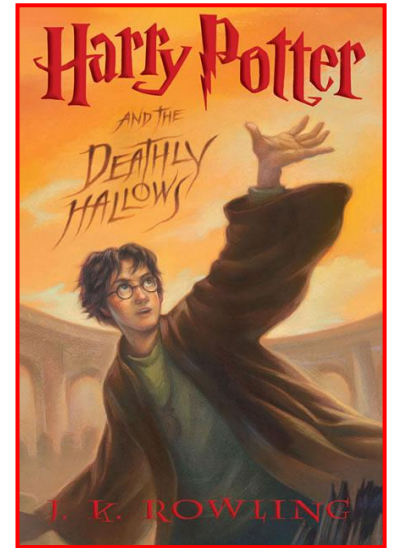
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo,* Stieg Larsson
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The three novels in Larsson's crime & investigation trilogy featuring computer hacker Lisbeth Salander and journalist Mikael Blomkvist still hover on the bestseller list. All three have been adapted to film in Sweden. Now these memorable characters will debut on American screens at Christmastime in **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,* J.K. Rowling

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This is the final installment in Rowling's phenomenal series about the wizard Harry Potter. Harry has decided not to return to Hogwarts. Knowing a bitter confrontation with Lord Voldemort is unavoidable, Harry and friends Ron and Hermione set out to find the missing Horcruxes, or pieces of Voldemort's soul. The only unsatisfactory element of this series is that it ends here. The final movie installment, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2*, will be released this summer. Though Rowling meant the series for children many adults are equally enthralled.



The Help, Kathryn Stockett

LARGE PRINT FIC STOCKETT

Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan has graduated from college and returns home to Jackson, Mississippi. Desperate for an opportunity to pursue a career in writing, Skeeter stumbles upon an idea for a novel. What if she told the story of the working lives of black housekeepers from *their* perspective? This complex story about race, women, motherhood, and friendship has been adapted for the big screen and will be released this summer.

Also available in large print and adapted to film in 2010:

Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia, Elizabeth Gilbert LARGE PRINT 910.4 GIL

True Grit, Charles Portis LARGE PRINT FIC PORTIS

*part of a series

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