

DEAR PEARL

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Answering the Reading Needs of the Blind and Visually Impaired

Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Wednesday April 4, 2018

Social Time: 11:30 a.m. Lunch: 12:00 p.m.

Blackhawk Country Club

3606 Blackhawk Drive, Madison, WI

Followed by Program, Presentations, and Brief Meeting

BLTS invites you to attend its annual meeting and luncheon on Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Please join us at the beautiful Blackhawk County Club, 3606 Blackhawk Drive, at 11:30 a.m. to meet and greet old and new BLTS friends. The noon luncheon offers two choices, the always popular chicken and mushroom crepes or a veggie selection (Cost: \$16; see choices below). Entertainment will once again be provided by harpist Peter Feneht who will soothe us with beautiful music, as he has for the past five years.

The luncheon will be followed by an interesting program, after which there will be a brief meeting and award presentations. This year's speaker will be Jim Denham, the Assistive Technology Specialist from the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired. He will speak about how he helps individuals with disabilities learn to use technological tools to accomplish tasks which would otherwise be impossible. It should be an enjoyable afternoon. We encourage all members of the BLTS family to attend. We would love to see you!

Don't miss catching up with friends and, of course, talking all things BLTS. So, put it on your calendar. We guarantee beautiful weather. Please RSVP by March 27th by emailing office.blts@tds.net or calling 608-233-0222, and remember to include your meal choice. Checks may be mailed to BLTS at 517 N. Segoe Road, Suite 200-B, Madison, WI 53705, or can be paid the day of the event. Let us know if you need a ride, and we'll make the arrangements. Yes... Spring is here at last!



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Menu Selections

Chicken and Mushroom Crepes with Wild Rice and Fresh Fruit Garnish
Fettuccine Alfredo with Grilled Vegetables Primavera (vegetarian)

All selections are \$16

and include rolls, coffee, tea, iced tea, or milk, and dessert

Cash Bar Available

***RSVP – Please email or call by **March 27, 2018**

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Any questions? Contact BLTS at 608-233-0222 or office.blts@tds.net

President's Report March 2018 CHANGE

All of us remember that special teacher or teachers who kindled our love for reading and learning, and inspired us throughout our formative years. I will always remember my high school Latin teacher, Marcella Hoeffs, for many reasons. But the one that sticks out in my mind after more than 50 years is the favorite phrase she often repeated to us – in Latin, of course: “Tempora mutantur, nos et mutamur in illis.” “The times change, and we change with them.” This summer I will turn 70 – yes, the big 7-0, the beginning of my eighth decade of life. Looking back, what a life of change it has been.

For those of us who came of age in the 1950s and 1960s, what changes we have seen: The party line became the cell phone, Skype, and more; the paper map became GPS; television went from black and white to color to cable to Netflix; the manual typewriter I learned on became the IBM Selectric and then the computer. We kept warm with coal, then heating oil, now natural gas, soon solar. The individual doctor who made house calls turned into the HMO and health care system. We enjoy the progress that change brings, but we also yearn for the stability of the past. Change brings uncertainty. What is life all about?

For Braille Library and Transcribing Services, 2018 may well come to be described as a year of change. Efforts are underway to find us a new office, as the current building at 517 North Segoe Road is scheduled to be demolished, and we have to be out by January 31st, 2019. On the one hand, the idea of a new office and new digs is exciting and something to look forward to. But, as with all change, there is the uncertainty of the future and the loss of stability. Worn and grizzled as it is, our current office is an old friend that has served us through so many years. We'll keep you posted as our new office comes into focus – and look forward to seeing you at the new office-warming get-together.

One thing that life is all about, especially at BLTS, won't change: Loving and sharing with other people, helping others in whatever ways we can, each in his or her own way making the world a better place. That's what BLTS is all about – helping others in the way we do: braille and taping books to bring the joy of reading and learning to those of us who read and learn with fingers and ears. So, my appreciation to everyone at BLTS who works to make the world a better place, and to our donors and members who provide the funds to make that possible. You are what life is all about. “Gratias agere.” Thank you, in Latin, as Ms. Hoeffs would say it.

Best Wishes,
Steve Levine



**Braille Library & Transcribing Services, Inc.
Annual Meeting, April 4, 2018
NOMINATING SLATE**

Returning Officers

President	Steve Levine	2017-2019
Vice President	Vonna Johnson-Porter	2018-2020
Secretary	Patricia Herrling	2017-2019
Treasurer	Sue Nelson	2018-2020

Returning Board Members

Constance Risjord	2018-2020
Sandy Adams	2018-2020
Karen Perzentka	2017-2019

New Board Members

Lois Kibbe	2017-2019
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Office Staff

Office Manager	Aaron Konkol
Braille Coordinator	Sue Danz



BLTS Lending Library Report 2017

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Total</u>
Loaned	2017	588	576	1,167

Borrowers

Active: 202 New 22

Collection

- Total new books added to collection
- 31** new adult books
- 76** new children's or print/braille books
- 107** items weeded from the inventory

Total Inventory: **2,466** items

Observations

This year we added **22 new library users** (12 of which were schools). New supplements of our catalogs are going out this month to all clients. We continue to evaluate our book collection to better meet the needs of our borrowers. We are also starting to think about the library collection and our upcoming move to a new location. It will be a good

Puzzled in UEB

*Dear Ms. Pearl,
How to do puzzles in UEB?*

*Puzzled,
Cody Morse*

As promised, here are some notes to get you started on crossword puzzles. Details can be found in Section 19.5 of *Rules of Unified English Braille*.

This sample transcriber's note, which would appear either before a single crossword puzzle or on the transcriber's notes page if there is more than one, explains the general format:

In the following crossword puzzle, each clue is followed by a transcriber-assigned column letter and row number. Numbers in parentheses at the end of each clue indicate the number of letters in the puzzle word. The clue letter/number and number of letters in the word are enclosed in transcriber's note indicators. In the grid, a hyphen represents a square to be filled in, and a full cell represents an empty space.

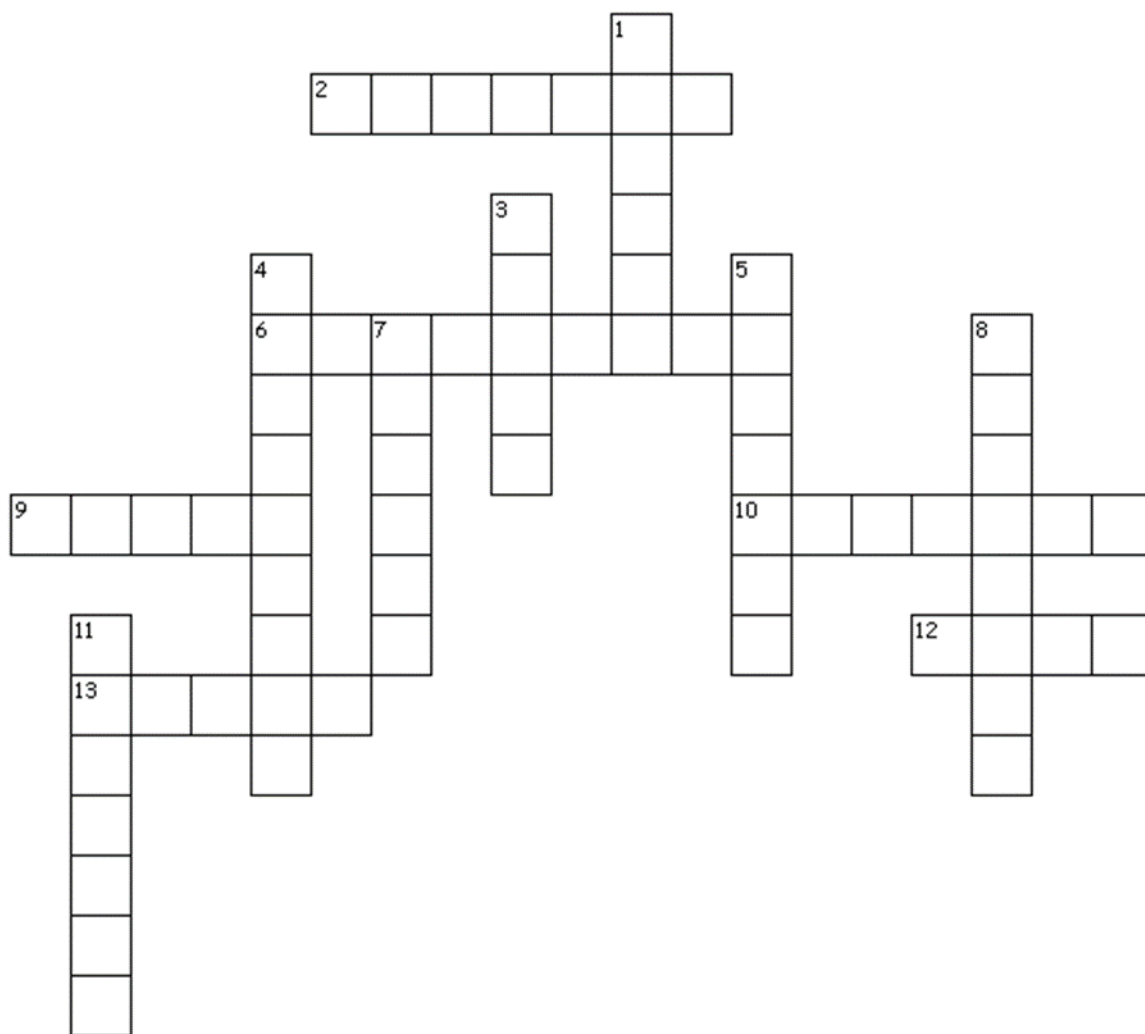
UEB 19.5.2 Puzzle Clues

- a. Place the clues before the puzzle grid.
- b. Format "Across" and "Down" as cell-5 headings.
- c. Use 1-3 margins for the list of clues.
- d. Present lists of answer words in uncontracted braille.
- e. Give transcriber-assigned column letters and row numbers on the same line, after the clue.

azure
verdant
ebony
crimson
slate
gilt
Sterling

saffron
tangerine
violet
fuchsia
alabaster
auburn

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2. pink

6. white

9. blue

10. yellow

12. gold

13. black

1. purple

3. gray

4. orange

5. red

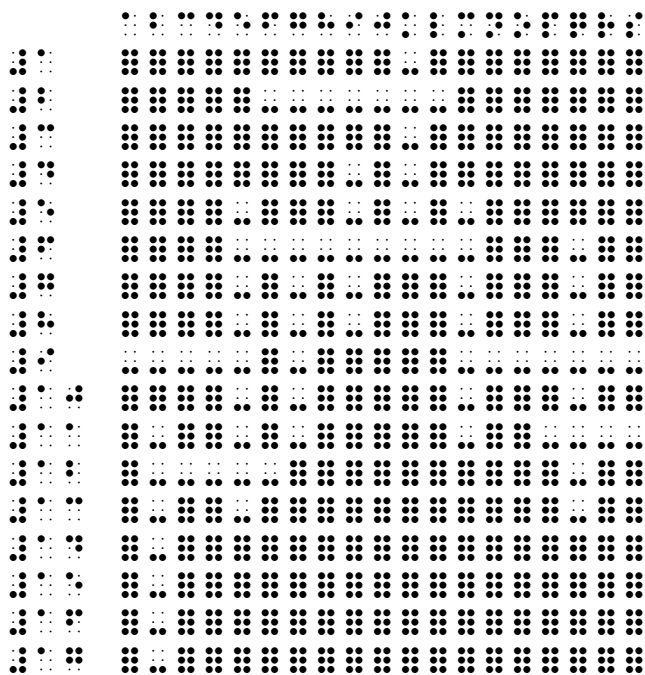
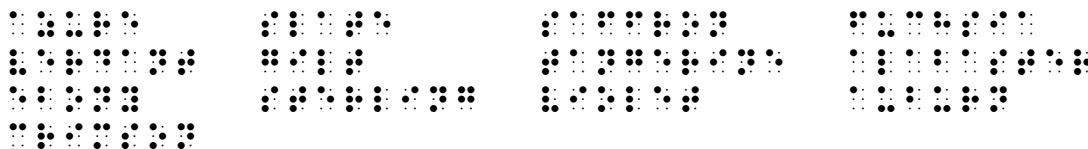
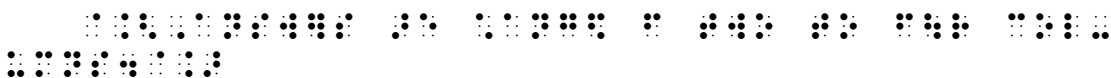
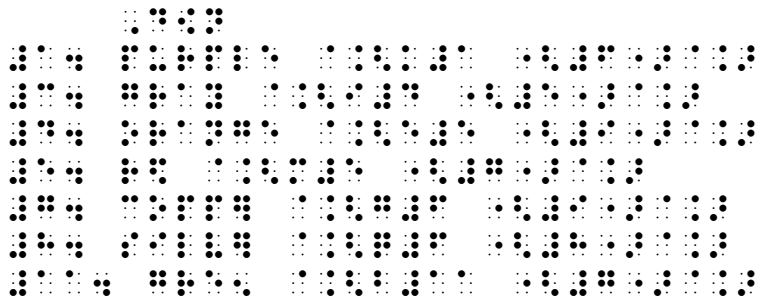
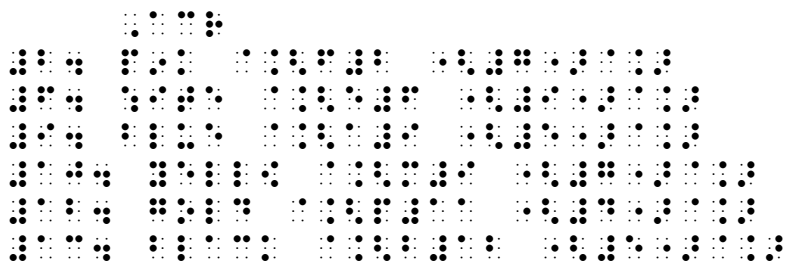
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8 silver

11. green

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Happy puzzling!

Ms. Pearl

Lists of Donors

Individuals:

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Abigail Loomis	Barbara Dillon Kehrein	

Organizations:

Jack Deloss Taylor Charitable Trust	Sub-Zero Wolf Foundation Inc.	Lake Wisconsin Lions Club
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Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.

—Erma Bombeck

3rd Annual Midwest Regional Braille Conference Reminder!

May 17 – 18, 2018

Held at the Outback Event Center, 1321 East 78th St. Bloomington, MN

Sessions will begin at 1pm on Thursday, May 17th. Dinner will be provided.

All day sessions will run on Friday, May 18th. Lunch will be provided.

A [Graphiti™](#) prototype demonstration will be included with the advanced [BrailleBlaster™](#) session on Friday!

Tour of the State Services for the Blind Communications Center planned for the evening of Thursday, May 17th.

Registration Fee: \$75.00

Click [here](#) for the conference agenda and on-line registration

Hotel Rooms \$125.00 per night (includes all taxes & fees)

Comfort Inn Airport: 1321 E. 78th St. Bloomington, MN 55425 # (952) 854-3400

Click [here](#) to make hotel reservations

Use "Midwest Braille Conference Block" when making reservations

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Contact Gail Jankowski with questions regarding on-line registration:
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Contact Kristin Oien with questions regarding the conference:
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Hope to see you in Minnesota this May!

I am going to try to pay attention to the spring.
I am going to look around at all the flowers,
and look up at the hectic trees.
I am going to close my eyes and listen.

—Anne Lamott



Titles Done Since September 2017

THANK YOU, BRAILLISTS!
(page counts follow names)



For children

4 P/B books (Barb Schlinkert, 44), 9 P/B books (Barb Schlinkert, 68), 7 P/B books (Barb Schlinkert, 64), 6 P/B books (Barb Schlinkert, 48)

For adults

Trim the Tree (Kathy Dorn, 161), Fun With Ramen Noodles (Kathy Dorn, 108), The Shack (Julie Schoepp, 456), SOUTH MAID Enchanted Christmas (Sue Nelson, 68), Cuisinart Instruction & Recipe Book (Barb Schlinkert, 79), The Inner Path (Barb Schlinkert, 237), The Gifts of Imperfection (Bev Pfister, 284), Vicious Circle, (Bev Pfister, 541), God's Love for You (Bev Pfister, 168), Blossom Street Brides (Julie Schoepp, 565), one pot (Sue Nelson, 108), Make Your Bed (Barb Schlinkert, 106), Dead Spider (Bev Pfister, 305), Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good (Joel Devore, 867)

For schools, non-profits and businesses

Care Wisconsin Member Handbook (Bev Pfister, 294), Luigi's Menu for Food Fight Restaurant Group (Sue Nelson, 23), 3 MG&E bills and 1 flyer (Kathy Dorn, 33), 3 MG&E bills and 1 flyer (Kathy Dorn, 37), 3 MG&E bills and 2 flyers (Kathy Dorn, 45), CAC (Kathy Dorn, 12), Eulogy's, will, trust, etc. (Sue Nelson, 92), 3 MG&E bills and 1 flyer (Kathy Dorn, 35), 3 MG&E bills and 2 flyers (Kathy Dorn, 30)

Special Projects

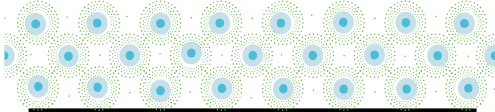
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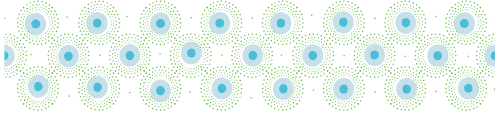


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