

# DEAR PEARL

September 2021 Volume XLVIII - Number 2

*Answering the Reading Needs of the Blind and Visually Impaired*

## President's Report September 2021



### In this issue

Braille Transcription Classes	2
Nemeth Braille News	2
50th Anniversary Celebration- 10/12	3
Titles Done	4

**The 50<sup>th</sup> celebration continues!** 2021 is the year in which we will be celebrating 50 years as an organization serving the needs of the blind and visually impaired community. Our anniversary committee has been busy planning ways to mark this BLTS milestone throughout the year. One of them is an anniversary booklet highlighting our volunteers in the last 25 years (we already have a booklet for the first 25<sup>th</sup> years). Lots of memories and great photos. Another is our **upcoming celebration reception at the Blackhawk Country Club in October** (more about that in this newsletter).

A new class of braille students will be happening this fall. We look forward to adding new volunteers to help BLTS meet its' goals of serving the braille needs of our clients and library users.

Speaking of the library, we have been busy with book sales of used braille books. Our readers snap up these bargains and we supply good homes for these books while clearing our shelves for new additions.

We are also working on a new and improved web-based library catalog of our books. This will make it easier for people to find our books by author, title and genre. Our goal is to have this available by January, 2022.

Our Braille Coordinator is busy with lots of projects for clients, including our transcription of a small library of braille books for the Mennonite/Amish community throughout the Mid-west. As always, our office manager Aaron keeps us connected to our members and community donors and enables our organization to run smoothly.

We could not survive as an organization without our volunteers and donors, whether transcribing, helping in the library, being a Board member, or supporting us in the many ways running our office demands. A BIG THANKS TO ALL!

Patricia Herrling,  
BLTS President

## ***BRaille TRANSCRIPTION CLASSES***

***\*\*This is information about our new braille class this fall. If you know any people who might be interested in learning about this opportunity please feel free to pass this along.***



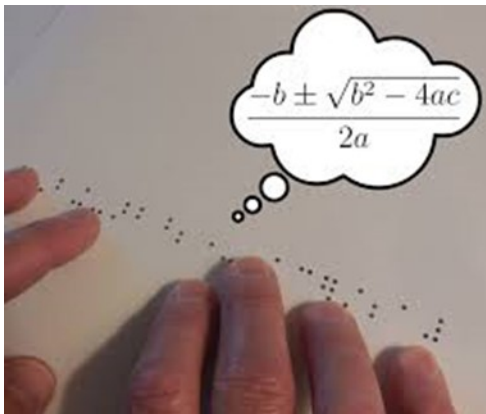
Just because you can't see doesn't mean you can't read. Our trained volunteer braille transcribers prepare and provide books in braille of all kinds; children's stories, school books for all ages (pre-school to grad-school), books for leisure reading, cookbooks, knitting patterns, work related material and much, much more.

You can help make this happen, too! A new class will be starting this Fall, 2021. Come to our informational meeting on Tuesday, September 21st at 4:00pm at 6501 Watts Road, Suite 149 and find out how you can turn print into braille.

All our transcribers take a one year braille transcription course that consists of weekly classes and culminates in certification by the Library of Congress. To learn more about BLTS and the braille transcription course call 608-233-0222 or visit our website at [www.bltsinc.org](http://www.bltsinc.org).

\*\*All CDC Guidelines followed. Vaccination required.

\*\*\*\*\*



### **NEMETH BRAILLE NEWS**

BLTS has been short a certified Nemeth braille transcriber for several years. Occasional we get requests for math transcription and have to turn these requests down. We are fortunate in having a BLTS member who has recently retired and is Nemeth certified. We are very grateful to Lindy Walton for volunteering her time and knowledge to mentor Melody Moore through the process of learning Nemeth braille. We also appreciate Melody's stepping up to take on this demanding task on behalf of BLTS!



Please join us as we celebrate BLTS

# 50 Years of Excellence

1971-2021

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m

Blackhawk Country Club

3606 Blackhawk Drive

Madison, Wisconsin

*Hors d'oeuvres*  
*Cash bar*

Come one, come all to the 50th Anniversary celebration of BLTS. An official invitation will be in your mailbox soon, but in case we missed anyone, accept this as your invitation. If you have any questions, call the office at 608-233-0222. We would really like to see some of our longer term members make the gathering.

Don't miss catching up with friends and, of course talking all things BLTS. So, put it on your calendar.





## TITLES DONE SINCE MARCH 2021



*THANK YOU, BRAILLISTS!*

(page counts follow names)

### For adults

Forgiving Others (Julie Schoepp, 66), Grand Weaver (Kathy Dorn, 348), Robert B Parker's The Bitterest Pill (Bev Pfister, 510), Hometown Tales (Barb Schlinkert, 218), Pigs in the Parlor (Julie Schoepp, 343), Overcoming Rejection (Julie Schoepp, 254), Crisis A Dick Francis Novel (Bev Pfister, 582), Gentle and Lowly (Debbie Hanson, 363), The Answer Is... (Debbie Hanson, 282), A Walk Along the Beach (Debbie Hanson, 528), Ask Again, Yes (Bev Pfister, 681), The Song Poet (Lynn Mack, 442), Lessons From Lucy (Barb Schlinkert, 276), Bruno, Chief of Police (Lisa Stefl, 444), Big Lies in a Small Town (Bev Pfister, 685), Best of Readers Digest, The (Julie Schoepp, 544), When Bad Things Happen to Good People (Bev Pfister, 240)

### For schools, non-profits and businesses

3 MGE Bills and flyers (Kathy Dorn, 29), PUD bills (Kathy Dorn, 18), PUD bill (Kathy Dorn, 8), Climbing Higher Reader (Bev Pfister, 196), Climbing Higher Workbook (Bev Pfister, 176), PUD bill-May (Kathy Dorn, 8), 3 MGE bills and flyers (Kathy Dorn, 25), PUD bill-June (Kathy Dorn, 8), PUD bill-July (Kathy Dorn, 10), 3 MGE bills & flyers (Kathy Dorn, 36), St. Mary's Hospital TV channel guide and menu (Sue Danz, 20), More New Friends Reader (Julie Schoepp, 227)

### Special Projects

LSS Vol 16, Iss 2, Feb 2021 (Joel DeVore, 106), Johnny Cash CD inserts (Barb Schlinkert, 170), Jottings (2) (Barb Schlinkert, 39), 22 print/braille books (Barb Schlinkert, 91), 6 print/braille books (Sue Nelson, 29), LSS Vol 16, Iss 3 March 2021 (Joel DeVore, 110), 3 Medical Brochures (Barb Schlinkert, 46), CD inserts (Barb Schlinkert, 297), Art description (Sue Danz, 18), LSS Vol 16, Iss 4 April 2021 (Joel DeVore, 110), 16 print/braille books (Kathy Dorn, 79), Report (Sue Danz, 6), Big Sister Knitting Pattern (Barb Schlinkert, 42), Daily Reading (Kathy Dorn, 5), CD inserts (various artists) (Sue Nelson, 265), LSS Vol 16, Iss 5, May 2021 (Joel DeVore, 105), Elite Gourmet Manual (Bev Pfister, 28), Panasonic Microwave Oven Owner's Manual (Debbie Hanson, 99), LSS Vol 16, Iss 6, June 2021 (Joel DeVore, 109), The Animal Desk reference Essential Oils for Animals (Julie Schoepp, 1031)

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.

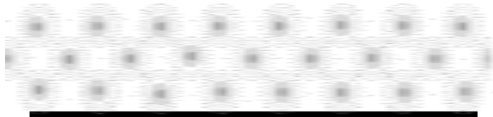
—Erma Bombeck



# DEAR PEARL

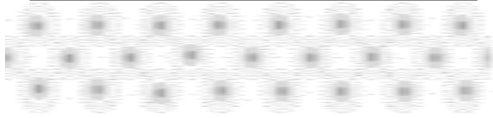


*Newsletter of the Braille Library & Transcribing Services, Inc.*



We're on the web

<http://bltsinc.org/>



## Contributors

Sue Danz  
Patricia Herrling  
Sue Nelson  
Aaron Konkol

Sue Danz, Editor



---

*Answering the Reading Needs of the Blind and Visually Impaired*

---



Office Hours:  
Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Email: [office@bltsinc.org](mailto:office@bltsinc.org)  
Fax: 608-233-0249  
Phone: 608-233-0222  
Madison, WI 53719  
6501 Watts Rd. Ste. 149

**Braille Library & Transcribing Services, Inc.**