

DEAR PEARL

April 2025 Volume LIV- Number 1

Answering the Reading Needs of the Blind and Visually Impaired

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Tuesday May 6, 2025

Social Time: 11:30 a.m. / Lunch: 12:00 p.m. / Speaker: 1:00 p.m.

Imperial Gardens

2039 Allen Blvd., Middleton, WI

\$15 per person to be paid at the meeting

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 23rd



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BLTS invites you to attend its annual luncheon on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Please join us at Imperial Gardens for a buffet lunch. After lunch we will have a speaker from **Wisconsin Braille**. We are excited to hear about this important program and the services they provide. We have a common goal in providing reading material for young children and have already added some of their books to our print braille collection. Their titles have proven to be very popular with our young readers. Learn more about Wisconsin Braille Project at their website: www.wisbrl.org

Following the speaker there will be a brief meeting, award presentation and election of our new Board members. The slate of nominees is included on page 2 of this newsletter.

We encourage all members of the BLTS family to attend. We would love to see you!

Please RSVP to office@bltsinc.org or by phone: 608-233-0222 *by April 23rd* so we can plan accordingly.

Please let us know if you need a ride and we will make arrangements.

President's Report



SAVE THE DATE Tues, May 6th, 11:30am-2:00pm. This is the time we will be holding our annual meeting. It will be a time to reconnect, share, and hear from an interesting speaker (details on page 1 of this newsletter).

During our annual meeting we will hold our Board elections. The slate of nominees is listed below.

Spring is a time of new growth and renewal, and we have had lots of those types of activities during the last year and into the future.

Lindy Walton has led our braille transcribers in a refresh of our knowledge of Braille Formats using the Braille Formats Study Guide. These virtual continuing education classes keep us up to date braille-wise, and in contact with our fellow volunteers. Learning is a continual process. Speaking of which, our current class of braille transcribers are heading towards the finish line this Spring. We hope to welcome them as new volunteers sometime this summer.

Our office has been busy as well with braille production for clients, including many, many Nemeth tactiles for schools thanks to Melody Moore.

We continue to foster connections with our fellow non-profits, including Madison Reading Project, RSVP, Wisconsin Braille, and Wisconsin Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Working together on common goals makes us all stronger.

Our library continues to provide braille reading material for clients all over the United States. Thanks to the Madison Reading Project, Wisconsin Braille, and a Thrivent grant (thanks to volunteer Lynn Mack) we have been able to add many quality books to our collection at no cost.

As always, many thanks to all our volunteers!

Patricia Herrling,
BLTS President



Braille Library & Transcribing Services, Inc. Annual Meeting, May 6, 2025 NOMINATING SLATE

Officers:

President	Patricia Herrling	2025-2027
Vice President	Melody Moore	2025-2026
Secretary	Karen Perzentka	2025-2027
Treasurer	Lori Hanson	2024-2026

Board Members:

Sandy Adams	2024-2026
Dorothy Brar	2024-2026
Sue Nelson	2024-2026
Constance Risjord	2025-2026
Joan Sholdt	2025-2027

Office Staff:

Aaron Konkol — Office Manager
Sue Danz — Braille Coordinator



Lists of Community Donors

Member donations not listed. See [annual report](#) for complete donor list.

Individuals:

Norman & Barbara Berven	Lana Hanlon	Barbara Dillon Kehrein	Burton Kushner
Abigail Loomis	Richard Miller	Mary Nelson	John Ratz
Gerald Ring	Jackie Schmitt	Sanford Weisberger	

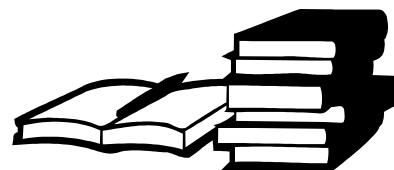
Organizations:

Books International Inc.	Claremont S. Jackman Fdn	Epic Systems
Delta Gamma Fdn.	Faircrest Assoc. Health Fund	Jack Deloss Taylor Trust
McFarland Lioness/Lions Club	Madison Gas & Electric Fdn.	Middleton Lions Club
Pleasant T. Rowland Fdn.	Severson-Cairns American Legion Post 501	Strand Associates
Thrivent Choice Financial	Wisconsin Council of the Blind	Wispect, Inc.



Titles Done Since October 2024

THANK YOU, BRAILLISTS!
(page counts follow names)



For children

The White Giraffe (Bev Pfister, 250), Baker, Baker, Cookie Maker (Sue Nelson,6), Anne of Green Gables (Dorothy Brar, 570), The Donkey who carried a King (Barb Schlinkert, 30), 2 P/B books (Barb Schlinkert, 27), 3 P/B Books (Elizabeth Kanne, 23), 3 P/B Books (Angel Green,20), 3 P/B Books (Dorothy Brar,15), 1 P/B book (Sue Nelson, 12)

For adults

The Christmas Box Miracle (Kathy Dorn, 236), The Christmas Box (Lynn Mack 95), Lessons in Chemistry (Debbie Hanson, 698), First Ladies (Patricia Herrling, 170), Playing Dead (Cherringham #9) (Sue Nelson, 170), Mastering the Art of French Murder (Debbie Hanson, 492), The Second Mrs. Astor (Barb Schlinkert, 568), The Miner’s Song (Barb Schlinkert, 762), A Brother Beloved (Debbie Hanson, 423), Days at the Morisaki Bookshop (Sue Nelson, 240)

For schools, non-profits and businesses

KC Water (Kathy Dorn, 40), Starter History Yesterday in America (Sue Danz, 236), MGE Kathy Dorn, 48), Sheboygan Nemeth & Tactiles (Melody Moore, 302), Sheboygan Nemeth & Tactiles (Melody Moore, 47), MGE (Kathy Dorn, 28), Wis Brl Stakeholder Ltr (Sue Danz, 2), Three Shall Be One (Barb Schlinkert, 413), PUD (Kathy Dorn, 10), KC Water (Kathy Dorn, 40), Our Big World (geography) (Julie Schoepp, 379), MGE (Kath Dorn, 24), PUD (Kathy Dorn, 9), Neil Diamond Musical (Sue Danz, 69)

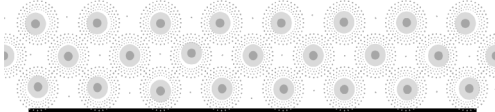
Special Projects

LSS Vol 19 Iss 8 Sept (Joan Sholdt, 98), Favorite Songs and Hymns (Julie Schoepp, 546), LSS Vol 19, Iss 9 Oct 2024 (Joan Sholdt, 98), BLU phone info (Sue Nelson, 38), BLU phone info (Sue Danz, 4), LSS Vol 19, Iss 10 Nov 2024 (Joan Sholdt, 103), LSS Vol 19 Iss 11 Dec 2024 (Joan Sholdt, 104), Medication Lists/Brochures (Sue Danz, 28), living with type 2 diabetes (Barb Schlinkert, 40), Anu Family Services documents (3), Sue Danz (25), The Lion King program (Sue Danz, 107), Various docs for S. Chevrier (Sue Danz, 58), LSS Vol 20 Iss 1 Jan 2025 (Joan Sholdt, 104), LSS Vol 20, Iss 2 Feb 2025 (Joan Sholdt, 106), P/B (2) (Sue Danz, 26), P/B (1) (Dorothy Brar, 7), P/B (3) (Elizabeth Kanne, 26), Tales of the Kingdom (Elizabeth Kanne, 188), The Massage Book (Dorothy Brar, 255), P/B (1) (Dorothy Brar, 12), Geesta Air Fryer Basket for Oven (Barb Schlinkert, 72), A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 (Sue Danz, 194)

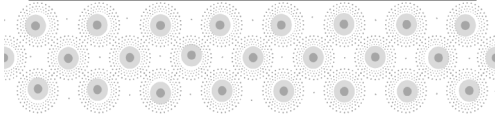


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