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NLS Publishes Biography of Blind Activist

Blind Justice: Jacobus tenBroek and the Vision of Equality by Floyd Matson explores the life and work of Jacobus tenBroek (1911-1968). Blinded by an arrow at age seven, tenBroek spent his life crusading for the rights of the blind. Eventually tenBroek earned a law degree and went on to hold a university teaching position. In addition, he was a pioneer in organizing the blind community, encouraging them to fight for their constitutional rights.

The author Floyd Matson is a professor of American Studies at the University of Hawaii and was a friend and collaborator of tenBroek's. He writes of his friend:

“Equality, for tenBroek, was the last great goal of democracy yet to be accomplished—the hope deferred, the one true thing demanding to be realized in the world. His own life was an unrelenting battle for equality not just for himself as a blind man but also for all disabled and dispossessed, the invisible people of the earth.”

This book is available on cassette (RC059656) and in Braille (BR015863).

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National Braille Press Releases New Biography of Louis Braille's Life

On March 6, 2006, the National Braille Press released *Louis Braille: A Touch of Genius* by C. Michael Mellor. The book contains 31 never-before-translated letters (some written by Louis's own hand), documents, photographs and artistic works. The biography explores Braille's life as a child, student, teacher, musician and genius inventor.

The Pinellas Talking Book Library has the book available in regular print (not large print) and Braille. Please call the library for more details.

Danielle Steel Read-a-likes



If you like Danielle Steel books, you might like reading one of the following authors from a list compiled by the North Tampa Branch Library. Give us a call, and we can add them to your favorite authors list:

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Barbara Delinsky

Kristin Hannah

Judith McNaught

Karen Robards

Nancy Thayer

Laura Van Wormer

Sally Beauman

Diane Chamberlain

Barbara Freethy

Jayne Ann Krentz

Doris Mortman

Katherine Stone

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Library Closing Dates

Friday, April 14 for Spring Holiday

Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day



MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Donations, Bequests and In Memoriam gifts to the Pinellas Talking Book Library are used to help defray costs of operating the library. We use funds prudently and reserve the money for development of collections not provided by NLS, special equipment needs, and volunteer recognition. Thank you to all the kind people who have shown their appreciation by giving these gifts. All monetary gifts are acknowledged with a thank you letter.

Please send and make checks payable to: Pinellas Talking Book Library, 1330 Cleveland Street, Clearwater, FL 33755-5103.

We also receive notes and letters on a regular basis that express how important this program is to the people we serve. Our volunteers and staff love these notes, and we use them to support our grant requests. Letters expressing the need to maintain a local talking book library support our continued presence in Pinellas County. Please keep the notes and letters coming!