Wolfner Talking
Book and Braille
Library
That All May Read
Wolfner Library

About Wolfner Library & Its Patrons
Wolfner Library has served print-disabled Missourians since 1938.
Wolfner Library is Supported by…

• Federal Funding
• State General Revenue
• The Friends of Wolfner Library
• Library Users of Missouri of the Missouri Council for the Blind (MCB)
• And other affiliates
Approximately 2.4 percent of Missourians have vision difficulties...

(Source: American Fact Finder)
Over 15% of Missourians have a form of physical disability that may prevent them from reading standard printed materials.

(Source: American Fact Finder)
Less than 10% of books published annually are accessible to print-disabled individuals.

(Source: World Blind Union)
Reviewing the numbers...

- 13,000+ Individual Patrons
- 2 years to 105 years
- 61% Over 65
- Average age 68
- 2,100+ Institutions
Reviewing the numbers...

- Wolfner Library’s yearly circulation rate: 500,000 titles circulated/year
- Average circulation rate in Missouri: 367,959

Wolfner Library users are avid readers!
Qualifying for Services
Who Qualifies for Service?

- Blind or Visually Impaired
- Physically Disabled
- Reading Disabled
- Institutions and Schools
Application Process

- Apply
- Certify
- Return
Who Can Certify Potential Patrons?

- Librarians
- Rehabilitations Teachers
- Counselors
- Case Workers
- Social Workers
- Therapists
- Registered Nurses
- Optometrists
- Ophthalmologists
- Doctors of Medicine or Osteopathy*
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Patron Services
Our Reader Advisors are our resident experts with over 137 cumulative years of experience helping patrons.
Additional Services...

- Reference Assistance
- Youth Services
- Wolfner Newsletter
- NFB Newsline
- Recommended Reading Lists
- Foreign Language Materials
Wolfner Library
Recording Studio...

- Missouri Authors
- Books About Missouri
- Missouri Setting
- MASL Award Books
- Building Block Award Books
Materials are shipped...  

...at no cost!
Wolfner Library

Programming Services for Patrons
Adult Winter Reading Program

- Runs January-March
- Patrons vote on the theme
- 2017 theme: Passport to Adventure
- Customized recommended reading list
- Prizes to top three readers
Book Clubs for Adults

- Started in May, 2016
- Conducted via conference call
- Each club meets once a month
- Three clubs offered
Novel Reads Club

- General fiction
- Upcoming on October 13th:
Big Ideas Book Club

- General nonfiction
- Upcoming on October 27th:

*GIVE US THE BALLOT*
Ari Berman

THE MODERN STRUGGLE FOR VOTING RIGHTS IN AMERICA
Good Books Book Club

• Mild reads titles
  – Little-to-no sex, violence, and strong language

• Upcoming on October 20th:

MILD READS

THE GIRL WHO CAME HOME
A Novel of the Titanic
Youth Summer Reading Program

In 2016
104 Participants
71 Completed
68% Completion Rate

Highest participation recorded to date
Wolfner Library’s Racing to Read Early Literacy Program for the Visually Impaired
Racing to Read Early Literacy Program: Qualifications

- Patron of Wolfner Library
- Between birth and 6 years old
Racing to Read Early Literacy Program: How it Works

- Register
- Bi-Monthly Kits
  - Early Literacy Information
  - Print/Braille Books
  - Early Literacy Manipulatives
Racing to Read Early Literacy Program: Skills

- Touching and Sensing
- Rhyming and Singing
- Playing with Books
- Letters and Dots
- Telling a Story
- Words Everywhere
Wolfner Library’s
Teen Poetry Contest

• Patron of Wolfner Library
• Between the ages of 13 to 18
• Release Form Required
• Submit original poem(s) between October 15th and December 12th
Teen Poetry Contest: Prizes

• Poem published in Wolfner Library’s Spring Newsletter
• Receive a Wolfie plushie
• Poem will be recorded and brailled
Veteran Home Project

• Pilot Program
  – Current participants:
    – Mexico
    – Warrensburg

• Deposit collections within homes
Wolfner Library

Materials Offered
Book Formats

- Large Print
- Braille
- Print/Braille for Children
- Digital Audio Cartridges
- Digital Audio Downloads
- Web Braille
Cartridges & Talking Book Players

Standard player  Advanced player
Additional Accessories

- Breath Switch
- Headphones
- High Volume Player with Headphones
- Pillow Speaker
- Remote Control Unit
- Solar Panel Battery Charger
BARD provides downloads via personal computer or mobile apps.

80,000+ Digital Books & 70+ Digital Magazines
Our Collection Includes:

Fiction

- Debbie Macomber: Last One Home
- Rick Riordan: The Trials of Apollo
- Beverly Lewis: The River
- Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison: The Emperor's Revenge
- William W. Johnstone: The First Mountain Man Preacher's Slaughter
- Jacqueline Winspear: Journey to Munich
Nonfiction
Magazines
Descriptive DVDs

1. The Longest Ride
2. The Quiet Man
3. Frozen
4. Mr. Peabody & Sherman
5. Jack Reacher
Print/Braille Games
Music

- Braille Sheet Music
- Large Print Sheet Music
- Web Braille Sheet Music
- Music Theory and Appreciation Recordings
- Master Class Recordings
- 6 dedicated Music Magazines
Loan Periods

• Books (any format): 6 weeks
• Audio Magazines: 6 weeks
• Descriptive DVDS: 2 weeks
• Print/Braille Games: 2 weeks; can renew for 1 additional week
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How Patrons Select Materials
Ways to select material

- Ordering from Catalogs
- Request Online/Phone
- System Selection Based on Preferences and Availability
Bibliographies & Catalogs

• Wolfner Library offers over 30 themed adult and youth recommended reading lists

• NLS Produced Catalogs
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Technology Petting Zoo

• Wolfner Library Technology will be available, including,
  – Digital Players
  – iPad and Samsung Tablet to demo BARD
  – Refreshable Braille Display with iPad
  – Descriptive DVDs

• Amy will be available from 2:00-3:00

• Lisa will be available from 3:00-4:00
Questions?