



TRAVERSE AREA DISTRICT  
LIBRARY

# Talking Book Library

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## ***Braille and Talking-Book Program Embraces New Braille Code***

### ***Unified English Braille Makes Print-to-Braille Translation Easier***

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), part of the Library of Congress, will implement the Unified English Braille (UEB) code on Jan. 4, 2016—the 207th birthday of Louis Braille. "This is the first extensive change to the English braille code, a major literacy tool, since the 1930s," said NLS Director Karen Keninger. "The new code will be especially beneficial to students and other users of technology. It resolves persistent translation errors that occur when, for example, a student's work is translated to print for a teacher to read, or when print material is translated to braille." Those who use computers, smartphones, e-books and texting features will find it very useful.

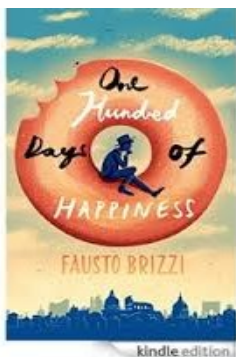
The code, which has been adopted by seven other English-speaking countries, brings the braille code into the computer age. "UEB is not much different from the English Braille American Edition that we've been using," Keninger said. UEB uses the same six-dot cell pattern as the present code, but drops some contractions, uses different spacing rules, and allows for transliterating a wider array of symbols.

Beginning Jan. 4, 2016, all books added to the braille collection will be produced in UEB. "Current patrons should make the transition easily as the new code builds on the old system," said Keninger. Existing braille books will remain in the collection and be available. The UEB books are not expected to be available from the collection for at least six months.

***Patrons will not need to change their equipment.***

# Tuesdays @ Two UPCOMING BOOK CLUB MEETINGS IN THE MCGUIRE ROOM

**Tuesday, January 26**  
2:00-3:30 pm



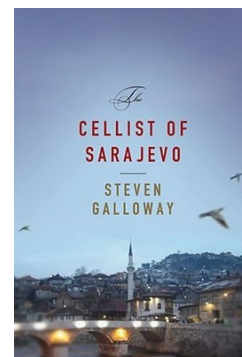
**100 Days of Happiness**  
Fausto Brizzi  
DB82342

**Tuesday, February 23**  
2:00-3:30 pm



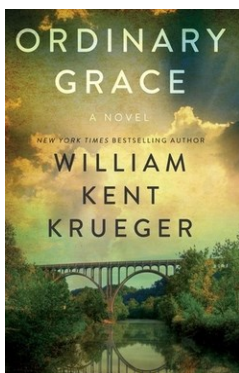
**Big Magic**  
Elizabeth Gilbert  
DB82605

**Tuesday, March 29**  
2:00-3:30 pm



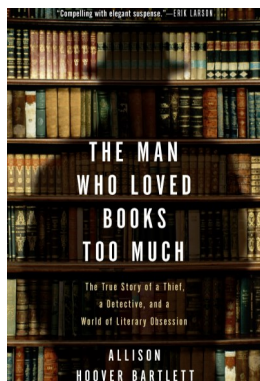
**The Cellist of Sarajevo**  
Steven Galloway  
DB70447

**Tuesday, April 26**  
2:00-3:30 pm



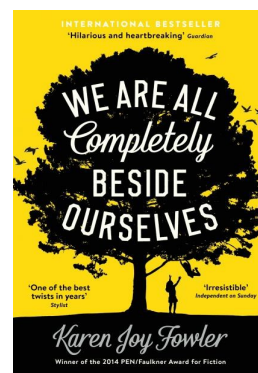
**Ordinary Grace**  
William Kent Krueger  
DB78187

**Tuesday, May 31**  
2:00-3:30 pm



**The Man Who Loved Books Too Much**  
Allison Hoover Bartlett  
DB72385

**Tuesday, June 28**  
2:00-3:30 pm



**We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves**  
Karen Joy Fowler  
DB76947

## **We Want To Hear From You 2015 Talking Book Library Survey**

**We need your help to improve our service. Take a moment to complete this survey and let us know what you think. Just fold it over and pop it in the mail, postage is already provided.**

**If you need assistance please give us a call and we can assist you over the phone 1-877-931-8558 or 231-932-8558. We want to learn from you.**

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**Please circle one.**

**1. Number of books you are sent:**

**Excellent   Very Good   Good   Fair   Poor**

**2. Speed with which books are sent to you:**

**Excellent   Very Good   Good   Fair   Poor**

**3. Condition of the books you receive:**

**Excellent   Very Good   Good   Fair   Poor**

**4. Ease of contacting us:**

**Excellent   Very Good   Good   Fair   Poor**

**5. Would you be interested in joining the Talking Book Library's Book Club by calling in via conference call?**

**Yes   No**

**6. Do you know all your Talking Book Topics requests whether mailed or called in are processed here in Traverse City?**

**Yes   No**

**\*If not, here is the address and phone number:**

**Talking Book Library, 610 Woodmere Avenue Traverse City, MI 49686**

**1-877-931-8558 Toll Free or 231-932-8558**

**In place of a stamp, on your correspondence write in,**

**FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND** where the stamp would go.

**7. Do you know that any communication for your account is handled out of Traverse City?**

**Yes   No**

**8. Do you have internet service at your home/residence?**

**Yes   No**

9. Do you own a personal device, iPhone, iPad, iPod, or Android such as a Galaxy, Nexus, Kindle Tablet etc.?

Yes No

10. Have you registered to use the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) program?

Yes No

Please share your BARD suggestions or questions with us:

11. Do you know your Talking Book Library has iPads to lend so you can evaluate whether one would be useful to you?

Yes No

12. Would you be interested in borrowing one?

Yes No

13. Did you know to remain an active TBL patron you MUST check out one book/magazine a year? (This does include BARD.)

Yes No

Please share any ideas/comments to provide you better service:

Thank you!

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

If you stated on the survey that you are interested in learning more about using a personal device like a phone or tablet. We would welcome your call.

The Talking Book Library currently holds a **Book Club Discussion group** the last Tuesday of the month from 2-3:30pm. This is known as "**Tuesdays @ Two**". Would you be interested in joining us from home by calling in? If so please call 1-877-931-8558 or 231-932-8558 so we can accommodate you.

**Overdue notices:** Many of you have already called in response to receiving overdue notices. If you haven't called yet but have a question about your account, please call us so that we can assist you.

**Circulation:** Books have a circulation time of 4 weeks. It is nice to have them returned within that time frame so that others can enjoy them.

**Requests-Books-Questions-Inquiries:** Knowing you get information from NLS (National Library Service), Talking Book Topics, InFocus (the state wide newsletter) and Traverse City Talking Book Library it can be a little confusing knowing who to contact. Please make sure all your notes, requests, inquiries are sent to Mary or Lue in Traverse City. Talking Book Library 610 Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49686 or give us a call at 1-877-931-8558 or 231-932-8558.

Although many of your books are mailed from the warehouse in Lansing, Traverse City is where all your requests are initiated. Please make sure you are contacting Mary or Lue so your service is handled as quickly as possible.



## ***Holiday Closure Dates***

**Thursday, November 26~Thanksgiving**

**Thursday, December 24~Christmas Eve Close 1:00pm**

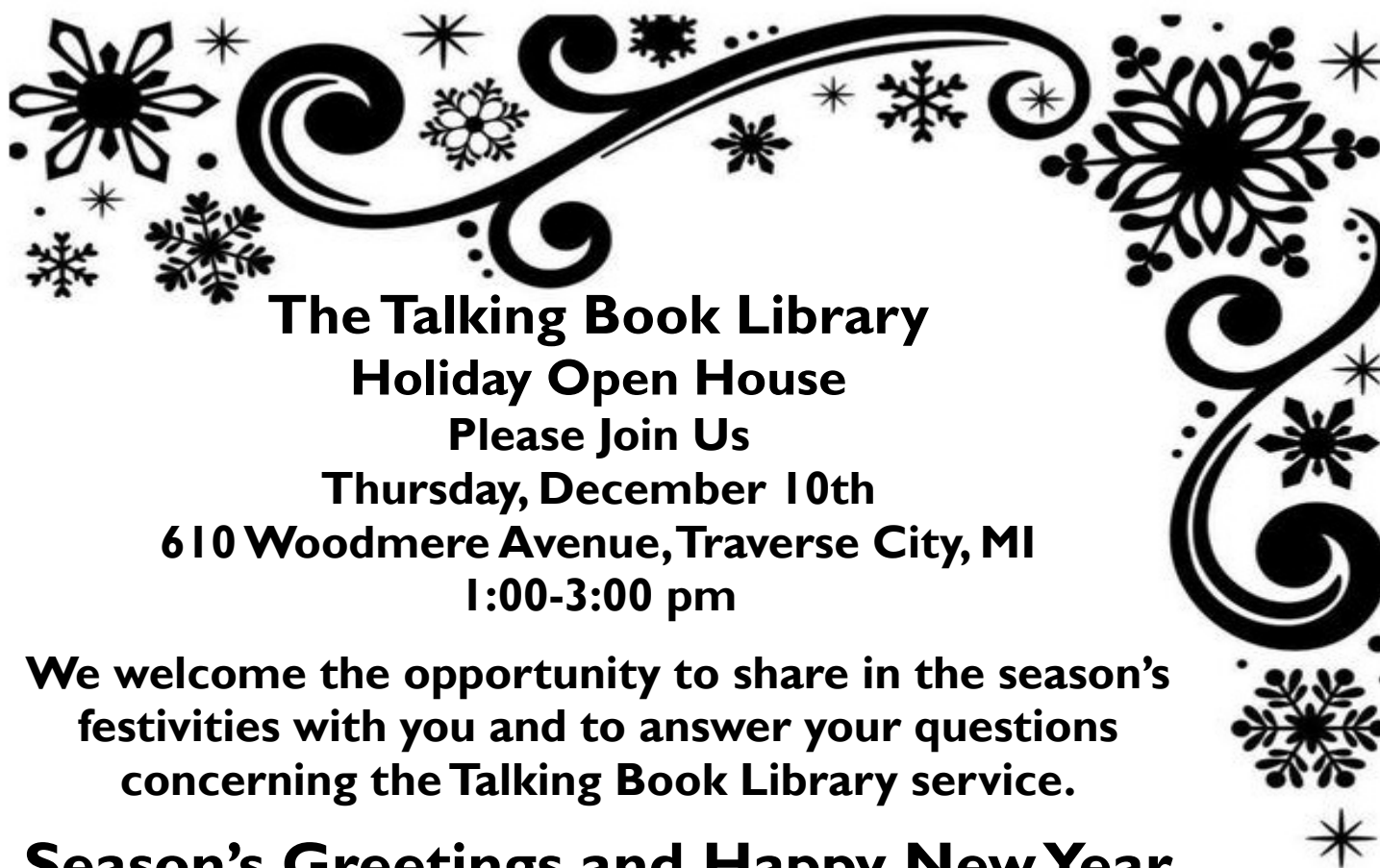
**Friday, December 25~Christmas**

**Thursday, December 31~New Year's Eve Close 4:00pm**

**Friday, January 1~New Year's Day**

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**The Talking Book Library**  
**Holiday Open House**  
**Please Join Us**  
**Thursday, December 10th**  
**610 Woodmere Avenue, Traverse City, MI**  
**1:00-3:00 pm**

**We welcome the opportunity to share in the season's  
festivities with you and to answer your questions  
concerning the Talking Book Library service.**

**Season's Greetings and Happy New Year**