

National Library Service for the
Blind and Physically Handicapped

80th Anniversary Celebration of Talking Books

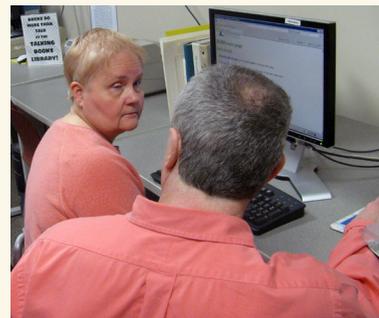
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Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam presented a proclamation during the **Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH)**'s July 6 celebration at the state capitol in Nashville. "I'm pleased to celebrate what this organization has done in our state over the past four decades," Haslam said. "This program has allowed . . . citizens to read, when otherwise they wouldn't be able to." **Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett** also attended the NLS-recognized event. Read the Associated Press story at <http://www.wsmv.com/story/15031389/library-for-the-blind-to-be-commemorated>. Kudos to LBPH director **Ruth Hemphill** for spearheading the event!



The **Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library** has set up a year-long schedule of rotating displays at public libraries in Milwaukee County to commemorate the 80th anniversary of NLS. Management librarian **Enid Gruszka** sent this photo of one display.

More than 85 people attended the **Worcester (MA) Talking Book Library**'s open house on April 16. Visitors saw demonstrations of the standard and advanced NLS digital talking-book machines and BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download service; tried adaptive equipment such as JAWS and braille embossers; and learned about services offered by the library. In this photo, reader advisor **Michael Howard** coaches patron **Deborah Dymek** on downloading digital books from BARD.



The **South Carolina State Library's Talking Book Service (TBS)** recognized its volunteers at a celebration on April 6. Acknowledgements were given by **Pamela Davenport**, TBS director; **David Goble**, state librarian; and **Naomi Bradey**, TBS volunteer coordinator. **Shannon Cook**, a TBS advisory board member and patron, spoke about what TBS has meant to her for the three decades she has used the service.

To share your event with the network, e-mail Jane Caulton at jcau@loc.gov.



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