

# HOUR GLASS

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## MARTA to provide service to GLASS

A wonderful event has taken place for GLASS patrons. On April 30, MARTA bus number 393 began stopping at GLASS. The bus route is Oakland City Station, Deckner Road and Sylvan Road, and Lakewood Station.

Southbound buses leave Oakland City Station every half-hour on the half-hour between 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.; every half-hour on the quarter-hour between 10:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.; and on the half-hour between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.. Northbound buses leave Lakewood Station every half-hour on the quarter-hour between 5:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.; every half-hour on the half-hour between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and on the half-hour every quarter-hour between 4:15 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

"We are very pleased that MARTA listened to our concerns and added this route," said GLASS Director Stella Cone. "Thank you to all the patrons who called MARTA to request this addition. I hope to see more of you at the library." ■

## NFB issues invitation to join mentoring program

National Federation of the Blind of Georgia (NFBGA) is initiating a new program and requesting your assistance. The Georgians Empowered through Mentoring Success is a mentoring program of NFBGA for blind youth between the ages of 16 and 26. This is a new statewide program, which is a

collaboration between the National Federation of the Blind's Jernigan Institute, NFBGA, and the Georgia Department of Labor, Rehabilitation Services. It is being administered through the Jernigan Institute's National Center for Mentoring Excellence (NCME).

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# Mentoring

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NCME was established through a five-year research and development grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration. Its goal is to develop model mentoring programs based on established best practices for mentoring that can be replicated throughout the country.

The Georgians Empowered through Mentoring Success (GEMS) program will match blind and low-vision young adults with positive blind role models who demonstrate good blindness skills, incorporate an exemplary philosophy on blindness into their daily lives and are successful in their chosen careers.

Through the mentoring relationship, blind and low-vision adults will offer their expertise, experience and ideas to young adults. By taking part in the mentoring program, participants will have the

opportunity to build a personal relationship with a positive blind role model, learn firsthand how other blind people lead successful lives and achieve their goals, develop friendships with other blind and low-vision young adults and have fun taking part in activities they never expected they could do! The mentoring relationships will develop over time and increase young adults' understanding of possibilities, while promoting positive self-awareness and an optimistic outlook on life.

NFBGA invites and encourages you to consider participating in the GEMS program and to be a beneficiary of the wonderful outcomes it fosters. Please contact Shanti Aaron, state coordinator, GEMS program at [saaron@nfbga.org](mailto:saaron@nfbga.org) or 404-371-1000, ext 35. You may also find a description of the GEMS program at [www.nfbga.org/gems](http://www.nfbga.org/gems). GLASS staff members can also provide you with brochures for distribution. ■

## Beverly Williams and Stella Cone attend conferences

Beverly Williams, Atlanta-Metro subregional manager, and Stella Cone, director of GLASS, attended the first-ever NLS Southern and Northern regions joint conference at the Maryland Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Baltimore in May. Featured at the conference were discussions on the digital conversion program, alternative shelving programs for cassette and digital books, and technologies to expand patron reading choices. Stella also attended the annual KLAS user's conference at the Jacksonville (Fla.) Talking Book Library in June to help prepare for the digital conversion of the talking books programs. ■

## New travel selections available this month

### **RC 61293 and RC 62606**

#### **Barrier-Free Travel: A Nuts and Bolts Guide for Wheelers and Slow Walkers**

Author: Candy Harrington

Description: The **RC 61293** edition of Barrier-Free Travel, revised after Sept. 11, 2001, contains updates on access-related rules and regulations and airport security procedures that apply to wheelchair users and slow walkers. Covers travel with wheeler kids, tips and tools for planning a trip and expanded sections on cruises and resources. The **RC 62606** edition is a guide to 100 American lodgings that the author deems accessible and welcoming to people with impaired mobility. Reviews inns, bed-and-breakfasts, a safari park, a dude ranch and other small facilities, detailing accessibility features including sleeping and bathroom accommodations. Lists properties by state and provides sightseeing suggestions.

### **RC 50042**

#### **Cases**

Author: Joe Gores Main

Description: In 1953, 21-year-old Pierce "Dunc" Duncan rides the rails looking for adventure. He soon finds it when he lands on a chain gang and witnesses a murder. Dunc flees to Mexico, hitches to Las Vegas and ends up at a San Francisco detective agency. Strong language, some

descriptions of sex and some violence. Two cassettes.

### **RC 52405**

#### **Travels With My Aunt**

Authors: Graham Green

Description: Retired banker Henry Pulling, a sheltered bachelor, encounters spry Aunt Augusta at his mother's funeral. When she persuades Henry to leave his gardening and accompany her on some journeys, Henry's adventures begin. This book contains some of Greene's funniest writing. Two cassettes.

### **BR 14074**

#### **Takeoffs and Landings**

Author: Margaret Peterson Haddix

Description: Chuck, a fat and insecure 15-year-old, and his popular 14-year-old sister, Lori, leave their grandparents' farm to accompany their mother — a famous motivational speaker — on a professional tour. Over the next two weeks, the family begins to reconcile its differences and its guilt over the father's death. For junior and senior high readers. 2001.

One volume of contracted press Braille. Also available from Web-Braille as a contracted Braille digital file. Users must register with their respective cooperating libraries. Electronic file info.: <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/br.14074v01> Volume 1. Links: Volume 1. ■

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## Advisory council meets

The quarterly meeting of the Library Consumer Advisory Council (LCAC) was held June 11 at GLASS. Garrick Scott, president, called the meeting to order. LCAC members received a report from GLASS Director Stella Cone on the progress to establish a library at the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System main branch. Discussions are in progress on the space needs of the subregional, its hours of operation and its technology needs. Scott led a discussion on council responsibilities and potential members. The next meeting will also be at GLASS, from 10 a.m. until noon on Sept. 10. ■



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