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75th Anniversary of the NLS

March 3, 2006 will mark the 75th anniversary of the passage of the Pratt-Smoot Act which established the National Library Service and the Talking Book Library Program. The first talking books to appear at libraries were on 12 inch, 33 1/2 rpm records. The cassette books of today have replaced the records of yesterday and the National Library Service is now preparing for the future today by bringing digital technology to the Talking Books Program. Digital Talking Books will offer better sound quality, easier navigation, be more durable, and lighter. Transition to the Digital Talking Books is planned to begin in 2008 with production of 20,000 books and 50,000 playback machines. The transition from the cassettes books to digital talking books is expected to take at least five years to complete.

Need Recorded Textbooks?

The National Library Service does not record textbooks. Contact the New Jersey headquarters of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic toll free at **1-800-221-4792** if you need textbooks. A one-time only registration fee of \$65 plus \$35 per year membership fee entitles you to an unlimited number of textbook requests.

BLIND VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Blind Veterans Association (BVA) assists blind or legally blind veterans, with a variety of blindness related issues and resources. To receive a bi-monthly newsletter and more information regarding BVA, call 1-800-669-7079.

Do You Like to Read Magazines?

We have many different titles available for adults and children. For a listing of magazines available to our patrons call 1-888-263-0769 or 706-236-4618.

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Georgia Council of the Blind–Rome will be meeting Friday, March 24, 2006 at 11:00am in the Etowah Room of the Sara Hightower Library, Rome, GA. For more information please call Marsha Farrow at 706-857-4221.

National Federation of the Blind-Rome will be meeting Tuesday, March 21, 2006 from 3:00pm-4:00pm at Disability Link, 411 Broad Street, Rome, GA. For more information please call Tonia Clayton at 706-232-3111.

Bright Eyes Blind and Low Vision Support Group of Carroll County will be holding a meeting Thursday, April 20, 2006 from 11am-1pm in the Family Life Center of Bethany Christian Church, Carrollton, GA. The guest speaker will be Dana Gant from Southeastern Guide Dog. For more information please call Kevin Brown at 770-214-8803 or 770-289-1734 or email at brighteyes@charter.net

Do you have a guide dog or are you interested in more information about service animals? An informational meeting will be held March 21, 2006 from 11am-12pm at Disability Link, 411 Broad Street, Rome, GA. For more information please call Tonia Clayton at 706-232-3111.

Contact Information:

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