



Winter 2007

# CTBL News

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Colorado Talking Book Library • Denver

## Highlighting the 9Health Fair

CTBL plans to host a 9Health Fair on April 17th at the library, which will be focused around the needs of the print disabled community. Before we can secure our 9Health Fair date, we need a medical professional to volunteer as our site's Medical Coordinator. This person will assist in maintaining the medical integrity of our site, and will oversee all medical aspects of the fair. Any licensed RN, paramedic, physician assistant and other qualified medical professionals can apply for this position.

In addition, we will have non-medical volunteers that will assist in filling out the forms and movement around the building. We are very excited about this opportunity! We are looking for volunteers, both medical and non-medical, to help us on that day. If you know of someone who might be interested in helping CTBL, please let them know and ask them to call the library and speak with Zena or Terri. We really need a medical professional who would be willing to be our Medical Coordinator!

Look for more details in the spring if you are interested in using our site for a 9Health Fair visit. Also 9Health Fairs are held across the state so you can look for one in your area. If you need help in finding one, you can call the library.

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## From the Director—

In August I attended the annual Summer Symposium of the Colorado Planned Giving Roundtable. I learned lots about planned giving and this is an area that I will be working on in the upcoming year. We have been pretty informal with our approach up to now and my goal is to become more professional moving forward.

Thanks for your patience and forbearance to all whose names we have forgotten on our annual list of donors. We now have proper software that tracks all donations so this should not happen in the future.

I intend to establish a planned giving society which needs a great name so if you have ideas on that, please feel free to call me with them. If you are interested in assisting me in this area, I would be happy for the help.

Debbi

(Contributors to The Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library and The Colorado Talking Book Library—

An additional way to contribute to either the Friends or to CTBL is through a charitable bequest as part of a will or through life insurance. You do not have to rewrite your current document but can add a written amendment called a codicil. Such a bequest only becomes irrevocable at your death. Giving to the library helps support the programs and service we provide to our patrons.)

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## Outreach

The fall is always busy for outreach. Debbi continues to visit with many vision support groups. She attended the Low Vision Expo in Grand Junction, an Expo in Colorado Springs sponsored by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Metro State's Disability Day and the Low Vision Seminar at Lutheran Hospital in Lakewood. Alex represented CTBL at the Possibilities Fair sponsored by CCB in Denver and a 9Health Fair event at the St Mary's School in Greeley.

If you would like Debbi to visit a support group, meet with a group or know of an event that CTBL should attend, please contact her.

## Tech Talk—Unabridged

Over the last several months we continue to increase our participation in the digital book download program known as Unabridged. We want to remind our patrons again of the program bringing books directly to your computer. The Unabridged collection now contains 1,688 titles and 1,918 copies. Call the library for more information.

Michael Jones writes "The unabridged service is wonderful. Books and old time radio programs are available to download so I can enjoy them immediately. I really enjoy this service."

<http://unabridged.lib.overdrive.com/>

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## Upcoming Events of Interest

- **The Colorado Center for the Blind** invites blind adults, children and their families to participate in two-day training seminars in Sterling and Montrose in the spring of 2007. Don't let blindness, visual impairment, or low vision limit your life! Learn the techniques and strategies for independence! Learn new ways to get things done in the kitchen and methods for traveling independently. Learn about technology (low and high-tech) that can help keep you involved in your community.

For information on dates or to register for the upcoming seminar, please call Lorinda Riddle at 303-778-1130 extension 236 or email her at [lriddle@cocenter.org](mailto:lriddle@cocenter.org).

- **TRI IT Camp for Women: A Workshop for Blind Athletes and Sighted Guides**—April 19-22, 2007 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado

This is a fun 3-day instructional camp aimed at introducing visually impaired women and sighted guides to the sport of triathlon. Participants will be introduced to basic swim, bike, and run/walk skills necessary to complete a sprint triathlon. Sighted guides and blind athletes will learn the fundamentals of swimming together with a bungee cord, riding together on a tandem bicycle, and running together with a tether. We encourage any visually impaired women to recruit and bring their own sighted guides.

The cost of \$250 per participant will include lodging, food, and training. For more information contact Nancy Stevens at [nstevens@sopris.net](mailto:nstevens@sopris.net) or call 970-945-2171.

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- **The Achilles Track Club**—is coming to Denver!  
<http://achillestrackclub.org>

Achilles is a running club which enables people who are visually impaired or have other physical disabilities to participate in recreational and/or competitive running. We are planning to meet once or twice a week in the Denver metro area. Each participant can run or walk as much or as little as he/she wants and will be matched with a volunteer to guide him/her. Participants can come for a quick jog outside or can begin training for 5 or 10K races or even marathons.

Please contact Susan Wolff at [achillesclubdenver@gmail.com](mailto:achillesclubdenver@gmail.com) or 303-552-5408 to learn more. Susan was active in the New York City chapter of Achilles and is excited about bringing this organization to Denver!

## Goodbye to Tonya—

After five years as a Reader Advisor at CTBL Tonya Jilling left to pursue a new chapter in her life. She was married at the end of December and hopes to start a Masters Degree. For many years at the Volunteer Recognition Brunch she played the harp and treated us to festive holiday music. Join me in sending congratulations and good luck!

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## Volunteer News

The Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library held their annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch at the Lakewood Country Club on December 2nd. This year's event was a very special opportunity to honor one of our long-time volunteers.

Louise Lederhos was honored by The Colorado Talking Book Library, Radio Reading Service of the Rockies, and the reading of a proclamation from Governor Owens. The proclamation highlighted many of the important accomplishments Louise has reached during the thirty years she has served as a narrator of talking books for CTBL.

Louise has participated in many aspects of the volunteer program since she joined the Colorado Talking Book Library in 1976. She has served on the Volunteer Advisory Council, assisted with the Reach Out Service to new patrons of the library, and was elected to the Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library Board of Directors. Louise helped draft the handbook for CTBL studio volunteers and often assisted in training new volunteers.

Louise's talent as a narrator is unsurpassed. It is always a delight to listen to her narration whether she is reading a mystery, romance novel, local history, or a children's book. A recent search of our files has identified more than 75 books, magazines, and other projects recorded by Louise in the CTBL studio. Many of those projects are still available in the Colorado Collection.

Congratulations, Louise, we look forward to listening to many more books as only you can narrate them!

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## Volunteer Awards

CTBL celebrates the volunteers who have provided many years of service to our patrons by assisting our staff in nearly every area of the Library. Thank you and congratulations, once again, for all your wonderful years of support.

**5 Year Awards:** Dorothy Cichowski, Bob Henderson,  
Norm Jones, David Nielsen, Ruth Ward,  
Dorothy Wiens, Don Wiens

**10 Year Awards:** Lou Andre, Barbara Flowers, Elisabeth Maus,  
Robert Olson, Kathleen Pelley, Larry Saltzman

**15 Year Awards:** Mickey James, Joanne Rudoff

**20 Year Awards:** Wayne Corley, Richard Iversen, Maurice Miller,  
Norton Nielsen

**25 Year Awards:** Ernie Clark

**30 Year Awards:** Louise Lederhos



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# Volunteer Brunch



Above: Nancy Stevens



Right: Louise Lederhos

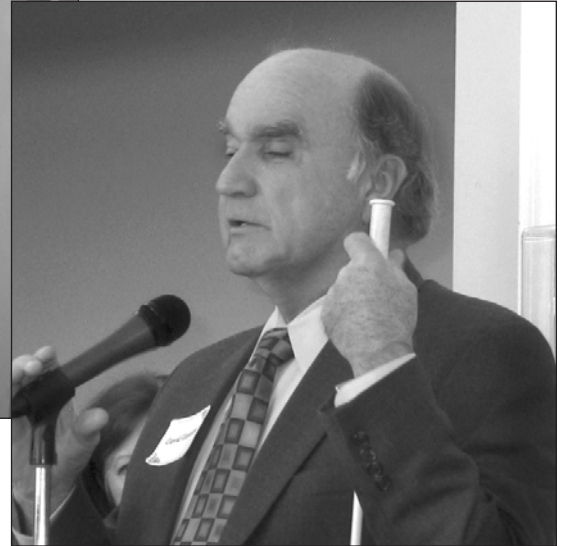






Left: Tonya Jilling

Below: David Dawson



## Collection News

New large print books continue to arrive almost daily but no new descriptive video movies have arrived. Here are three new audio books added into the Colorado Collection:

**CC 8036\*\***

**Easy Money**

Author: Jenny Siler \*\*Narrator: Louise Lederhos

Alison Kerry, the daughter of a Florida drug runner, has her own shady past that brings her into contact with murder. Allie has a killer on her trail, and a "hot" computer disk in her pocket, and she's running for her life across the great Northwest, to the heartlands of America where a horrifying truth is buried.

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### **CC 8032\*\***

#### **Going Over East: Reflections of a Woman Rancher**

Author: Linda Hasselstrom \*\*Narrator: Marilyn Cheney

Gate by gate, Hasselstrom guides readers through the physical and emotional landscape of going over east to summer pasture. With each stop, she makes a nostalgic foray into the past, discusses the routine demands of her family's cow-calf operation, pays loving tribute to a favorite old horse and celebrates the wildlife and silent dignity of deserted homesteads. In her new epilogue, she offers readers a look at the distance she and the land have traveled since this classic was first published in 1987.

### **CC 8031\*\***

#### **Fire Line: The Summer Battles of the West**

Author: Michael Thoele \*\*Narrator: Don Bennallack

Thoele looks at the entire world of Western wildfire, with a strong, human-interest focus on the self-described adventurers and adrenaline junkies who go to battle in the West's annual summer war. Both rural and urban in scope, it covers wilderness fires that rage in such places as Alaska and Yellowstone National Park to the "urban interface" fires that sweep out of the mountains and into neighborhoods in such places as Los Angeles and Oakland, California.

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## Mailroom News

Patrons, please look around your residence and return any books that you are finished reading. Timely return of books and materials means others can read the book without having to wait.

CTBL inspects all of the books mailed back to us. However, you may occasionally receive a damaged or incomplete book. Helping us identify these books ensures the problems will be fixed and not recirculated back to patrons.

If you receive a **defective** book, place a rubber band around any damaged cassette. Place the item on top in the mailing container, turn the mailing card over so the red side shows and the hole punch is in the upper left corner, check the box marked DAMAGED, near the hole punch and return the book.

If you receive an **incomplete** book, place all the tapes and a note in the mailing container, turn the mailing card over so the red side shows and return the book.

Please call a Reader Advisor if you would like a replacement copy.

**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2007:  
Mondays, January 15th and February 19th**

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