

Highlighting—Magazines on Cartridge

Early in 2013, NLS will convert audio magazines from cassette tapes to digital cartridges. The new distribution system will involve sending multiple magazines on a single cartridge, if you are subscribed to more than one magazine. These cartridges must be returned, just like books, by flipping the mailcard on the container. Non-return of cartridges will result in suspension of magazine service. All audio magazines are also available for download from the BARD website.

If you have not been receiving magazines while waiting for the transition, you can get set up for magazines on cartridge by calling the library.

Please contact a Reader Advisor at the Colorado Talking Book Library to let us know about any changes you'd like to make to the magazines you receive. Our phone numbers are 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136 (toll-free within Colorado). You may also email us at ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us. If you plan to download your magazines from BARD, please contact us so we can cancel your subscription for the cassette copy of the magazine.

Please note these changes will affect only audio magazines. Braille and large print distribution will remain the same.

From the Director

In July we said goodbye to Joe Burkins, our media specialist, who was our mastermind in the post-production of digital books. Over the five years he was with us, he became familiar with every aspect of running the studio. He will be missed. In his email to staff he wrote:

"I've decided to shift career gears in accepting an "outdoorsy" job with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and will be leaving Denver to move to the mesas and canyons of Colorado's Western Slope."

So we bid a fond farewell to Joe and wish him well in his next adventure. Hiring for his replacement began in August and we hope to introduce new staff in the next newsletter.



Resource of Interest—Elections 2012 Blue Book

Each election cycle the Colorado Legislative Council creates and prints the Colorado Blue Book, an analysis of ballot issues for current and past elections. CTBL records this as soon as the file is available and posts the MP3 audio files on our website. Watch for this resource in October at:

http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/resources/tbBlueBook.htm

www.myctbl.org

Resource of Interest—Home Teaching Program

The Colorado Center for the Blind has a home teaching program for legally blind seniors. They will provide instruction in your home to help you live with independence and confidence. They offer this service to seniors who reside in the following cities: Littleton, Denver, Englewood, Highlands Ranch, and Centennial. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Anahit LaBarre, 303-778-1130 x232.

Large Print Mailing Pouches—Urgent!

Each large print book is mailed out in its own mail pouch. We would like patrons to return books in individual pouches and not double up books. Unfortunately patrons have been putting multiple books in pouches and then keeping the extras. We have now run out of mail pouches both large and small.

If you receive large print books, please look around your living space and find any unused pouches and send them back to the library. We desperately need them. At one point we had 8,000 pouches. Now we are down to no reserves and use whatever comes back in the mail. This will compromise service, as books will have to wait for pouches to be returned.

> **CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2012:** September 3rd, November 22nd and 23rd, December 25th, and January 1st

Reader Advisors—Sacred Texts on your Cartridge

If you would like to have your own personal copy of any sacred text, it is now possible. We have already discussed the Bible but there are other texts available, see below:

DB068777—The Holy Bible, King James Version

DB057847—The Jerusalem Bible (Catholic Bible)

DB056206-My First Bible (Children's Bible K-3)

DB068999—Sagrada Biblia (Spanish Bible)

DB007789—The Koran (Islam)

DB016482—The Bhagavad Gita (Hindu)

DB057924—The Rig Veda (Hindu)

DB059044—The Upanishads (Hindu)

DB057852—The Ramayana (Hindu)

DB057343—The Diamond Sutra and the Sutra of Hui Neng (Buddhist)

Here is what you need to do:

- Purchase a cartridge from one of several sources listed on the following page
- Once received, write your name and patron number on it and your request
- Send it to the library to the attention of Teresa Kalber

We will copy your request on to it and send it back to you.

Sources of Cartridges:

Perkins School for the Blind: http://bit.ly/9E4J01 or 617-972-7308

American Printing House for the Blind: http://bit.ly/piYo1M or 1-800-223-1839

Or check out: http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/Digital/bard.htm for additional sources.

Tech Talk—Electronic Newsletter

Did you know the Colorado Talking Book Library offers electronic versions of our newsletter through our website? We post both a PDF and an MP3 version of the newsletter there for every issue. We also now have an email distribution list for the newsletter. Once the newsletter has been posted to our website, we will send an email with links to both the audio and print version, as well as the page to download the MP3 file if you prefer to listen on a mobile device.

Please let us know if you'd like to be added to our ctbl.news distribution list by either calling a Reader Advisor at 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136 (toll-free within Colorado) or emailing us at ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us. Make sure we have your correct email address and also inform us as to whether or not you'd like to continue receiving a hard copy of the newsletter.

Mailroom News—Including Notes in Mail Container

Many times patrons include notes in mailing containers and machine boxes when returning mail. Although the mailroom staff are supposed to open every box and container, some are missed. We suggest that if you have a note to send that you put it in an envelope and mail it to the library. That way your note will not be missed and will go straight to the reader advisors.

Subject Lines on Emails

At the Department of Education there is a spam filter that filters email coming into the department and library. Emails with empty subject lines can end up caught in the filter which could mean a delay of up to a day for us to receive your email. We may even miss it in the filter report. Please consider filling in the subject line before sending your email.

Patron Open House

We had another successful patron open house this year and we featured tactile artwork by Ann Cunningham. She is a local tactile artist whose work is in many public spaces such as the Iowa Department of the Blind. Patrons were able to learn about BARD and get technical training.

Advocacy for CTBL

Given the current economic climate and the state's budget situation, the Board of the Friends invite you to call your state legislator to tell them about the Colorado Talking Book Library and let them know how much the library's services mean to you. If you need their name or phone number, the reader advisors can give that information to you when you call the library. Please do not send letters to CTBL.

Volunteer News—Partnerships

All great Volunteer programs are built on many lasting partnerships. Sometimes it is the formal working relationships of the Pioneers with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped that has repaired talking book machines for more than sixty years. Other times the narrator-monitor-director partnership renewed with each new book they agree to record.

At Colorado Talking Book Library, we are very fortunate to have strong partnerships with three chapters of the Pioneers: a Volunteer Network. The members of these three clubs are often the first to sign up for many special events beyond repairing talking book machines. They have also served at the Open House, the 9Health Fair, and the annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. I am sure many of their long-term members can share stories back to when the recorded discs were replaced by recorded cassettes.

We have also had partnerships with several job training agencies including SER—National that helps adults who are over 55 to train for re- employment. Since 2007 they have provided nearly 37,000 hours of volunteer service repairing broken cassette books, copying

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digital cartridges, labeling books, providing clerical support, inspecting, rewinding, and re-shelving books for the mailroom, and jobs too numerous to list here!

Many partners from Comprehensive Community Based Services handle our material recycling, by providing staff to support their clients who are building community connections through the volunteer work at CTBL.

Many other partner agencies support the mission of CTBL. We hope to highlight their contributions in future issues of this newsletter. We thank each organization for their support. We could never get our work done without you!

Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

Suggestions from the hundreds of Large Print books (Please note, these titles are not in audio format):

PRO19718 American Heiress Author: Daisy Goodwin Cora Cash comes from an extremely wealthy Newport, RI family, with aspirations to marry a titled British aristocrat, which she eventually does. However, she soon discovers that British society is governed by obscure codes of conduct and loyalty, and must grow from a spoiled young woman into a woman of substance, or remain an outsider forever. (Fiction) 2012

PR020273 Home Author: Toni Morrison

1950s. African American Frank Money, a Korean War veteran suffering from stress and alcoholism, leaves a Seattle mental hospital after learning that his sister Cee is gravely ill. Frank rescues Cee, taking her home to rural Georgia so that they may both heal. Violence and some strong language. (Fiction) Bestseller 2012

PRO20205 Sacre Bleu: A Comedy d'Art Author: Christopher Moore Painter Henri Toulouse-Lautrec and baker-turned-painter Lucien Lessard investigate the suspicious death of their friend Vincent van Gogh. Lessard and Toulouse-Lautrec are soon on the trail of the mysterious Colorman, who sold Van Gogh and others the sacred blue pigment, ultramarine. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. (Fiction) Bestseller 2012

PRO20206 The New Republic: A Novel Author: Lionel Shriver Sent to a Portuguese backwater where a homegrown terrorist movement has recently emerged, foreign correspondent Edgar Kellogg hopes to make a name for himself, but soon discovers that things are not what they seem. (Fiction) 2012

PRO20188 A Natural Woman: A Memoir Author: Carol King Best known for her 1971 album Tapestry, King at seventy describes her long musical career, from teenage songwriting success to touring with James Taylor in her sixties. Discusses her personal life, including marriage to writing partner Gerry Goffin, motherhood at seventeen, and devotion to hatha yoga. (Non-Fiction) Bestseller 2012

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PRO20136 Some Assembly Required: A Journal of My Son's First Son Author: Anne Lamott

In this sequel to Operating Instructions: A Journal of My Son's First Year (BR 10274), the author recounts unexpectedly becoming a grandmother after her unwed, college student son and his girlfriend have a baby. Lamott describes the problems and happiness that arose from the situation. Some strong language. (Non-Fiction) Bestseller 2012

PR020261 The Serpent's Shadow. Kane chronicles; #3

Author: Rick Riordan

Despite their best efforts, Carter and Sade Kane can't seem to keep Apophis, the chaos snake, down. Their only hope: find an ancient spell that might turn the serpent's own shadow into a weapon. Ages 10 and up. (J Fiction) 2012

Suggestions from the Colorado Collection:

DC8281 Searching for Spice

Author: Megan DiMaria ****** Narrator: Nancy Crandall Linda Revere longs to have a passionate relationship with her husband, a no-nonsense science teacher at a community college. Life, however, makes it hard, so she prays for help.

DC8291 Shadowcasting: An Introduction to the Art of Flyfishing Authors: John Dietsch and Gary Hubbel **

Narrator: Visvaldis Jaunarajs

An introduction to flyfishing written by two veterans of the sport.

Includes the importance of observation, the art of casting, use of dry flies and nymphs, and netting and handling fish.

DC8298 Only in Boulder: The County's Colorful Characters

Author: Silvia Pettem ** Narrator: Laverne Rios

A selection of columns written by historian Silvia Pettem, whose specialty is writing about Boulder County. Includes tidbits about Indian Jack, Lena Dwight, Glenn Miller, Horace and Baby Doe Tabor, and outlaw Tom Horn.

DC8280 The Moche Warrior

Author: Lyn Hamilton ****** Narrator: Cathy Gloeckner Antiques dealer Lara McClintoch picks up a box of what she thinks are worthless Peruvian reproductions only to find they are authentic Moche artifacts.

DC8289 Neptune's Chariot

Author: Irv Sternberg ****** Narrator: Louise Lederhos In the 1850s, Americans watch proudly as the U.S. builds a fleet of swift and beautiful clipper ships. Eighteen-year-old Elizabeth Godwin, daughter of a merchant, is determined to shape her own destiny. She meets the captain of a clipper, and embarks on a journey that will take them around the world.

DC8210 Click: A Novel

Author: Dan Whipple ****** Narrator: Maurice Devany Sharp-tongued, hard-drinking freelance photographer "Mick" McClary finds himself caught up in a rare murder investigation in tiny Pushroot, Wyoming. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

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From the Colorado Collection (continued):

DC8268 Emotional Unavailability: Recognizing It, Understanding It, and Avoiding Its Trap

Author: Bryn C. Collins ****** Narrator: Louise Lederhos Describes the most common types of emotionally unavailable partners and offers skills that can be used to change associations with them. Gives the emotionally unavailable partner techniques for learning to connect with another person.

DC8214 Be the Change! Change the World, Change Yourself

Author: Michelle Nunn ****** Narrator: Dee Miller True stories of persons who have given of themselves to help others and believe that, in the process, they benefitted more than the persons that they helped. Collected by a member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Includes tips for finding a good fit for volunteering and for recruiting others to join you in volunteering.

DC8250 Mythmakers of the West: Shaping America's Imagination

Author: John A. Murray ****** Narrator: Sharon Huckins This book is about the American West—its myths and the people who shaped them. But it goes well beyond cowboys, settlers and miners. Mark Twain, John Wayne, Zane Grey, even Willie Nelson make the list of mythmakers of the West. The book also covers such unexpected topics as Marilyn Monroe, John Denver, the Beach Boys, and the Mormon Tabernacle. The book explains the concept of the West and why the author included certain subjects.

DC8282 Ute Tales Collected

Author: Anne M. Smith, assisted by Alden Hayes ** Narrator: Joanne Rudoff

Folk tales of the Ute Indians collected by an anthropologist who studied at Yale University. Anne Smith studied Utes of the Uinta in Utah and the White River and Uncompaghre bands in Colorado. This collection represents a portion of the tales that she collected. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

DC8275 Speck: The Life and Times of Spencer Penrose

Author: Robert C. Olson ****** Narrator: Bob Serkowski A biography of Spencer "Speck" Penrose, who flouted the Philadelphia heritage into which he was born to make his own fortune in the Wild West. He became involved in various businesses including real estate, mining, manufacturing, and politics; and was loved, feared, hated, and admired all at the same time by peers, family, friends, and enemies alike.

DC8288 Mostly Sunny, Partly Cloudy: Pam Daale's Journal of a Strong Fight with Breast Cancer

Author: Pam Daale ** Narrator: Beverley Zier

In the summer of 2002, Pam Daale was diagnosed with breast cancer. She used her battle with cancer to help others, and her words have inspired thousands fighting the disease. Pam died from breast cancer in April 2004 but left behind a rich legacy, one of courage, faith and hope. [Rerecording of CC/DC8092]

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