

Highlighting— Planned Giving: Eyes to the Future

The Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library have helped sustain patron services at CTBL since 1981. The recording studio program, a reader advisor, the software system and support for the volunteer program are four major parts of the library that endure due to substantial fiscal support from the Friends.

Legacy gifts to the Friends of CTBL are a vital way to ensure ongoing support for all the services the library provides to patrons. The Friends have established **Eyes to the Future** that honors and recognizes the generosity and vision of patrons, families and friends who have chosen to leave a legacy through their estates or other deferred gifts.

We invite you to become a member of **Eyes to the Future**. Enrollment in this honorary group is simply a matter of advising us about your plans to make a legacy gift, such as a bequest in a will or living trust, or designating The Friends of CTBL as beneficiary of an individual retirement plan, 401(k) or life insurance policy. The Friends of CTBL is a public 501 (c) (3) charity and the tax ID is 23-7243950.

Call Debbi at 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136 (toll-free within Colorado) or email us at ctbl.donations@cde.state.co.us for further information.

From the Director

One year ago we welcomed a Pioneer volunteer group to use our space at CTBL. Known as the Beep Ball group, they create the softballs and bases used by the 27 teams in the National Beep Baseball Association. This enables the blind and visually impaired to play baseball.



Public Transportation to CTBL

New options are available in public transportation to CTBL with the opening of the western corridor of light rail. Due to safety issues crossing Sheridan Blvd., we recommend that when coming to CTBL via light rail, you get off at the Knox station and take the #1 westbound bus. There is a stop just to the east of Sheridan and you can walk west to Sheridan and the north on Sheridan to the library.

When leaving CTBL you can take the #51 bus north on Sheridan Blvd. to the Sheridan light rail station. There is an elevator that takes you down to the tracks.



east side. For more information you can go to:

http://www.rtd-fastracks.com/wc_1

Staff Changes

July 31st brought the retirement of long time reader advisor Dennis Petro. He worked at CTBL for 20 years and had a loyal patron following. Also Stephanie Klausner retired after 5 years. She ran the summer reading program for several years. We wish them well in their next chapter.

We welcomed Kay Zimmerman Loeber as a new reader advisor. Some of you may have spoken with Kay already as she started in her new position August 1st. Kay has 20+ years of library experience in public, academic and special libraries. Kay is fond of sunflowers as she is originally from Kansas, where she received her Master of Library Science degree from Emporia State University. She has lived in Colorado for the last 18 years working in libraries in Colorado Springs & Pueblo as well as online through AskColorado.org. In her free time she likes to make quilts, read mysteries, watch documentaries, and dog-sit for family and friends.

Mailroom News-Playback Machines

Clear space in your closet—if you are not using your old cassette machine, send it back to the library.

When you receive a digital player in the mail, please keep the box. We do not have replacement boxes to send if the digital player needs to be mailed back to the library.

CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2013: September 2nd, November 28th & 29th, December 24th & 25th, & January 1st

Winter Holiday Bibliography and Sampler

Reader Advisors are creating bibliographies of books available from CTBL about the winter holidays. There will be one bibliography for adults and another one for children/young adults posted on our website. For each list several titles will be chosen and made into holiday samplers. Call a Reader Advisor to find out which titles were selected for either the adult or children's sampler.

How To Request Books

Any patron can call the library and make requests. Patrons who get books by automatic selection are just as welcome to make requests as users who only get titles from a request list.

There are a variety of ways to make requests with the library, but they all start with you finding a book you want. Some books you will know are in our collection because they appear in our catalogs. Other books you will hear about from friends, family, the New York Times, or other sources. In these cases, you will need to contact us with the title and author of the book so we can check to see if it is in the collection. If you're not quite sure of the title or author's name, give us as much information as you can and we'll ask our friends Google and Amazon for the exact answers.

If a book is in the collection then it has a number, i.e. DB 71234. Telling us these numbers is the easiest way for us to enter requests into your account. To tell us what books you'd like to request, you can call us at 800-685-2136, email us at ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us, or send us completed catalog request forms or a letter to 180 Sheridan Blvd., Denver, CO 80226.

Patrons can also make requests through our online catalog. You can

use the online catalog to search and order books, using your assigned User ID and Password. Contact the library if you're interested in getting a password. This option is great for people who prefer a more self-service model. A link to the catalog can be found on our website www.myctbl.org click the link on the left Order Books Online.

When you are due to receive a new book, our computer system will send you books from your request list before it sends you subject code selections. However, there will be instances where a book you request is not immediately available, since we only have a certain number of copies of each book. If you request a book that is not immediately available, you are automatically added to the waiting list for that book.

There are a few important things to remember about requests. Our system is set up to send out newer requests first, so sometimes if you frequently make a lot of requests the older ones will get buried. We recommend trying to keep your request list at a reasonable length, taking into consideration how many books you read a month, how quickly you read through a book, etc.

Tech Talk—Magazines on Cartridge— Updated Information

Now that the National Library Service (NLS) has been sending out magazines on digital cartridges for several months, they started finalizing some of the policies for the new service.

Due Dates: Magazine cartridges are either considered weekly or monthly. For weekly cartridges, the due date is 3 weeks from the

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date the cartridge was mailed from the distributor. Their thought is one week in the mail, one week to read, and one week return mail. So using that same theory, the due dates for monthly magazines are 6 weeks. If a cartridge has both weekly and monthly publications on it, it will be due in 6 weeks.

Overdue cartridges: The distributor of the magazines will mark a cartridge as overdue after they have processed the mail on the day it was due. Once a patron has two overdue cartridges, they will stop magazine service until the overdue magazines have been returned.

CTBL receives a list from the distributor each day letting us know which patrons have an overdue cartridge and which patrons' service has been suspended. Since this is a change in the way magazine service has been handled in the past, we are reviewing the list weekly and notifying patrons if their name appears on the list. In this way we can catch any cartridges lost in the mail and hopefully prevent patron's magazine service from being suspended. However, NLS only allows each patron 2 lost cartridges.

Tech Talk—C-Desk for Media

Some patrons have reported, when they are using C-Desk for Media in conjunction with BARD, they are getting a significant number of searches with no results for popular authors. After discussing this issue with technical support at C-Desk, I found out that C-Desk does not recognize punctuation. So to conduct a search for an author, instead of doing "last name, first name" as recommended for BARD, you would enter either "first name last name" or "last name first name" with no punctuation.

Volunteer News—International Volunteers

CTBL is reaching beyond our borders to learn more about services for the blind in other countries. International students from the University of Denver, Colorado Heights University, and the Colorado School of Mines have volunteered at CTBL over the past year. Their goal is to practice English by reviewing books recorded in our studio. Our goal is to strengthen our resources for pronouncing foreign words and phrases that pop up in many of the books we record.

This summer students from China, Thailand, and Korea have taught us about services for blind people in many countries in Asia. We have installed a new display highlighting the services for the blind in China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India. We will add European and Pan-American information as new students volunteer with us.

DID YOU KNOW...

- The first daily Braille newspaper was published by the Hong Kong Society for the Blind.
- Unified Standard Chinese Braille was introduced in 1953.
- Today, there are 7.5 million Braille readers in China.
- The Association for the Blind of Thailand began audio library services in 1986.
- There are volunteer Braille transcriber groups in Jakarta, Bandung, Yogyakarta, and Surabaya.

www.myctbl.org

Resource of Interest—Are you a Veteran with a Visual Impairment?

Did you know that the Department of Veterans Affairs provides health and rehabilitative services to help you overcome the everyday challenges of vision loss?

All U.S. military veterans, whether they served during war or peace, whether service connected or non-service connected may be eligible.

VIST Coordinators are case managers who coordinate services for veterans with vision problems that impact their safety and independence. They can assist with:

- VA Eligibility and enrollment
- Review of veteran's benefits
- Referrals to VA inpatient, outpatient and in home programs for assessments and training.
- All adaptive aids recommended during training are provided to veterans as part of their rehabilitation program.

For more information contact the Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinator nearest you: VA website address:

http://www1.va.gov/blindrehab

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Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

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

And the Mountains Echoed: A Novel Author: Khaled Hosseini A multi-generational family story revolving around siblings and how they love, betray, hurt, honor and would do anything for one another. (Adult Fiction, family stories) PRO21186

Best Kept Secret Author: Jeffrey Archer Embarking on a shared family life, Harry, Emma, Sebastian, and Jessica find their happiness challenged by Emma's brother's engagement to a fortune-seeker, Sebastian's hedonist pursuits, and a grudge-bearing enemy from the past who would destroy their careers. (Adult Fiction) PRO21121

Inferno Author: Dan Brown

In the heart of Italy, Harvard professor of symbology Robert Langdon is drawn into a harrowing world centered on one of history's most enduring and mysterious literary masterpieces: Dante's Inferno. Against this backdrop, Langdon battles a chilling adversary and grapples with an ingenious riddle that pulls him into a landscape of classic art, secret passageways, and futuristic science. (Adult Fiction) PRO21129

The 5th Wave Author: Rick Yancey
After the first wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the
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lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies—trust no one. It's the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely highway Cassie runs from Them. The beings who only look human. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan Walker. Now Cassie must choose: between trust and despair, between life and death. (Young Adult Fiction) **PRO21209**

Bunker Hill: A City, A Siege, A Revolution Author: Nathaniel Philbrick Recounts the events of the Boston battle that ignited the American Revolution, tracing the experiences of Patriot leader Dr. Joseph Warren, a newly recruited George Washington, and British General William Howe. (Adult Non-Fiction) PRO21085

From the Colorado Collection—Audio Books:

More than Petticoats: Remarkable Colorado Women

Author: Gayle C. Shirley ** Narrator: Louise Lederhos
Author Shirley profiles the lives of fifteen of the state's most
important historical figures—women from across Colorado, from
many different backgrounds and from various walks of life. With
enduring strength and compassion, these remarkable women broke
through social, cultural, or political barriers to make contributions
to society that still have an impact today. Each of these women
demonstrated an independence of spirit that is as inspiring now as it
was then. 2012. For high school and adult readers. (Non-Fiction)
DC008326

Duck on a Bike

Author: David Shannon ** Narrator: John Hickenlooper Shannon serves up a sunny blend of humor and action in this delightful tale of a Duck who spies a red bicycle one day and gets "a wild idea." Sure enough, in no time flat, he's tooling around the farmyard. A succession of his barnyard friends greet him politely enough, but their private responses range from scornful ("That's the silliest thing I've ever seen," from Cow) to boastful ("You're still not as fast as me," from Horse) to wistful ("I wish I could ride a bike just like Duck," from Mouse). Soon ALL the animals can ride bikes, just like Duck! 2002. Originally recorded in the studios of Rocky Mountain PBS for the One Book 4 Colorado project, March 2013. For preschool-grade 2 and older readers. (Fiction) DC008353

Of Chiles, Cacti, and Fighting Cocks: Notes on the American West

Author: Frederick Turner ** Narrator: Moni Monismith In this celebrated collection of essays, the real and the legendary American West collide, and in their wake we are blessed with the carefully crafted and sharp-witted observations of Fredrick Turner-historian, storyteller, biographer, and naturalist. This edition explores the crossroads where Eastern America's imagination meets the hard twist, rough-and-tumble west, a place where legends and men have been made and broken. 2004. (Adult Non-Fiction) DC008274

The Indigo Notebook *8

Author: Laura Resau ** Narrator: Stephanie Briggs After 15 countries in 15 years, roaming the world with her freespirited mother, Zeeta regrets that it's "too late now for a normal home, normal family, normal childhood." At their new home in

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Ecuador, she agrees to help Wendell, an American boy who has come in search of his birth parents. Just when a near-death experience sends her mother reeling toward "normal," Zeeta veers off in the opposite direction: she looks to her unconventional upbringing for wisdom and support as she and Wendell uncover old secrets and find themselves in mortal danger. 2009. For junior and senior high and older readers. (Fiction) **DC008335**

Resource of Interest—

The Mile High Chapter of the American Council Of The Blind Of Colorado, welcomes you to join our community in making a difference in the lives of all blind people.

Our meetings are held every 2nd Saturday of the month, Times and locations change each month. We talk candidly about blindness-related topics, host innovative blind and sighted speakers; put on activities such as: kayaking, game night, DVS movie gatherings, auctions and more. Bring your ideas, sense of adventure, and independent spirit to this community.

To learn more about us, and for meeting information, please phone Sabina Agpawa Berube: 303-499-9226; or, email seeinghandsmassage@gmail.com

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