

# Highlighting — Leaving on My Own Terms

In July we launched a yearlong exploration into living, dying, grief and legacy. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross stated in **Life Lessons**, "The primary lesson the dying teach us is to live every day to its fullest."

This is our guidance as we begin our year of inquiry.

We started with a Before I Die wall at the Patron Open House, see the photo and go to our website to hear an audio version of the entries

We have events planned throughout the year and our CTBL Reads for the year will focus on this topic. Look for our first book inside. Other events and bibliography are available and detailed on our website or you can call a reader advisor for more information.

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#### From the Director

CTBL's biennial patron satisfaction survey results are in and our overall satisfaction with CTBL services is 98% for excellent/good responses.

Two issues still remain — books that we select for you and the newsletter.

Please, please, if you are unhappy with the books that are being sent to you, call a reader advisor. Work with them to change your subject codes so you can receive books to your liking. If we don't know about the problem, we can't fix it. There are 22,000 subject codes to select from.

Additionally, satisfaction with the newsletter continues to fall. The newsletter has not substantially changed from when satisfaction was high so we are unclear what needs to change. If you have thoughts on this, please let a reader advisor know your ideas.

We asked about book clubs and more patrons are interested now. We have added the author/book talk in the CTBL Reads program. At the present this is via the phone but we are considering an online option. So stay tuned about that.

About 22% of our patrons use social media and 90% of them use Facebook. So check out the Friends of CTBL page www.facebook.com/foctbl.org/?re=hl or follow me on Twitter.



#### www.myctbl.org

### CTBL Reads — Being Mortal

The next CTBL Reads begins September 14th and runs through October. As part of the "Leaving on my own Terms" program, we will be reading "Being Mortal: Medicine and what Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande. A book talk will be scheduled in October.

Surgeon and author of Complications (DB 56061) and The Checklist Manifesto (DB 70422) Gawande examines the state of end-of-life care in the twenty-first century. Discusses medical advances which have extended life expectancy, limited training of physicians to discuss mortality with patients and family members, and ways to be honest. The book is available in audio and DB080380 and large print PR023494.

Call the library to sign up, have a copy of the book sent to you and get on the list for the author chat phone number and passcode.

### Resource of Interest — End of Life University

Provides online Death Cafés — "Our objective is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives.

A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session. Also provided is an online interview series."

Access to these programs are free. For more information: http://www.eoluniversity.com/

CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2015 and 2016: September 7th, November 26th and 27th, December 24th and 25th, January 1st and 18th

### CTBL Reads — Summer Reading - Savvy

As part of the summer reading program participants read Ingrid Law's, "Savvy". Law shared her thoughts in an author talk with our patrons who had an opportunity to ask questions and engage in a conversation. One patron asked Law what was her savvy. She said: "Everybody has a savvy. The word savvy in real life means to be good at something — so if you're a savvy shopper you might know how to get all the best deals and save a lot of money. I think I would say (mine) is the ability to smile through all kinds of things. So even if things are going really badly for a while in life I can still smile and I can laugh and I can find things to joke about and that's always been something I've been good at."

All in all it was a successful summer of reading! Thanks to all who joined in the fun.

# Event of Interest — The Technology, Disability and Aging Expo 2015

Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Colorado Convention Center in Denver

The free Expo will feature 70+ vendors showcasing the latest innovations in products, services, programs and Assistive Technology (AT) devices for people with physical and cognitive challenges of all ages.

For more information about the Expo, driving directions, and exhibitors, please visit the Event Page on Assistive Technology Partners' website — www.assistivetechnologypartners.org

Sponsored by Assistive Technology Partners and the Denver Commission for People with Disabilities.

## Tech Talk — Be My Eyes App

Be My Eyes makes life easier for the blind, by connecting them with sighted helpers through a smartphone app. This allows the blind to handle big and small tasks, while sighted get the joy of helping someone else in an easy and informal way.

It only takes a minute to choose the right tin can from the shelf, look at the expiration date on the milk or find the right thing to eat in the fridge — if you have full vision that is. For visual impaired individuals smaller tasks in their home can often become bigger challenges. Be My Eyes hopes to change that!

Through a direct video call the app gives blind people the opportunity to ask a sighted volunteer for help, for tasks that require normal vision. The blind person "borrows" the helper's eyes all through his or her smartphone. The sighted helper is able to see and describe what the blind person is showing the sighted helper by filming with the video camera in the smartphone. That way, by working together they are able to solve the problem that the blind person is facing.

Hans Jørgen Wiberg, who is visually impaired himself, came up with the idea for the application. Through his work at the "Danish Blind Society" he recognized, that blind people often need help to cope with smaller everyday tasks, where a "pair of eyes" could make a significant difference. In April of 2012 he presented the idea for an application at a startup event in Denmark. At this event he met the rest of the Be My Eyes (BME) team, and together they won the prize for "the most innovative idea." Since 2012 the BME team has worked hard to make the app a reality. The app was launched the 15th of January 2015.

Get more information at: http://www.bemyeyes.org

# Resource of Interest — NFBCO Student Scholarships

The National Federation of the Blind of Colorado (NFBCO) gives a broad array of scholarships to recognize achievement by blind scholars. This year there is \$15,000 to award. Application deadline is April 15, 2016

Recipients of Federation scholarships need not be members of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado nor the National Federation of the Blind.

For more information: www.nfbco.org

# Resource of Interest — NFB At Large Chapter

 Meets by phone on the third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.

The Call in information is as follows:

Dial: 1800-434-5932

Access Code: 9292739#

We talk about pertinent issues regarding blindness and other NFB topics. We also talk about any other concerns that individuals may have. If individuals would like more information please contact:

Jon Deden 303-722-2529 or jonrdeden@gmail.com

### BARD Mobile App for Android Now Available

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) Mobile app for Android is available through the Google Play Store: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=gov.loc.nls.dtb

This free app allows readers to download audio and braille books from their NLS BARD accounts on most Android devices. Access to BARD is provided through the Colorado Talking Book Library. BARD contains about 65,000 books, magazines and music scores in audio and braille formats, with new selections added daily.

BARD Mobile users can listen to audio books and magazines on their Android devices. This app does not have Braille functionality for accessing braille books and magazines. This will functionality will be in version 2.

If you do not already have a BARD account, you will need to fill out an application at: https://nlsbard.loc.gov/login//NLS. Use the Application Instructions link and then select the appropriate application to fill out. Call one of our Reader Advisors if you have questions or need more information.

#### Volunteer News — Team Success

Many of the jobs our volunteers do each week are solo efforts. Think audio editing with headphones on and watching the computer screen as the audio wave scrolls by, or the narrator in their sound-booth with only the monitor listening and giving direction. The volunteers in the mailroom may be working in the same workroom, but each are inspecting their assigned batch of recently returned talking books; each Pioneer in machine repair is servicing a single machine.

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But, when the Patron Open House comes along, we all come together for a few hours and everyone becomes part of the CTBL team. From set up to tear-down, staff and volunteers are working together to ensure our visitors and patrons have the best possible experience while they are at CTBL. Volunteers enjoy the chance to get to know each other and often learn new details of the operations while giving our many visitors a tour through the building. Staff gets the chance to work with volunteers they may never have met before. We are all taking a break from the normal routine and there is such excitement all around.

Now, to keep that esprit de corps all through the year, that's Team Success!



# Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

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

Piranha Oregon Files; #10 Author: Clive Cussler In 1902, the volcano Mt. Pelée erupts on the island of Martinique, killing thousands and sinking a ship carrying a German scientist on the verge of an astonishing breakthrough. Now Juan Cabrillo will have to deal with that scientist's legacy. Cabrillo and the crew fake the sinking of the Oregon, but when an unknown adversary tracks them down and attempts to assassinate them, Cabrillo and his team struggle to fight back against an enemy who seems to be able to anticipate their every move. Some violence and some strong language. 2015 (Adult Non-Fiction) PR023658

#### Amish Promises Neighbors of Lancaster County; #1

Author: Leslie Gould

When Joel and Shani Beck arrive at their new home, they're looking for peace. Shani is thrilled to have Joel back from Iraq, but he needs time to heal, and the quiet of Lancaster seems just the place. They can't imagine any trouble with their Amish neighbors, the Lehmans, but things get off to a rocky start when their son is involved in an accident that injures one of the Lehman boys. 2015 (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR023645** 

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#### By Cook or by Crook Five-Ingredient Mystery; #1

Author: Maya Corrigan

Haunted by the car accident that ended her career as a cookbook publicist, Val Deniston has traded the chaos of New York City for a quieter life near the Chesapeake Bay. Living with her grandfather in the tourist town of Bayport is hardly glamourous, but she enjoys working at the Cool Down Cafe at the fitness club, and finally has time to work on her long-planned cookbook. But when one of the club's patrons is found dead, she'll have to cook up a scheme to find the killer. It's out of the pan and into the fire for Val. 2015 (Adult Fiction) **PR023388** 

Leaving Before the Rains Came Author: Alexandra Fuller Author of Cocktail Hour under the Tree of Forgetfulness (PR 19537) recounts meeting her future husband — an American — marrying, moving to Wyoming, having children, and the eventual unraveling of her marriage nearly twenty years later. Fuller muses on her African and American living experiences. Bestseller 2015 (Adult Non-Fiction) PR023598

Wisdom from women in the Bible: Giants of the Faith Speak into our Lives Author: John C. Maxwell

If you could spend a few minutes with biblical heroines Ruth, Sarah, Mary, and others, what valuable lessons would they share with you? Maxwell shares wisdom on life and leadership inspired by the Bible — this time focusing solely on the stories of nine incredible women. 2015 (Adult Non-Fiction) **PRO23559** 

#### Maximum Ride Forever Maximum Ride: #9

Author: James Patterson

As Maximum Ride boldly navigates a post-apocalyptic world, she and her broken flock are roaming the earth, searching for answers to what happened. All will be revealed in this last spectacular "ride." Some violence. For grades 6 to 9 and older readers. 2015 (Fiction) PR023630

#### From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books:

#### Doc Holliday, Bat Masterson, Wyatt Earp: Their Colorado Careers

Author: Richard E. Churchill \*\* Narrator: Valerie O'Neill Traces the Colorado careers of the three best-known gunmen in the West: Doc Holliday, Bat Masterson, and Wyatt Earp. 1974 (Adult Non-Fiction) DBC03013

#### Eddie Robinson: "He was the Martin Luther King of Football."

Author: Denny Dressman \*\* Narrator: Moni Monismith Eddie Robinson began his coaching career under the South's rigid Jim Crow system of racial segregation, and achieved great success as both a football coach and a role model for African Americans in Louisiana and neighboring states throughout the Civil Rights Era. This story of his life is based on dozens of interviews and extensive research into six decades of football history and a half-century of civil rights progress. Dressman is a Colorado author. 2010 (Adult Non-Fiction) DBC02991

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#### The Solitude of Prime Numbers

Author: Paolo Giordano \*\* Narrator: Louise Lederhos
Alice and Mattia are both misfits who seem destined to be alone.
Haunted by childhood tragedies that mark their lives, they cannot reach out to anyone else. When Alice and Mattia meet as teenagers, they recognize in each other a kindred, damaged spirit. When Mattia accepts a research position that takes him thousands of miles away, the two are forced to separate. Then a chance occurrence reunites them, forcing a lifetime of concealed emotion to the surface. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller Translated from Italian by Shaun Whiteside. 2010 (Adult Fiction) DBC02924 & PR018543

#### **Bright Shadow**

Author: Avi \*\* Narrator: Lisa Dobson
Having used four of the five wishes she is granted to make on behalf of the hapless citizens of her country, Morwenna flees the kingdom to decide what to do with the last wish. For grades 6 to 9. 1950 (Fiction) DBC03158

#### Narrative of the adventures of Zenas Leonard

Author: Zenas Leonard \*\* Narrator: James D. Kelley An account of Rocky Mountain trapping in 1831-35 from Salt Lake to California. First published in 1839. Taken from the author's journal concerning his exploration of the American west. 1934 (Adult Non-Fiction) DBC03015

#### Charles Darwin and the Mystery of Mysteries

Authors: Niles Eldredge and Susan Pearson

\*\* Narrator: Cathy Gloeckner

Biography of English naturalist Charles Darwin (1809–1882) focuses on his five-year voyage aboard the H.M.S. Beagle. Describes his efforts to gather fossils and facts about species, which led to his theory of evolution. For grades 6 to 9 and older readers. 2010 (Non-Fiction) DBC02917

#### Unfinished Desires

Author: Gail Godwin \*\* Narrator: Norine Domenico
It is the fall of 1951 at Mount St. Gabriel's, an all-girls school
tucked away in the mountains of North Carolina. Tildy Stratton, the
undisputed queen bee of her class, befriends Chloe Starnes, a new
student recently orphaned by the untimely and mysterious death of
her mother. Their friendship fills a void for both girls but also sets
in motion a chain of events that will profoundly affect the course of
many lives, including the girls' young teacher and the school's
matriarch, Mother Suzanne Ravenel. 2009 (Adult Fiction)
DBC02997

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