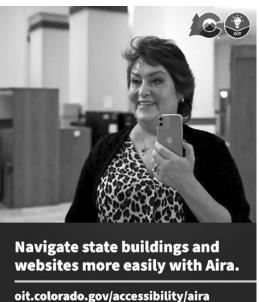


Aira Assistance for People Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision

In February, Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera announced a new tool called Aira to assist blind and low-vision Coloradans navigate state locations and digital services. Aira is a live, human-to-human service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Through the Aira app, your smartphone camera streams secure, live video to a professionally trained agent who visually interprets what is shared, from describing and reading to explaining and navigating, just about anything safely and securely.

To use Aira, simply download the app to your smartphone, press a large button on your screen, and your



State employee Theresa Montano holding a phone up to hear directions from an Aira agent as she navigates through a state building.

phone's camera streams a live video to a trained Aira agent — providing instant access to visual information.

Aira can be used by anyone navigating State of Colorado owned and managed government buildings or visiting state-run websites and

From the Director

What a winter! I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to warmer weather and lots of Colorado sunshine. Of course, because this is Colorado, you never know what mother nature might have in store for us. But one thing I can always count on every summer is good books! Whether you call them your vacation books or beach reads, summer is a good time to read. Get ready to indulge in that tome on U.S. history or savor that guilty-pleasure mystery while you relax in the sunshine.

Now is the time to pick your summer reads and get them in your queue. While you're at it why not join us for our all-ages summer reading program? This year's theme is "All Together Now" and everyone can participate regardless of where they live in the state, their age, or their reading interests. This year's summer reading program includes lots of fun reader-centric activities — from attending an online event to reading a book with a family member or friend. Also, there will be several national online programs for patrons. See pages 4 and 5 for more about CTBL's summer reading program. Hope you'll join us "All Together Now" for a summer of reading!

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CTBL will be closed on the following days: May 29th, June 19th, July 4th, and September 4th

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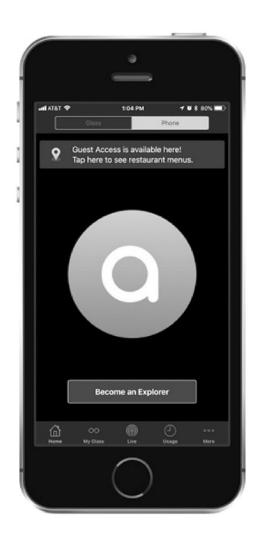
web applications, for example, URLs that include "colorado.gov" and "state.co.us". Aira agents are always available and do not require advanced reservations.

Aira is free to Coloradans for the first 30 minutes per session. However, call time beyond 30 minutes will be charged based on Aira's pricing plans.

To get started with Aira follow these steps:

- Download the app from your mobile device via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
- 2) Open the app and register your phone number.
- 3) Click the link in the text message Aira sends, which will log you into the app.
- 4) Make a free call to learn how it works.
- 5) The next time you're navigating a state-operated building or visiting a state website, make a call of up to 30 minutes through the Aira app.

Need help with Aira? The Aira Customer Care team is available seven days a week at 1-800-835-1934 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mountain Time.



Summer Reading 2023 Reading for All!

When you think about summer reading you might think that it's just for kids, or that it requires meticulously keeping track of each minute spent



reading. This year we're changing things a bit and CTBL's Summer Reading program, All Together Now[™], will be open to all library patrons — from preschoolers to those whose school days were long ago and everyone in between! Instead of tracking minutes, this year you'll complete ten activities from our Activity Guide. Starting June 5th call (303-727-9277) or email ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us to let us know you would like to participate, and we'll send you a small prize just for signing up!

In the spirit of this year's All Together NowTM theme, when you signup you will have a chance to vote for an organization that the Friends of CTBL will donate to at the end of the program. The more people who complete the program, the larger the donation will be. There will also be online programs hosted by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) throughout the summer, including a special kick-off event June 26th. See page 5 for details or go to myctbl.org.

Activity Guides and Reading Lists will be posted on myctbl.org or can be requested by phone or email beginning June 5th. You will have until August 11th to call or email CTBL to let us know which ten activities you did. Remember, the more people complete the program, the bigger impact we can make for our community!

www.myctbl.org

Summer Reading Program Online Events for Everyone

In conjunction with their Summer Reading Program, the National Library Service is sponsoring seven online events. There is an event for every age group and guests include bestselling authors and award winners. All five of the Summer Reading Program author speakers have multiple books in the CTBL collection in audio and braille.

- Kickoff event (all ages): Monday, June 26 at 2:00 pm MDT
- Shelby Van Pelt, Remarkably Bright Creatures (Adult): Thursday, June 29 at 5:00 pm MDT
- Story time and music: Turtle Dance Music (K-3rd Grade): Thursday, July 6 at 5:00 pm MDT
- Celia Perez, The First Rule of Punk (Middle Grades): Tuesday, July 11 at 5:00 pm MDT
- Annette Bay Pimentel and Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins, All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything (K-5th Grade): Saturday, July 22 at 11:00 am MDT
- Kwame Alexander, The Crossover (YA and Middle Grades): Thursday, July 27 at 5:00 pm MDT
- Jenny Torres Sanchez, We Are Not from Here (YA): Thursday, August 3 at 5:00 pm MDT

Please note that due to contractual limitations with the authors and performers, these programs will be live-streamed only and will not be recorded. All CTBL patrons are welcome to attend the programs and do not need to be signed up for the Summer Reading program to participate, although we encourage it.

Links to the programs will be posted on the CTBL website at myctbl.org.

What's New at the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS)

Spanish-language Website

NLS has launched a Spanish-language website to help connect Spanish speakers to their large and growing collection of books and magazines in Spanish. Readers with low vision or blindness, or a disability that prevents them from using regular print materials, can get information about NLS, apply for service, and find resources and library materials in Spanish with ease. Link: www.loc.gov/nls/es.

Redesigned NLS Catalog

NLS Catalog boasts a new, clean design and advanced search functionality, direct links to BARD from catalog listings for quick downloads, and for the first time, patrons can directly request books to add to the NLS collection. There are also links to other resources, including how to contact a librarian. Link: https://nlscatalog.loc.gov.

NLS Patron Programs

NLS's Patron Corner, presented on the second Monday of the third month of the quarter, shares specific information of interest to patrons regarding an announced topic. To learn more about the next Patron Corner, visit www.loc.gov/nls/about/services/patron-corner.

Key to Book Numbers

Each book number is proceeded by two or three letters. These letters indicate the book's format, for example audio or braille. Here's a quick guide to help you get the book you want in the format that works best for you.

BR = braille book
DB = digital audio book
DBC = locally recorded digital audio book
PR = large print book

Genre Fiction: Finding the Books You Like to Read

Modern Westerns

Have you run out of classic Westerns to read? Give these recently published Westerns a try.

Ridgeline

Written by Michael Punke ** Narrated by Amanda Stribling

In 1866, with the country recovering from the Civil War, new war breaks out on the western frontier — a clash of cultures between a young, ambitious nation and the Native tribes who have lived on the land for centuries. Fiction. **Audio DB110055**

In the Distance

Written by Hernán Díaz ** Narrated by Peter Berkrot

A young Swedish immigrant finds himself penniless and alone in California. The boy travels East in search of his brother, meeting all sorts and his exploits turn him into a legend. Unrated. Fiction. Audio DB108120; Braille BR024216

Whiskey When We're Dry

Written by John Larison ** Narrated by Sophie Amoss

1885. Orphaned seventeen-year-old Jessilyn Harney disguises herself as a boy and sets out to track down her outlaw brother and bring him home. Violence. Fiction. **Audio DB092608**; **Large Print PR029086**

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All Things Left Wild

Written by James Wade ** Narrated by Bradord Hastings

Caleb and his older brother Shelby commit a horse theft gone wrong and flee. As they wander the American Southwest, they are being tracked by bookish and inexperienced-despite-his-age Randall. Unrated. Fiction. **Audio DB101305**

All God's Children

Written by Aaron Gwyn ** Narrated by James Johnson

1827. Duncan Lammons has left his home in Kentucky, on his way to Texas to seek his fortune. In his travels, he meets frontiersman Sam Fisk and Cecelia, an enslaved woman who keeps escaping. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Fiction. **Audio DB101813**

The High Divide

Written by Lin Enger ** Narrated by Mary Hall

In 1886, on the western Minnesota prairie, Gretta Pope discovers that her husband is gone. Their two young boys set out after him, leaving Gretta no choice but to seek her sons and husband. Some strong language. Fiction. **Audio DBC02607; Large Print PR023215**

News of the World

Written by Paulette Jiles ** Narrated by Clay Teunis

1870. Captain Kidd rides across Texas delivering the news of the day. He is asked to take ten-year-old Johanna, recently rescued from a Kiowa tribe, to her family near San Antonio. The captain must deal with Johanna's inability to reacclimate to white culture. Made into a feature film starring Tom Hanks. Some violence and some strong language. Fiction. **Audio DB086668; Large Print PR026236; Braille BR021741**

West: A Novel

Written by Carys Davies ** Narrated by Marilyn Rodgers

Frontier Pennsylvania. Cy Bellman learns that colossal ancient bones were discovered in Kentucky. He feels the creatures still exist and he journeys west to find them. Meanwhile, his 10-year-old daughter Bess is left with only her stern aunt, her father's mules, and a neighbor who helps on the farm. Some violence. Fiction. **Audio DBC15952**; Large Print PR028845

Nonfiction Feature — Celebrity Biographies

Ten timely nonfiction titles about some of today's most interesting public figures — from Queen Elizabeth to Bo Jackson. You know their names now get to know them better with these biographies and memoirs.

The Queen: Her Life

Written by Andrew Morton Narrated by Judy Bennett and Andrew Morton

An in-depth look at Britain's longest-reigning monarch. Bestseller. 2022. Audio DB111274; Large Print PR032230

Elizabeth Taylor: The Grit and Glamour of an Icon

Written by Kate Andersen Brower ** Narrated by Eleanor Caudill

The author uses unpublished letters, diary entries, off-the-record interview transcripts, and interviews to tell Taylor's story. Some strong language. 2022 Audio DB111652; Large Print PR027865

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Boldly Go: Reflections on a Life of Awe and Wonder

Written and Narrated by William Shatner

By revealing stories of his life, Shatner reflects on what he has learned along the way to his ninth decade and how important it is to apply the joy of exploration to our own lives. Strong language. 2022. Audio DB110790; Large Print PR027744

Killing the Legends: The Lethal Danger of Celebrity

Written by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard Narrated by Robert Petkoff

The authors explore the lives, legacies, and tragic deaths of Elvis Presley, John Lennon, and Muhammad Ali. Strong language and some violence. 2022. Audio DB110641; Large Print PR027755

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times

Written and Narrated by Michelle Obama

Obama offers readers a series of reflections on change, challenge, and power. Drawing from her experiences, she shares the habits and principles she has developed to successfully adapt to change and overcome various obstacles. Bestseller. 2022. Audio DB111237; Large Print PR027872; Braille BR024710

The Last Folk Hero: The Life and Myth of Bo Jackson

Written by Jeff Pearlman ** Narrated by JD Jackson

Arguably the greatest athlete of all time, Jackson became the first person to simultaneously star in two major professional sports. Drawing on 720 original interviews, the author captures the elusive truth about the athlete who took the world by storm. Then, almost overnight, he was gone. Strong language. 2022. Audio DB112203; Large Print PR027873

Deaf Utopia: A Memoir — And a Love Letter to a Way of Life

Written by Nyle DiMarco and Robert Siebert Narrated by Dan Bittner

Memoir and celebration of deaf culture by Nyle DiMarco, actor, producer and two-time reality show winner. Through his stories and those of his deaf brothers, parents, and grandparents, Nyle opens many windows into the deaf experience. 2022. **Audio DB108286**; **Large Print PR032138**

Collection News — What's New and Notable

From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books

These newly recorded audio books were produced in the CTBL studios and feature Colorado authors and local history, as well as books of general interest.

The Next Step: The Rehabilitation Journey After Lower Limb Amputation

Author: Department of Veterans Affairs Narrator: Stephanie Briggs

This handbook, written by clinicians and members of rehabilitation teams at the Veterans Administration and the Department of Defense who care for patients who have had a lower limb amputation, is based on the VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPG) that describe the best methods for treating veterans and service members with amputation. 2008. Nonfiction. **DBC02993**

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Varmint Rumble. Asphalt Warrior #9

Author: Gary Reilly ****** Narrator: Mark Hintz A broken body lying in the street derails his plans and draws Murph into the shady world of Denver's most notorious outlaw biker gang: The Varmints. A string of misadventures ensues. 2020. Fiction. **DBC25788**

The Melancholy Howl. Allison Coil Mystery #5

Author: Mark Stevens ****** Narrator: Karen Cranford Circling vultures lead hunting outfitter Allison Coil to an angry man tied to a tree. The man will answer none of Allison's obvious questions. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 2018. Fiction. **DBC13098**

Dancing to Memories

Author: Joanne M. Brand ****** Narrator: Norine Domenico Grace, a young teacher, suddenly finds her life threatened and ends up in the Black Hills of South Dakota, lost and lonely. Jack's childhood ended when he became an orphan and then a wandering cowboy searching for peace. By the 1930's he too landed in the Black Hills. Would Grace's faith, Jack's searching, and the Great Depression prepare them for what was to come? 2015. Fiction. **DBC13152**

The Dead Husband

Author: Carter Wilson ****** Narrator: Margo Goodwin Rose Yates seems to have it all: a marriage, a son, a career. And then her husband is found dead. As far as Detective Colin Pearson is concerned, Rose is guilty. Her marriage wasn't as happy as she'd led everyone to believe, and worse, she's connected to a twenty-year-old cold case. She can play the part of the victim, but he won't let her or her family escape justice this time around. Descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. Fiction. **DBC13187**

The Still of the Night. A Rush of Wings #2

Author: Kristen Heitzmann ****** Narrator: Geri Gingras Years after giving up a baby for adoption, successful businessman Morgan is haunted by the child he never knew and is surprised by the reappearance of the baby's mother, Jill, who shares disturbing news. 2003. Fiction. **DBC13094**

New Large Print Titles

Here's a sampling of a few of the large print titles CTBL has added to the collection recently.

Bestseller Fiction

- PR032183 Babel or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution by R. F. Kuang
- PR027825 Dark Music: Rekke & Vargas Series #1 by David Lagercrantz
- PR027689 Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult
- PR032196 Overkill by Sandra Brown
- PR032120 The Challenge by Danielle Steel
- PR025803 The Further Observations of Lady Whistledown: Lady Whistledown Series #1 by Julia Quinn
- PR027812 The High Notes by Danielle Steel
- PR027811 The Whittiers by Danielle Steel

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Bestseller Nonfiction

- PR032177 Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom by Carl Bernstein
- PR032192 Diana, William, and Harry by James Patterson
- PR032189 Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships by Nina Totenberg
- PR032205 Dirtbag, Massachusetts: A Confessional by Isaac Fitzgerald
- PR032176 Life on the Mississippi: An Epic American Adventure by Rinker Buck
- PR032186 Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization by Neil deGrasse Tyson
- PR027724 We Never Die: Secrets of the Afterlife by Matt Fraser

American Historical Fiction

- PR027791 A Most Clever Girl: A Novel of an American Spy by Stephanie Thornton
- PR027788 Carolina Built by Kianna Alexander
- PR032198 Fellowship Point by Alice Elliott Dark
- PR027770 Fire Season by Leyna Krow
- PR027701 Last Dance on the Starlight Pier by Sarah Bird
- PR027830 Marmee: A Novel of Little Women by Sarah Elizabeth Miller
- PR032161 Neruda on the Park by Cleyvis Natera

- PR027786 Our American Friend by Anna Pitoniak
- PR032214 Rebel: Women Who Dare Series #1 by Beverly Jenkins
- PR032036 The Codebreaker's Secret by Sara Ackerman
- PR027768 The Great Glorious Goddamn of It All by Josh Ritter
- PR027717 The Heart's Frontier: Amish of Apple Grove Series #1 by Lori Copeland
- PR027805 The Kingdoms of Savannah by George Dawes Green
- PR027772 The Sisters Sweet by Elizabeth Weiss
- PR032038 The Ways We Hide by Kristina McMorris
- PR027766 The Woman Who Built a Bridge by C. K. Crigger
- PR032076 When the Missouri Ran Red: A Novel of the Civil War by Jim R. Woolard

Family Fiction

- PR032077 Confessions From the Quilting Circle by Maisey Yates
- PR032173 Daisy Darker by Alice Feeney
- PR027826 Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone: Ernest Cunningham Series #1 by Benjamin Stevenson
- PR032041 Gilt by Jamie Brenner
- PR032044 In Her Boots by K. J. Dell'Antonia
- PR032060 In the Middle of Hickory Lane by Heather S. Webber
- PR027803 The Frederick Sisters Are Living the Dream by Jeannie Zusy
- PR032045 The Last Dance of the Debutante by Julia Kelly

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- PR032104 The Lights of Sugarberry Cove by Heather Webber
- PR032046 The Liz Taylor Ring by Brenda Janowitz
- PR027802 The Marsh Queen by Virginia Hartman
- PR032047 The Marvelous Monroe Girls: Harbor Cove Series # 1 by Shirley Jump

Psychology Nonfiction

- PR027749 A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence by Mary Pipher
- PR027835 Embrace Your Almost: Find Clarity and Contentment in the In-Betweens, Not-Quites, and Unknowns by Jordan Lee Dooley
- PR027836 Emotional: How Feelings Shape Our Thinking by Leonard Mlodinow
- PR027739 Getting Real about Getting Older: Conversations about Aging Better by Linda K. Stroh
- PR027735 Happier Hour: How to Beat Distraction, Expand Your Time, and Focus on What Matters Most by Cassie Holmes
- PR027819 The Miracle Equation: The Two Decisions That Move Your Biggest Goals From Possible, to Probable, to Inevitable by Hal Elrod
- PR027834 The Way of Integrity: Finding the Path to Your True Self by Martha Nibley Beck
- PR027722 Think Like a Horse: Lessons in Life, Leadership, and Empathy from an Unconventional Cowboy by Grant Golliher

Western Fiction

- PR032061 And the River Ran Red: A Novel of the Massacre at Bear River by Rod Miller
- PR032096 Brannigan's Land: Brannigan's Series #1 by J. A. Johnstone
- PR027702 Great Lonesome by John D. Nesbitt
- PR032051 Indigo Heaven by Mark Warren
- PR027703 Silver Grass by John D. Nesbitt
- PR032209 The Artist: West of The Big River by Jackson Lowry

New Descriptive Videos on DVD and Blu-ray

These videos have audio descriptions embedded in each disc. You can turn on this feature by following the directions starting at the disc's main menu. Includes DVD and Blu-ray, but not all videos are available in both formats.

DVDs

- MD00627 Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13)
- MD00607 Ambulance (R)
- MD00631 Bumblebee: Transformers #6 (PG-13)
- MD00616 Chaos Walking (PG-13)
- MD00609 Cyrano (PG-13)
- MD00619 Dog (PG-13)
- MD00625 Father Stu (R)
- MD00620 Godzilla vs. Kong (PG-13)

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- MD00612 John Wick (R)
- MD00613 John Wick 3: Parabellum (R)
- MD00614 Moonfall (PG-13)
- MD00621 Morbius (PG-13)
- MD00605 Old (PG-13)
- MD00618 Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)
- MD00623 Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
- MD00610 Stillwater (R)
- MD00608 The 355 (PG-13)
- MD00611 The Adams Family 2 (PG)
- MD00617 The Batman (PG-13)
- MD00606 The Forever Purge (R)
- MD00633 Turning Red (PG)
- MD00624 Uncharted (PG-13)
- MD00622 Venom: Let There Be Carnage (PG-13)

Blu-rays

- MB00158 Alita: Battle Angel (PG-13)
- MB00138 Ambulance (R)
- MB00162 Bumblebee. Transformers #6 (PG-13)
- MB00147 Chaos Walking (PG-13)
- MB00140 Cyrano (PG-13)
- MB00160 Death on the Nile (PG-13)

- MB00150 Dog (PG-13)
- MB00157 Fatherhood (PG-13)
- MB00151 Godzilla vs. Kong (PG-13)
- MB00143 John Wick (R)
- MB00144 John Wick 3: Parabellum (R)
- MB00164 Luca (PG)
- MB00145 Moonfall (PG-13)
- MB00152 Morbius (PG-13)
- MB00161 Nightmare Alley (R)
- MB00136 Old (PG-13)
- MB00163 Scream #6 (R)
- MB00149 Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)
- MB00154 Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
- MB00167 Spirit Untamed: The Movie (PG)
- MB00141 Stillwater (R)
- MB00139 The 355 (PG-13)
- MB00142 The Addams Family 2 (PG)
- MB00148 The Batman (PG-13)
- MB00137 The Forever Purge (R)
- MB00146 The Humans (R)
- MB00159 The King's Man (R)
- MB00166 The Mitchells vs. the Machines (PG)
- MB00165 Turning Red (PG)
- MB00155 Uncharted (PG-13)
- MB00153 Venom: Let There Be Carnage (PG-13)

Out and About with the Friends

In March, the Friends of the Colorado Talking Library (FCTBL) was a Charitable Partner at one of the events in the Denver Post Pen & Podium Series. Held at the University of Denver's



Friends of CTBL

Newman Center, the event featured award-winning author Imbolo Mbue who wrote the bestselling novels "Behold the Dreamers" and "How Beautiful We Were." FCTBL board members attended the lecture and reception where they met the author. One board member commented, "It was a very interesting evening. We had a chance to talk with the author, Imbolo Mbue, who greeted us warmly and asked questions about CTBL."



Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library with author Imbolo Mbue. Left to right: Norine Domenico, Imbolo Mbue, Hank Braaksma, Pamela Newton, and Jadwiga Brown



Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library with author Imbolo Mbue. Left to right: Jadwiga Brown, Pamela Newton, Imbolo Mbue, Norine Domenico, and Hank Braaksma

Two of Imbolo Mbue's books are available from CTBL in audio and large print book formats.

Behold the Dreamers Audio DB085537; Large Print PR026556

How Beautiful We Were Audio DB102942; Large Print PR027649

Legacy Gifts

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, 401k or life insurance policy. The Friends of CTBL is a public 501(c)(3) charity and the tax ID is 23-7243950.

Contributions 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 and helps to secure the future.

In Remembrance

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our friend and colleague, Dennis Petro. A former CTBL Reader Advisor, he will be remembered by patrons, volunteers, and staff for his dedication to serving the blind and print disabled community with kindness and compassion. Dennis Wesley Petro, 71, passed away March 27, 2023, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Obituary: https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/cdapress/name/ dennis-petro-obituary?id=51545528



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