



Summer 2024

CTBL News

Colorado Talking Book Library • Denver

Happy summer from the Colorado Talking Book Library!

As many of you know, the library is undergoing a parking lot makeover this summer. Essentially, we're getting new asphalt and concrete. Once the construction is completed, we expect not only a better-looking parking lot but also improved accessibility, with a new sidewalk leading to the front door and a smoother parking surface. We anticipate the project will be finished by the end of July. For updates, please visit our website at myctbl.org.

Despite the construction, CTBL staff are on-site, assisting patrons by phone and email, and the mailroom continues to send out books daily. However, for the safety of our volunteers and visitors, the library building is closed during the construction period. Limited parking and construction equipment make building access challenging for everyone, so we encourage patrons to reach out to us by phone or email instead of visiting in person. Additionally, because we don't have volunteers in the building this month to prepare the newsletters for mailing, we are unable to print and mail a large print version of this issue.

The parking lot project hasn't stopped our library staff from hosting the all-ages summer reading program with the fitting theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Beginning June 3rd, we invite children, teens, and adults to take part in this activity-based program. In addition, the National Library Service is offering online programs, including a virtual escape room. Judy, one of CTBL's reader advisors, provides more details about the summer reading program later in the newsletter. Contact the library to join in the summer fun! Call (800-685-2136), email (ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us), or fill out the form at myctbl.org.

Cheers!
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Tech Talk

Assistive Technology Exchange

Do you need assistive technology (AT)? Do you have assistive technology you're not using? You can utilize the Assistive Technology Exchange from the Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering at the University of Colorado, Denver. This exchange is designed to make it easy to sell or donate your used disability-related technology to someone who may benefit, similar to classified ads for AT. Browsing the listings does NOT require a login, but you will need an account to contact listing parties or to post your own technology on the exchange.

You can find the exchange online at: www.coloradoatexchange.org

Learn more about the Center for Inclusive Design and Engineering on their homepage at: <https://www.ucdenver.edu/centers/center-for-inclusive-design-and-engineering>.

Using Colorado's Accessible Ballot Delivery and Return System In the 2024 Primary Election

By Curtis Chong

Starting June 3, 2024, ballots for the June 25 Primary election will be mailed out to registered voters in Colorado. For people with disabilities, those who are blind, and individuals who are unable to mark the printed mail ballot without assistance, this means on that date, Colorado's accessible electronic ballot delivery, marking, and return system will become available. In Colorado, people with disabilities can receive and mark their ballots at home, at work, or anywhere else using accessible technology. People who are blind or have print disabilities can also return their ballots electronically. Step-by-step voting instructions can be found online at: <https://myctbl.cde.state.co.us/voting-rights>



Summer Reading 2024
June 3rd - August 16th
Go on an adventure with CTBL!

It's hard to believe that it's that time again, but with temperatures warming and the school year winding down it can only mean one thing-- it's time for summer reading! CTBL's Summer Reading program is for all ages, and starting June 3rd call (303-727-9277/800-685-2136), email (ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us), or fill out the form at myctbl.org to let us know you would like to participate. We'll even send you a small prize for signing up!

Participating in Summer Reading is easy! Just complete ten activities from our Activity Guide and call or email CTBL to let us know which activities you did. Once you have completed your ten activities, we will send you your completion certificate and a Colorado Talking Book Library baseball cap to wear on all your adventures.


Just like last year you will have a chance to vote for an organization that the Friends of CTBL will donate to at the end of the program. Remember, the more people complete the program, the larger the donation will be! There will also be online programs hosted by the National Library Service throughout the summer, including a special kick-off event June 24th. Details will be available on myctbl.org, as well as some fun online activities that you can do that can count toward completing the Summer Reading program.

Activity Guides and Booklists will be posted on myctbl.org or can be requested by phone or email beginning June 3rd. We hope you make CTBL Summer Reading a part of your adventures this summer!

Xavier Society for the Blind

The Xavier Society operates a Catholic publishing house which provides religious, spiritual, and inspirational reading materials in braille and audio formats to blind and visually impaired individuals worldwide. There are materials available in English and Spanish. If you are interested in the titles the Xavier Society distributes, please contact them directly by phone at 800-637-9193 or email at info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org. A complete listing of titles can be found in their catalogue at: <https://xsfb.klas.com/>.

Please note, CTBL is not affiliated with the Xavier Society, and you will need to contact them to order their publications. This information is provided as a service to interested patrons and does not constitute an endorsement of the Xavier Society or its publications.



The CTBL building will be closed through the end of July. Please call or email the library for assistance. In addition, the library will be closed in observance of the following holidays.

Summer library closures: June 19, July 4, and September 2

Genre Fiction: Finding the Books You Like to Read

Check out these books about the Olympics and Olympians to gear up for the 2024 Summer Games in Paris.

Olympic Pride, American Prejudice: The Untold Story of 18 African Americans Who Defied Jim Crow and Adolf Hitler to Compete in the 1936 Berlin Olympics

Written by Deborah Riley Draper • Narrated by Leon Nixon

Set against the turbulent backdrop of a segregated United States, sixteen black men and two black women are torn between boycotting the 1936 Olympic Games in Nazi Germany or participating. Follows five of these athletes, who knew that attending means representing an America that considers them second-class citizens. Some strong language and some violence. Nonfiction- Sports.

Audio DB098792

Gold

Written by Chris Cleave • Narrated by Annie Wauters

Kate and Zoe are Olympic speed cyclists, best friends, and fierce rivals. Both women train under the same coach for the 2012 games--their last--but Kate's eight-year-old daughter Sophie is gravely ill and International Olympic Committee rule changes force the pals to compete for the same slot. Strong language. Sports Fiction.

Audio DB075265; Large Print PR020392

The Games: A Global History of the Olympics

Written by David Goldblatt • Narrated by Napoleon Ryan

An expert on the sociology of sports looks at the history of the modern Olympic Games. From the founding of the contemporary Olympics in 1896 in Athens through the grand spectacles of more recent years, he stresses the political and social forces that impacted the games. Nonfiction - Sports.

Audio DB091775; Braille BR022356

The Horsewoman: A Novel

Written by James Patterson • Narrated by Chloe Cannon

Maggie Atwood and her daughter Becky McCabe, both champion horse riders, vowed never to go up against each other in competitions--until the ones leading to the Paris Olympics. Both share the same dream to be the best horsewoman in the world. Unrated. Sports Fiction.

Audio DB106198

Fire on the Track: Betty Robinson and the Triumph of the Early Olympic Women

Written by Roseanne Montillo • Narrated by Kathleen McInerney

Biography of Betty Robinson, who was an inexperienced but talented runner when she won a gold medal at the 1928 Olympics. Her life and career almost ended soon afterwards in a plane crash, but she trained hard to again make the US Olympic team in 1936. Unrated. Biography.

Audio DB089403

Three-Year Swim Club: The Untold Story of Maui's Sugar Ditch Kids and Their Quest for Olympic Gold

Written by Julie Checkoway • Narrated by Alex Chadwick

The story of Soichi Sakamoto and the Japanese American children he trained to be champion swimmers, hoping to have them compete in the 1940 Olympic Games. The children came from extreme poverty on Maui, swimming in the irrigation ditches of the sugar plantation where they lived. Some violence, and some strong language. Nonfiction - Sports.

Audio DB083154

**** DB=Digital Talking Book; PR=Large Print; BR=Braille ****

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.

Newly Recorded Fiction

The Art of Inheriting Secrets

Author: Barbara O'Neal • Narrator: Cathy Gloeckner • Family Fiction
When Olivia Shaw's mother dies, she's astonished to learn she's inherited a centuries-old English estate—and a title to go with it. Reeling from the knowledge that her reserved mother hid something so momentous, Olivia sets out to uncover the secrets of her mother's past. Some descriptions of sex. 2018. **DBC13125**

King Coal

Author: Upton Sinclair • Narrator: Stephanie Briggs • Social Problem Fiction

A man adopts the alias "Joe Smith," gets a job in a coal mine, befriends many of the workers, and realizes their misery, and exploitation at the hands of the bosses. Thus begins the tale of advocacy for workers' rights. Unionization, however, is easier said than done. 1917. **DBC03091**

Small Delightful Murders. Ranger McIntyre Series #2

Author: James C. Work • Narrator: Mark Hintz • Colorado Mystery
Small Delights Lodge in Rocky Mountain National Park is under siege. Shots fired at the owner, vehicles set on fire, electrocution booby traps—and finally arson and murder. Park Ranger Tim McIntyre has plenty of suspects, including the owner of a neighboring resort, a rogue ranger, and some Chicago mobsters who want Small Delights as a prohibition speakeasy. **DBC13136 & PR029753**

Red Dragon's Keep. The Dragon's Children Series #1

Author: Natli K. VanderWerken • Narrator: Laura Hatch • YA Fantasy
Thomas Arach, heir to Red Dragon's Keep wants desperately to earn his father's respect but hasn't been allowed to even try. But with demons in the undercroft He must master the magic in his blood, learn to wield a Sword of Light, and lead his people to save the Keep. Will dragons help? Bestseller. For senior high and older readers. 2017. **DBC13128**

Newly Recorded Nonfiction

Colorado Women in World War II

Authors: Gail Marjorie Beaton & Thomas J. Noel • Narrator: Louise Lederhos • Colorado Biography & War Nonfiction
Interweaves nearly eighty oral histories including interviews, historical studies, newspaper accounts, and organizational records to shed light on Colorado women's participation in World War II, exploring the dangers and triumphs they felt, the nature of their work, and the ways in which the war influenced their lives. 2020. **DBC25798**

Cutting Back: My Apprenticeship in the Gardens of Kyoto

Author: Leslie Buck • Narrator: Geri Gingras • Gardening & Horticulture
At thirty-five, Leslie Buck became the first American woman to learn pruning from one of the most storied landscaping companies in Kyoto. During her apprenticeship in Japan, she learns that the best gardens look so natural they appear untouched by human hands, even though her crew spends hours meticulously cleaning every pebble in the streams. 2017. **DBC13091**

Deafblind People and Support Services in the 21st Century

Authors: Paul Deeming, Katherine Gabry, Mark Gasaway, Beth Jordan, Randall Pope, & Elizabeth Spiers • Narrator: Matthew Ballantine • Social Services & Associations
A resource for understanding the role of the support service provider programs and the positive outcomes—increased self-confidence, self-sufficiency, and self-worth—that deafblind people can achieve when they have access to these vital services. 2021. **DBC25802**

The Death of An Heir: Adolph Coors III and the Murder That Rocked An American Beer Dynasty

Author: Philip Jett • Narrator: Louise Lederhos • Colorado True Crime

An account of the true story behind the murder of Adolph Coors III, the CEO of the multi-million-dollar Colorado beer empire, traces the labor union uprisings that threatened to destabilize the Coors family brewery and the February 1960 abduction that triggered the largest U.S. manhunt since the Lindbergh kidnapping. 2017. **DBC25785**

Live Your Dash: Make Every Moment Matter

Author: Linda M. Ellis • Narrator: Lori Kinney • Inspirational Work

It's not your birth or death that matters most, but how you spend each passing year inbetween. Linda shares her message of joy, hope, and positive energy through uplifting stories, essays, and poetry, along with tales of people who have been "touched by the dash." 2014. **DBC25797**

Mindfulness for Children: Help Your Child to Be Calm and Content From Breakfast Till Bedtime

Author: Uz Afzal • Narrator: Stephanie Briggs • Child Raising & Child Psychology

A guide about how mindfulness helps children, why it's becoming more popular, and how to do it. It combines practical exercises that children can complete alongside their grownups with a commentary on the theory and science behind the practice. 2018. **DBC13126**

The One-Eyed Buffalo: And Other Adventurous Stories From The Life of Doc Gurney, Veterinarian

Authors: Doc Gurney, Jan Gurney, & Mary Lou Green • Narrator: Visvaldis Jaunarajs • Animals & Colorado Biography

Recounts the life of veterinarian, Doc Gurney, from his days as a Wyoming ranch hand, a medic in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, to his 50-plus years of veterinary practice in Wyoming and Conifer, Colorado. 2020.

DBC25791

Remastered Audio Books

The following locally recorded titles have been remastered and are now available from CTBL and BARD.

Remastered Fiction

Iced

Author: Jenny Siler • Narrator: Lisa Dobson • Colorado Thriller
Repo woman Meg Gardner regards the death of Clay Bennett, stabbed in a tavern brawl, as the perfect chance to repossess his Jeep Cherokee. But a number of people want what Bennett had in that Jeep and are willing kill Meg to get it. 2000. **DBC26081**

Remastered Nonfiction

The Best of Amole

Author & Narrator: Gene Amole • Colorado History & Journalism
Rocky Mountain News columnist and former owner of KVID renders selections from his two columns: "Morning" and "Amole Again." 1983.
DBC26080

Stagecoaches Across the American West, 1850 to 1920

Author: John A. Sells • Narrator: Nelson Grabenstetter • U.S. History
The stagecoach was instrumental in the development of the western United States between 1850 and 1920. The coaches carried mail, cargo, and people from the east to points west—including Colorado. This book is a history of stagecoaches and stagecoach service, including a chronology, a list of stage lines, and a bibliography. 2008. **DBC26075**

Topsoil and Civilization

Authors: Tom Dale & Vernon Gill Carter • Narrator: Louie Myers •

Ecology

In this unique approach to ecology, world history is reviewed from the standpoint of man's relationship to the sustaining land and the soil on which he lives—rather than the politics of nations. 1974. **DBC26082**

Women Who Made the Headlines: Denver Woman's Press Club: The First 100 Years

Authors: Clé Cervi & Nancy M. Peterson • Narrator: Jean Schneider •

CO Biography

In 1898, reporter Minnie J. Reynolds and seven fellow writers organized the Denver Woman's Press club "to advance and encourage women in literary work, to cultivate acquaintance and friendship among women of literary tastes... and to drive dull care away." From this irreverent beginning, the club grew to include the movers and shakers of that day and the century to follow. 1998. **DBC26079**

Need even more recommendations?

Talk to a CTBL Reader Advisor at 303-727-9277

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