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CTBL News

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Magazines

Did you know that you are able to receive magazines from the Colorado Talking Book Library? We have a wide variety of magazines available on audio cartridges, through digital download on BARD, or in press braille. The following list provides a brief overview of the magazines available from cooking to western history! A reader advisor can help you get signed up for one of these or help you choose from our full list of available magazines on myctbl.org.

Bon Appetit- Articles on cooking, entertainment, and travel; recipes from favorite and well-known restaurants.

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The Colorado Magazine- Features articles, photo essays, book reviews and more from writers with a passion for the past and the Centennial State.

Audio cartridge

Colorado Outdoors- Colorado Outdoors is the official magazine of the Colorado Division of Wildlife. It gives the information you want about Colorado and its hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Audio cartridge

Consumer Reports- In-depth articles that rate consumer products tested for quality, durability, and safety; also contains general-interest articles on such topics as health and money management.

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Discover: The World of Science- Science news and articles exploring current events and future views on topics such as technology, space, the environment, health, and medicine.

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Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine- Mystery stories by top writers in the field and by new, previously unpublished writers.

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Guideposts- A magazine that will move and inspire with personal, heartwarming stories and faith-affirming articles that show anything is possible with hope, faith and prayer.

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Horticulture- Gardening trends, products, and projects for amateur gardeners.

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Make- Part of the maker movement, publishes projects, skill-building tutorials, in-depth reviews and inspirational stories, accessible by all ages and skill ranges.

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The New York Times Book Review- Literary articles and book reviews from the Sunday New York Times.

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True West- Nonfiction articles about the Old West written by historians and western buffs.

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June 9th – August 15th

CTBL's all ages Summer Reading program is back! This year's theme, Color Our World has us thinking about all the ways reading adds extra color to our lives. Starting June 9th 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 is easy! Just complete five activities from our Activity Guide and call or email the library to let us know which activities you did. Once you have completed your five activities, we will send you your choice of a Colorado Talking Book Library baseball cap or sling bag.

Like last year, there will be online programs hosted by the National Library Service throughout the summer, including a special kick-off event! Details will be available on myctbl.org.

Activity Guides and Booklists will be posted on myctbl.org or can be requested by phone or email beginning June 9th. We hope you add a little color to your world with CTBL Summer Reading this summer!

What Are You Reading?

Books Recommended By CTBL Staff

Our four Reader Advisor Librarians are here to help you with any questions you may have or to help you find your next favorite book! Here are some favorites they recommend:

Liz recommends...

When No One Is Watching

Written by Alyssa Cole ** Narrated by Jay Aaseng

In Brooklyn-born-and-raised Sydney Green's beloved neighborhood, for sale signs are popping up overnight, and the neighbors she's known all her life are disappearing. But she soon realizes her neighbors may not have moved to the suburbs after all. Some descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. Thriller.

Audio DB100647

True Biz

Written by Sara Novic ** Narrated by Kaleo Griffith

Charlie is a transfer student at the River Valley School for the Deaf who has never met another deaf person before. When Charlie has trouble adapting, the headmistress asks the school's golden boy, Austin, to help her settle in. But Austin is dealing with troubles of his own, and the school itself is in danger of closing. Unrated. Friendship Fiction.

Audio DB107579; Large Print PR032168

Andrea recommends...

The Poison Keeper: (Italian Renaissance Series #1)

Written by Deborah Swift ** Narrated by Terry Donnelly

Naples, 1633. Giulia Tofana longs for more responsibility in her mother's apothecary business, but Mamma has always been secretive about the hidden keys to her success. But after Mamma is arrested for the poisoning of the powerful Duke de Verdi, Giulia discovers the darker side of her trade. Historical Fiction.

Audio DB106527

The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches

Written by Sangu Mandanna ** Narrated by Samara MacLaren

As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon knows she must hide her magic, keep her head down, and not draw attention. And as an orphan who lost her parents at a young age, she's used to being alone and she follows the rules... with one exception: an online account, where she posts videos "pretending" to be a witch. She thinks no one will take it seriously. But someone does. Unrated. Fantasy.

Audio DB110401; Braille BR025362

Lorrie recommends...

Everything I Never Told You

Written by Celest Ng ** Narrated by Suzanne Duvall

Examines the secrets of the Chinese-American Lee family of Ohio before and immediately after the 1977 drowning death of their middle child--high school sophomore Lydia. History professor James and his wife Marilyn--whose medical school plans were aborted by pregnancies--had high hopes for her. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Family Fiction.

Audio DB080393; French Audio DBG14927; Braille BRG03649

Sourdough

Written by Robin Sloan ** Narrated by Thérèse Plummer

Software engineer Lois Clary works long, solitary hours programming at a San Francisco robotics company. When the two brothers who run a local take-out restaurant are deported, she inherits their sourdough starter, learns to bake, and changes her life. Some strong language. Magical Realism.

Audio DB089026; Large Print PR026999

Judy recommends..

The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue

Written by Victoria Schwab ** Narrated by Julia Whelan

France, 1714. In a moment of desperation, Addie LaRue makes a Faustian bargain to live forever, but is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore who remembers her name. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Historical Fantasy.

Audio DB100901; Spanish Audio DB104289; Large Print PR030492; Braille BR023467

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What are you reading?, continued from page 5

Lovely War

Written By Julie Berry ** Narrated by Fiona Hardingham

A sweeping, multi-layered romance set in the perilous days of World Wars I and II, where gods hold the fates--and the hearts--of mortals in their hands. Four very different lives are intertwined in stories told by the goddess Aphrodite. There is hope and heartbreak--and the lesson that war is no match for the transcendent power of love. Violence and some strong language. Historical Fantasy.

Audio DB094119; Large Print PR027343

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

A Daughter's Wages

Written by Joanne M. Brand ** Narrated by Judith Knapp

In 1889 Yankton, South Dakota, ten-year-old Isabella is left alone when her father drives off, demanding she find work so he can collect her wages. With no school, no family, and no guidance, she begins a lonely struggle to survive. 2016. Growing Up Fiction.

Audio- DBC13153

Dog Talk

Written by Terence L. Anderson ** Narrated by Mark Hintz

Newly blind Dave Henry and his uncanny guide dog Ezra share a powerful bond and eerie instincts—ones that draw them into the hunt for ER doctor and serial killer Edwin Carter. Strong language, violence, and rape. 2019. Paranormal Thriller Fiction.

Audio- DBC25870

Fluke

Written by James Herbert ** Narrated by James Ryder
Awakening as a mutt and plagued by increasing memories of his life as a human, a dog struggles for survival. Then he encounters the man who murdered him in his former life. 1977. Animal Fiction.

Audio- DBC25848

First Tracks: Aspen Mystery #1

Written by Catherine O'Connell ** Narrated by Patricia Jonietz
After surviving an avalanche that killed her close friend, ski patroller Greta Westerlind wakes in the hospital with no memory of why they were in such dangerous terrain. As she pieces together the past, ominous events suggest someone wants her dead.. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 2019. Thriller Fiction.

Audio- DBC13156

Jane and Barque of Frailty: Jane Austen Mystery #9

Written by Stephanie Barron ** Narrated by Cathy Gloeckner
Jane Austen is staying with her brother and his wife in London to await the publication of her first novel, Sense and Sensibility. She finds herself deep in the heart of a conspiracy with its roots in the French Revolution, when she investigates the murder of a disgraced woman rumored to be the mistress of Lord Castlereagh. 2006. Cozy Mystery.

Audio- DBC25808

Return to Whispering Pines: Langtry Sisters Series #2

Written by Scarlett Dunn ** Narrated by Laverne Rios
In Whispering Pines, Colorado Schoolteacher Adelaide Langtry dreams of opening an orphanage while caring for her three abandoned siblings. But tensions rise with Sheriff Jack Roper—her ally and growing love interest—when he sets out to arrest her outlaw brother. 2018. Historical Romance.

Audio- DBC13101; Large Print- PR029198

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The Ice Palace Waltz

Written by Barbara L. Baer ** Narrated by Stephanie Briggs
In Leadville, Colorado, two Jewish immigrant families—the rough and ready Western pioneers and the smooth, “our crowd” New Yorkers—come together in a family saga amid the financial and social tumult of early twentieth century America. 2020. Colorado Historical Fiction.

Audio- DBC25809

The Getaway

Written by Emily March ** Narrated by Geri Gingras
Jake Prentice built a career out of being dependable, but it left him perennially stressed and overworked. Finally heeding his mother’s advice, he’s quit his job. And now, he’s got no regrets... until former colleague Tess Crenshaw appears, forcing him to reassess what he really wants. 2022. Colorado Romance Fiction.

Audio- DBC25813

Wind Runner: The Dragon’s Children Series #2

Written by Natli VanDerWerken ** Narrated by Laura Hatch
In the race to unite the pieces of the Power of DragonsTalisman, an arrogant WindRunner, a Dragon, an elf, and a dire wolf must learn to work together to brave the Dark Fey, close a Rift into another world, and battle demons sent to kill them all. Young Adult. 2019. Epic Fantasy Fiction.

Audio- DBC13129

Yosemite Fall: National Park Mystery #4

Written by Scott Graham ** Narrated by James Ryder
Archaeologist Chuck Bender heads to Yosemite to investigate 150-year-old murders—but when the Yosemite Slam climbing competition turns deadly, a missing climber, sabotaged gear, and a shocking death put Chuck and his wife under suspicion. Some strong language and violence. Mystery Fiction.

Audio- DBC13161

Newly Recorded NonFiction

A Kid's Look at Colorado

Written by Phyllis J. Perry ** Narrated by Margo Goodwin

A collection of stories and ideas from all over Colorado, including ghost towns, Native Americans, and the state flower. Many aspects of the state are explored, from national parks and wildlife, to early explorers and Native peoples, the state's railroading and mining days, to its state symbols, and modern-day landmarks. For grades 3-6. 2005. Colorado History & Geography.

Audio- DBC13159

Colorado Women: A History

Written by Gail Marjorie Beaton ** Narrated by Hille Dais

Chronicles the lives, roles, and contributions of women in Colorado from prehistory through the modern day. Each chapter addresses the everyday lives of women in a certain period, placing them in historical context, and is followed by vignettes on women's organizations and notable individuals of the time. 2012. Colorado History.

Audio- DBC03298

Forever Wild, Forever Home: The Story of The Wild Animal Sanctuary

Written by Melanie and Mark Shellenbarger ** Narrated by Visvaldis Jaunarajs

The Sanctuary has saved more than 1,000 wild animals from backyard cages, illicit big cat breeding and cub-petting outfits, and seedy private zoos around the world. This is a highlight of the sanctuary's rescues and rehabilitation programs. 2020. Animals Nonfiction.

Audio- DBC13083

Objects of Survivance: A Material History of the American Indian School Experience

Written by Lindsay M. Montgomery ** Narrated by Stephanie Berg Oram

Between 1893 and 1903, Jesse H. Bratley worked in Indian schools across five reservations in the American West. Bratley was charged with forcibly assimilating Native Americans through education. Although tasked with eradicating their culture, Bratley became entranced by it—collecting artifacts and taking glass plate photographs to document the Native America he encountered. 2019. Colorado History.

Audio- DBC13148

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Newly Recorded NonFiction, continued from page 9

Profiting from the Peak: Landscape and Liberty in Colorado Springs

Written by John Harner ** Narrated by Karen Cranford

Geographer John Harner surveys the events and socioeconomic conditions that formed Colorado Springs, analyzing the built landscape to offer insight into the origins of its urban forms. He examines the cultural values that have come to define the city, showing how military, tourism, political and economic conditions, cultural movements, and administrative policies have created a singular urban personality. 2021. Colorado History.

Audio- DBC25793

Self Seeking Devotionals

Written by Sandra Bailey ** Narrated by Karen Cranford

Bailey set out to write at least 60 daily devotionals as part of a project from her women's prayer group. Each one relates to a Bible verse and one of her life events. Christian Devotional Nonfiction.

Audio- DBC25827

The Bad Old Days of Colorado: Untold Stories of the Wild West

Written by Randi Samuelson-Brown ** Narrated by Stephanie Berg Oram

Colorado really was the Wild West with foundations going back to gambling dens, saloons, brothels, and shady characters—along with hardworking miners, ranchers, and town people. This is a lively history that looks at the wicked side of progress on the frontier. Colorado History.

Audio- DBC25815

The Sporting Road: Travels Across America in an Airstream Trailer—with Fly Rod, Shotgun, and a Yellow Lab Named Sweetzer

Written by Jim Fergus ** Narrated by Tom Moran

Essays describe the author's experiences during four seasons of hunting and fishing, and share his impressions of nature and his fellow hunters and fishermen. Some strong language. 2000. Sports Nonfiction.

Audio- DBC13079

When Women Vote: Election Reform as a Roadmap to Advance Equality

Written by Stephanie F. Donner & Amber F. McReynolds ** Narrated by Karen Cranford

Highlights the challenges that women in particular face when trying to vote in the current system, and the amazing things that happen with reform. The authors make the case for further voting reform by sharing experiences of women voters and leaders throughout the United States. 2022. Politics & Government.

Audio- DBC25824

Remastered Audio Books

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

Remastered Fiction

Legend of the Painted Horse

Written by Harry Combs ** Narrated by Barbara Hovan

Steven Cartwright, a rancher born in Colorado in the 1890's, sets out to tell the story of how the mysterious painted horse came to the United States. 1996. Historical Fiction.

Audio- DBC03042; Large Print- PR007419

Mountain of Gold

Written by Max Evans ** Narrated by Gordon Mallery

Cutting trees for fence-posts on Black Mountain, Benito Anaya stumbles on a rock which turns out to be a gold nugget the size of his fist! He spends the rest of his life in a quest for the motherlode. 1965. Adventure Fiction.

Audio- DBC26094

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Remastered Nonfiction

Footprints of a Pilgrim: The Life and Loves of Ruth Bell Graham

Written by Ruth Bell Graham ** Narrated by Laverne Rios

Ruth Bell Graham's life story told in her own words with added tidbits and anecdotes from her family. The journey of a child of missionaries in Quingjiang, China in 1920, until today at her home in North Carolina. ECPA Christian Book Award winner. 2009. Christian Autobiography.

Audio- DBC26092

Letters of a Woman Homesteader

Written by Elinore Pruitt Stewart ** Narrated by Betty Sullivan

Elinore Pruitt Stewart took up homesteading in Burnt Fork, Wyoming, in 1909, to prove that a woman could ranch. Her letters reveal the isolation, the beauty, and the joy of working the prairie. The basis for the movie Heartland. Strong language including one racial epithet. Frontier & Pioneer Life Nonfiction.

Audio- DBC26096

My Searching Heart

Written by Crying Wind ** Narrated by Linda Weiss

The story of how a young Indian woman believes God is using her to bring all nations to him. Presents a word-portrait of modern Indian psychology, relating the hopelessness and despair that leads so many Native Americans to alcoholism, suicide, and death. 1950. Christian Autobiography.

Audio- DBC26098

The Cowboy and His Elephant: The Story of a Remarkable Friendship

Written by Malcolm MacPherson ** Narrated by Nelson Grabenstetter

Bob Norris, who gained fame as the Marlboro Man, adopted a baby elephant named Amy who had been taken from her African herd and brought to the United States. Through careful training, Bob coaxes Amy into trusting humans and the world in general. 2001. Animals Nonfiction.

Audio- DBC26095

Tim McCoy Remembers the West: An Autobiography

Written by Tim McCoy & Ronald McCoy ** Narrated by Larry Camp
Remembered as a star of western films in the 1920's and 1930's, Tim McCoy was also a working cowboy and rancher, a U.S. cavalry officer and adjutant general of Wyoming, a circus performer, and head of a traveling Wild West show. 1977. Stage & Screen Autobiography.

Audio- DBC26093

Woven on the Wind: Women Write About Friendship in the Sagebrush West

Written by Gaydell M. Collier, Nancy Curtis, & Linda M. Hasselstrom **
Narrated by Laverne Rios

A collection of true stories, poems, and reflections from women of the interior West—also known as sagebrush country—writing about their kinship with other women. Short Works & Essays.

Audio- DBC26097

Getting Started: Clicker Training for Dogs

Written by Karen Pryor ** Narrated by Louise Hausburg
Learn from clicker expert Karen Pryor how training can be FUN, both for you and your dog. Pryor introduces you to the why's and how's of clicker training—from choosing a treat, to timing the click, and finally to training the trick. Turn your puppy or older pet into an obedient dog with easy, all-positive clicker training. 1999. Pet Care.

Audio-DBC26090

Key to Book Numbers

Each book number is preceded by two or three letters. 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

Patron Advisory Group for the Colorado Talking Book Library

The Colorado Talking Book Library is pleased to announce the creation of the Patron Advisory Group for the Colorado Talking Book Library. These virtual meetings will happen quarterly, and it will be the place where library patrons can meet online to discuss issues, make suggestions for library programming, listen to guest speakers, and meet CTBL staff. Everyone is welcome at the Patron Advisory Group and no registration is required. Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, July 22nd at 5 pm. If interested in attending, please email Reader Advisor Librarian Judy Craig-Robb at craig-robb_j@cde.state.co.us to receive the Zoom link.

Contacting CTBL

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CTBL will be closed on the following days:

Friday, July 4, 2025

Monday, September 1, 2025

Monday, October 6, 2025

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thursday, December 25, 2025

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