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TALKING BOOK SERVICES EVENTS

BRILLE CHALLENGE: The fourth annual Braille Challenge was held at the Talking Book Services Library in Columbia on February 2. Organized by the Braille Institute, the Braille Challenge is an academic competition designed to motivate blind students to emphasize their study of Braille. The competition is open to first through twelfth grade students. Judging is based on abilities in spelling, comprehension and proofreading Braille. There were approximately 20 competitors and their families in attendance. The all day event included lunch, entertainment and an awards ceremony. All in all it was a huge success! (Winners are listed on page 3)

KLAS CONFERENCE: If you noticed slower service the week of April 9, we do apologize. We were all busy hosting a national conference of other Talking Book Libraries. The conference was led by Keystone who makes the catalog system we use. The conference was a huge success! We do appreciate your patience during that time.



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE



Karen Keninger,
Director of the
National Library
Service

Karen Keninger began her tenure as Director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped on March 26. She left her position as director of the Iowa Department for the Blind, a leading provider in the United States of vocational rehabilitation and independent-living programs and library services for blind and visually impaired individuals to take on this new challenge.

LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF!

My name is Sandy Knowles and I am the new (as of January) director of Talking Book Services. I have been a librarian for over 30 years, working mostly in public libraries. I am a native of Columbia and very pleased to finally be back home. It is a pleasure to serve everyone who uses our services.



Sandy Knowles

STAFF FAVORITES:

Authors: Michael Connelly
Harlan Coban
Marcia Muller
Mary Kay Andrews
Dorothea Benton Frank

Titles: The King's Speech by Mark Logue: Tells the story of the man who became King George VI, the father of Queen Elizabeth II.

Braille Challenge winners:

Varsity:	1st- Shelby Craig 2nd-Tori Wilson 3rd-Chris Givens	Freshman:	1st-Fatima Taylor 2nd-Tylek Fludd 3rd-Bailey Carithers
Jr. Varsity:	1st-Ryan Uhle 2nd-Austin Bowers 3rd-Anna Milligan	Apprentice:	1st-Jessie Campbell 2nd-Madison Serico 3rd-Elijah Gregory
Sophomore:	1st-Wallace Stuckey 2nd-Bill Dingler 3rd-Alexis Faulkenberry	Novice:	1st-Victoria Thibeau 2nd-Zharvis Scott 3rd-Devin Tyler
Freshman:	1st-Fatima Taylor 2nd-Tylek Fludd 3rd-Bailey Carithers	Rookie:	1st-William McFadden 2nd-Brookelyn Raulerso 3rd-Dylan Fisher

TECH HIGHLIGHTS

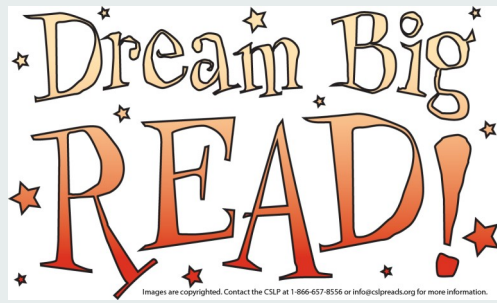
Assistive devices are available for in-house use at the State Library to aid readers who cannot use conventional text. These devices include:

Closed Circuit Television which magnifies text up to 60 times its original size.

Zoomtext® magnifies computer screen images up to 16 times their original size.

JAWS® for Windows reads aloud information on a computer screen.

OpenBook® scans a printed page and reads the text aloud.



SUMMER READING
KIDS 5—12

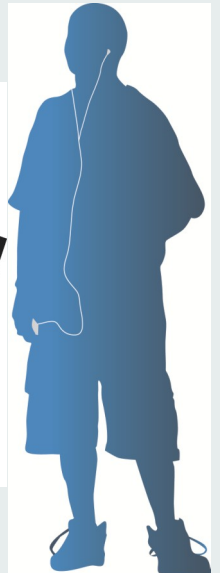


**SUMMER READING CONTEST
SHORT STORY/POEM COMPETITION!**

(For kids aged 5 to 18)

- ◆ Write a short story (at least one page long), or compose a poem.
- ◆ Complete an entry form and return it and your entry to the SC State Library/Talking Book Services. (Must be a registered Talking Book Services patron.)
- ◆ Only enter once in each category (may enter both a poem and a short story).
- ◆ Winners will be announced in the Fall Newsletter.
- ◆ Two winners from the "Dream Big!" category and two winners from the "Own the Night" category.
- ◆ Winning poem and short story will be published in the Fall Newsletter, on the TBS webpage and recorded as a talking book in our studio.
- ◆ Deadline: August 1
- ◆ To receive an entry form, contact a Reader's Advisor.

OWN
the **NIGHT**



SUMMER READING TEENS

Let's Celebrate Art! Student Art competition

Students: create a spectacular piece of art using the medium of your choice. Send it to us by October 5 along with an entry form. Winners will be announced and awards given out later in October. This competition is open to any blind or visually impaired student k–12. Entry forms will be available late summer. So come on! Let's Celebrate Art!



DID YOU KNOW?



Talking Book Services has its own recording booth for creating digital copies of local books of interest not picked up by the National Library. We use volunteers to read the books and staff and volunteers to edit the recordings. It can take weeks to months to get one book completed. In addition to books, we also record South Carolina Wildlife and Sandlapper magazines.

Check out our latest local recordings:

DSC 504 The Girl on Legare Street by Karen White
Melanie is reunited with her estranged mother, Ginnette Prioleau Middleton, after she has an ominous premonition. With their combined psychic abilities they expect to unearth some ghosts. They will have to face long buried secrets to save Melanie's family from dark spirits. (Narrated by Kerry Stubbs)

DSC 505 The Coastwatcher by Elise Weston

Set against the backdrop of the home front during World War II, this adventure blends mystery and history. The protagonist learns that war is not a distant and exciting game, but a grim reality actually involving real people and real danger. For Grades 4 – 8. (Narrated by Patricia Voelker)

DSC 506 Going Going Gone! By Alan Katz

Readers can join in the chorus, singing sporty new lyrics to childhood classics. From football to baseball, soccer to archery, there's a song for every court, field, and sporting occasion. For grades Preschool – 2. (Narrated by Patricia Voelker)

DSC 507 New York is English, Chattanooga is Creek by Chris Raschka

Suppose you are a city. Who named you Santa Fe, or Portland, or Tombstone, or whatever your name is? This book invites you to a party with lots and lots of relatives, near and far, from all over the nation. For grades Preschool – 4. (Narrated by Kallie Earnest)

DSC 508 The Adventures of Little Lee-lee and Sir Tickle, the Friendly Pickle by Alicia Chisolm

After Lee-lee is diagnosed with juvenile diabetes, her imagination comes to life in the form of a giant friendly dill pickle named Sir Tickle, who tries to keep her on the right path regarding her diabetes. For grades 3 -6. (Narrated by Sherry Andrews)

DSC 510 Saints at the River: a Novel by Ron Rash

A child's body is trapped on the bottom of South Carolina's Tamassee River and her parents want it recovered. Environmentalists, politicians, the family and the townspeople square off in a battle over how best to resolve the situation and protect this wild and scenic river. Maggie Glenn, a newspaper photographer sent to cover the story, returns to her hometown and is forced to face her past. (Narrated by Kimberly Roberts)

Do you use BARD? If so, check out our own Lionshare. The books listed above are also available for digital download from our website via the link for Lionshare.

<http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/lionshare>

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Standard delivery time is 2-3 days, but the US Postal Service does not guaranteed delivery.