

# Connect the Dots



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## CONGRATULATIONS, TALKING BOOK SERVICES!

On August 22, 2015, at the state convention banquet, the South Carolina Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind presented Talking Book Services with the Employer of the Year award. The text of the plaque reads:

***In appreciation of your outstanding record of providing meaningful employment opportunities for blind South Carolinians, the NFB of SC bestows upon you its Employer of the Year Award.***

***Our Friend, Our Brothers in Service***

***August 22, 2015***

We are deeply honored to be recognized by the NFB. We strive to serve the blind community in all ways.



Talking Book staff with Employer of the Year Award

## DONATIONS

Since July 1, 2014, we have received over \$17,000 in donations as memorials or outright gifts. This is an amazing sum. The money is used to enhance the services we provide in a variety of ways. We appreciate the generosity of those that give and we miss those patrons who have been honored with memorials. Remember that all donations are considered a charitable donation and therefore tax deductible. When making a donation, please include the address of those to be notified for memorials or donations in honor of a special occasion or person.

The donations are used to help us better serve our patrons. In this same time period, we have added a few hundred large print books, many descriptive videos, celebrated the work of our many volunteers and rewarded visually impaired students who entered our Art Gallery competition.

Donations can be sent to Talking Book Services, S.C. State Library, P.O. Box 821, Columbia, SC 29202. **Donations are used to enhance and improve library services.** Please make checks payable to Talking Book Services.

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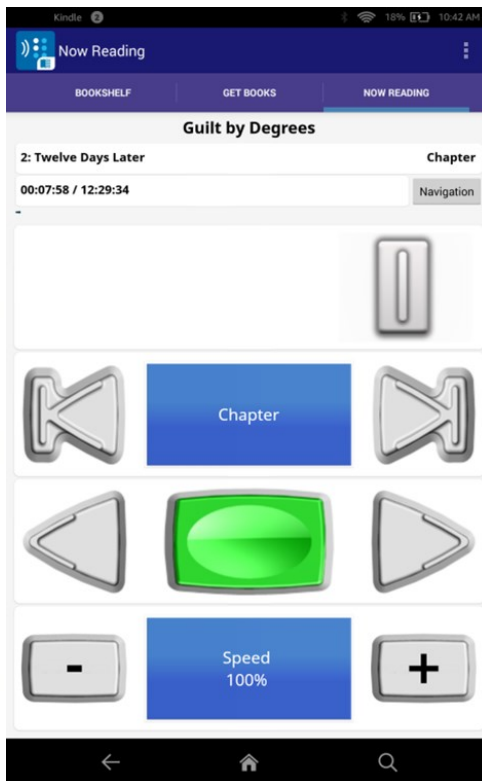
BARD Mobile is an app that offers TBS patrons a way to download and access their books on their phones or devices. Patrons wanting to use the BARD Mobile app must be registered for BARD.

Android users need a new model personal Android smart phone or tablet and an active Google Play account to download the app from the Google Play store.

Kindle users need to own a new generation Kindle or Fire tablet as well as have a personal account in the Amazon Kindle online store in order to download the app.

The app is free of charge for both Android and Kindle.

Patrons need a reliable connection to a cellular provider or Wi-Fi network in order to download material. (Please note: TBS does not provide devices or phones for use with the BARD Mobile app.)



## 2016 TALKING BOOK SERVICES SURVEY

We want to hear how we are doing!

Please take a few moments to circle the answer that applies for each of the questions. Pull out the survey, fold it so the library's address is showing and drop it in the mail. No postage is necessary. Do not include your name. If you cannot fill out this form or receive the newsletter in audio format, you may respond by calling us at 1-800-922-7818. Please return by March 1, 2016.

1. How has the library service been valuable to you? (circle as many as apply).

Companionship

Educational

Personal Growth

Recreational Reading

Cultural information

Religious

2. How did you originally hear about the library?

Friend

Relative

Health Care Professional

Social Worker

Rehab Counselor

Librarian

TBS Outreach Program

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please rate your satisfaction with the following services.**

3. Book titles we select for you.

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Poor

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of books we send you

Excellent      Very Good      Good      Poor

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Completeness and condition of the books you receive

Excellent      Very Good      Good      Poor

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Quality of the equipment we have loaned you

Excellent      Very Good      Good      Poor

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Ease of contacting us

Excellent      Very Good      Good      Poor

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Courtesy of library staff

Excellent      Very Good      Good      Poor

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Overall rating of TBS services

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Poor

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

## 10. The Connect the Dots Newsletter

Excellent

Very Good

Good

Poor

Types of articles you would like to see in the newsletter:

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## 11. Do you own a DVD player?

Yes

No

## 12. Do you own a personal computer, smart phone, iPod, iPad or Android tablet with internet access ?

Yes

No

## 14.If yes, do you order books using our online catalog?

Yes

No

15. Have you registered to use BARD (must have a computer and internet service or a smart phone or computer tablet)?

Yes

No

16. If you are registered for BARD, have you ever downloaded a book?

Yes

No

17 Are there any types of library programs you would be interested in participating in?

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## **MISSING DIGITAL BOOKS AND EMPTY CONTAINERS**

**We are noticing an increase in the number of containers being returned either empty or with the wrong book inside.**

**Please remember to always double check and make sure the book cartridge is in its matching container before mailing the container back. The cartridge and container have a DB book number on them and should match when you send them back. If you are unable to see the numbers, we suggest you have only one container open at a time.**

**We will return all empty and mismatched containers to you as soon as we receive them. If you find a loose book cartridge, please put it aside and wait for the container to be returned to you. We do this so that you can match up any loose cartridges you have or mismatched books.**

**This will help us get books processed and on their way to you faster, and will reduce any delay in your service.**

**We appreciate your careful attention to this matter.**

**You may have noticed you did not receive a Fall Newsletter. We were unable to send one out. We do apologize.**

## **New in Large Print**

- LP 22149 Captivated by You: Crossfire, Book 4 by Sylvia Day (spicy romance)**
- LP 22150 Where Trust Lies: Return to the Canadian West. Book 2 by Jannette Oke (inspirational romance)**
- LP 22151 The Night Garden by Lisa Van Allen (romance)**
- LP 22152 Someone is Watching by Joy Fielding (mystery and detective)**
- LP 22153 Last One Home by Debbie Macomber (Families)**
- LP 22154 Chasing Sunsets: Angels Walking Series. Book 2 by Karen Kingsbury (Christian fiction/romance)**
- LP 22155 Memory Man by David Baldacci (mystery and detective)**
- LP 22156 Emma: A Modern Retelling by Alexander McCall Smith (romance/foreign setting)**
- LP 22157 Miracle at Augusta by James Patterson and Peter De Jonge (general fiction)**
- LP 22158 NYPD Red 3 by James Patterson (mystery and detective)**
- LP 22160 The Fall: Rebecca Hardy's First Case by John Lescroart (mystery and detective)**
- LP 22161 Your Next Breath by Iris Johansen (mystery and detective)**
- LP 22168 Garden of Lies by Amanda Quick (romance)**
- LP 22170 Every Fifteen Minutes by Lisa Scottoline (mystery and detective)**
- LP 22171 Miss Julia Lays Down the Law by Ann B. Ross (light fiction)**
- LP 22179 One Night by Eric Jerome Dickey (African-American Romance)**

## **DESCRIPTIVE DVDS**

**Talking Books offers a selection of Descriptive DVDs for its blind and visually impaired patrons. On a special audio track on the film, a narrator describes action, characters, locations, costumes and sets without interfering with the dialogue or sound effects.**

### **Recently added DVDs:**

- DW00236      Gone Girl (R)**
- DW00237      Million Dollar Arm (PG-13)**
- DW00238      Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)**
- DW00239      Get On Up (PG-13)**
- DW00240      American Sniper (R)**
- DW00241      A Million Ways to Die in the West (R)**
- DW00242      Hercules (PG-13)**
- DW00243      Into the Woods (PG)**
- DW00244      Jupiter Ascending (PG-13)**
- DW00252      Magic in the Moonlight (PG-13)**
- DW00258      The Maze Runner (PG-13)**
- DW00259      Interstellar (PG-13)**
- DW00263      The Other Woman (PG-13)**
- DW00264      The Equalizer ®**
- DW00267      The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG)**
- DW00269      If I Stay (PG-13)**

**To receive an up-to-date bibliography of the large print books or Descriptive DVDS in our collection, please call the library at 1-800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611.**

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