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Summer Reading 2010

Students from around the state took part in this year's Summer Reading Program. This year's theme was Make a Splash for Pre- School - K -12 and Water Your Mind for Teens.

Congratulations to all you wonderful readers! Each participant received a certificate of achievement and a special prize. Join us next year for more summer reading. Remember to keep reading because "When You Read You Succeed!" Here are pictures of some of our summer readers.

Join us for another great Summer Reading Club in 2011 Summer reading is a great way to help preschoolers learn early literacy skills, avoid the "summer slide" for students and for adults to model the joy of reading to their children.



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HAVING MY SAY

Pamela N. Davenport
Director, TBS

Season's Readings to all of you our wonderful patrons. It is my hope that you enjoyed the best holidays. This has been a productive, very eventful time here at Talking Book Services. We have taken over the full administration of the Braille and Recorded Download (BARD). This means we are now responsible for all aspects of this operation. We are encouraging everyone to sign up on our webpage (at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/tbs) if you would like to download your books. BARD is a great addition to our service.



Four track cassettes out – digital cartridges in! October 2010 marked the end of the cassette book production. We are pleased to be moving forward and praise the National Library Service on their efforts as they set out full steam ahead with the production of the digital format.

We look forward to once again hosting The Braille Challenge here at the South Carolina State Library. The date for the event is February 3rd, 2011.

Happy 80th Anniversary to National Library Service in March 2011!

As always it is my pleasure to serve you and I am always delighted to hear from you.

TBS Division Director



Nancy Rosenwald is the Division Director for Discovery & Delivery, which includes Talking Books Services. She joined the South Carolina State Library in January 2010 and has enjoyed learning about TBS and its many services. Nancy has been impressed by the smooth transition to digital technology and the willingness of TBS patrons to take advantage of new equipment and audio formats. Overseeing library services at the State Library, Nancy recognizes and values the benefit Talking Book Services brings to the people of South Carolina.

FOR LARGE PRINT READERS

Listed below is a sampling of large print titles in the collection. Copies are limited. Additional listings are available upon request. Call 800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611.

- LP19854** Cornwell, Patricia Daniels. **Book of The Dead.** After relocating to Charleston, S.C., to launch a private forensics lab, Kay Scarpetta is asked to consult on the murder of U.S. tennis star Drew Martin, whose body was found in Rome. Violence and strong language.
- LP19901** Grafton, Sue. **T Is for Trespass.** After PI Kinsey Millhone's elderly neighbor Gus Vronsky falls, his great-niece hires nurse Solana Rojas to care for him. Kinsey investigates Solana's background, but doesn't learn until much later the truth about her. Strong language and some violence.
- LP20305** Graham, Billy. **Led to Believe: Inspiring Words From Billy Graham & Personal Stories From Those Whose Lives He Touched.** Reverend Billy Graham tells in his own words about his personal faith journey.
- LP19873** Jakes, T.D. **Reposition Yourself: Living Life Without Limits.** T. D. Jakes offers advice on how to succeed and prosper by reassessing one's life and positioning oneself for the future. Jakes uses scripture and personal experience to illustrate the connection between faith, good works, and responsibility.
- LP16756** Kidd, Sue Monk. **The Secret Life Of Bees.** South Carolina, 1964. Fourteen-year-old Lily rescues her African American housekeeper--and substitute mother--Rosaleen, from the hospital. Rosaleen had been beaten for trying to register to vote. They flee to a safe place where Lily's battered late mother had also fled--a beekeeping operation run by three black sisters. Some strong language.
- LP20444** Michaels, Fern. **The Scoop.** Newly widowed, Teresa "Toots" Loudenberg is ready to taste life again, and fate has just handed her the perfect opportunity. The owner of the gossip rag where Toots's daughter works is about to lose the paper to his gambling debts. Strong language.
- LP20458** Parker, Robert B. **Brimstone.** Brimstone, Texas. After Everett Hitch and Virgil Cole rescue Virgil's sweetheart Allie from a brothel, they're hired as deputies to diffuse conflict between a corrupt preacher and an unsavory saloon owner. Sequel to **Resolution** (LP 20025). Some violence and some strong language.



Good Reads for Kids and Young Adults

Kids

- DB/RC 66224** **Before Green Gables** by Budge Wilson and L.M. Montgomery
- DB/RC 50083** **The Complete Chronicles of Narnia** by C.S. Lewis
- DB/RC 69684** **Deep Down Popular** by Phoebe Stone
- DB/RC 66054** **Elijah of Buxton** by Christopher Paul Curtis
- DB/RC 67898** **The First Americans** by Anthony F. Aveni
- DB/RC 66677** **Into the Wild: Warriors, Book 1** by Erin Hunter
- DB/RC 69680** **The Postcard** by Tony Abbott

Young Adults

- DB/RC 68880** **A Curse Dark as Gold** by Elizabeth C. Cunce
- DB/RC 68055** **The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks** by E. Lockhart
- DB/RC 69493** **Flygirl** by Sherri L. Smith
- DB/RC 66659** **Owning It: Stories about Teens with Disabilities** by Donald R. Gallo
- DB/RC 64085** **Street Love** by Walter Dean Myers
- DB/RC 66717** **Tunnels** by Roderick Gordon and Brian James Williams

Digital Books-Biographies/ Autobiographies



- DB70076** Agassi, Andre. **Open: An Autobiography.** The tennis great details moments from the career he secretly despised. He also discusses his childhood, his brief marriage to actress Brooke Shields, his use of methamphetamine, and the family he started with his second wife, tennis star Steffi Graf.
- DB69587** Albom, Mitch. **Have a Little Faith: A True Story.** The author discusses his relationships with two men of different faiths. Describes time spent with his New Jersey childhood rabbi Albert Lewis, and with African American minister Henry Covington, an ex-con, and his impoverished Detroit congregation.
- DB70853** Burnett, Carol. **This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection.** Focusing on the years since the childhood covered in her first memoir, *One More Time* (RC 25096), Burnett shares anecdotes about fellow actors. She also provides glimpses into her personal life, both humorous and sad.
- DB69300** Edwards, Elizabeth. **Resilience: Reflections on the Burdens and Gifts of Facing Life's Adversities.** Elizabeth Edwards, wife of former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards and the author of *Saving Graces* (RC 63105), continues her inspirational message of hope.
- DB69583** Gibbs, Joe. **Game Plan for Life.** A guide for men in applying Christian principles to life from former football coach and NASCAR race-car owner Joe Gibbs. Topics include finances, salvation, relationships, health, and triumph over sin and addiction.
- DB069560** Hallerman, Victoria. **How We Survived Prostate Cancer: What We Did and What We Should Have Done.** A cautionary tale about prostate cancer from the viewpoint of a wife who says she and her husband "did everything wrong." Discusses the marital and medical challenges they faced. Provides information on the disease, treatment, side effects and advice to the newly diagnosed.
- DB 69797** Sullenberger, Chesley. **Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters.** US Airways pilot recounts his successful January 2009 emergency landing in New York City's Hudson River after a bird strike disabled his airplane. Describes his Texas childhood, military service, and the training that enabled him to save the lives of all of the passengers.

Spotlight On Volunteers

Our volunteer recording teams have been busy since last spring, recording new books for our S.C. Collection. It is a team effort to produce a new talking book. The narrator reads the book before the recording starts. As the book is being recorded, staff and volunteers use special recording software to monitor the recording sessions. If the book is long, it takes many sessions to complete the narration. Next, volunteer reviewers listen to the recording to check for errors, mispronunciations or sound quality issues and edit the recordings. After corrections are made by the narrator and the recording is complete, a master is created and copies are duplicated. Here's a list of our newest titles that are available as digital books:

- DSC 496 Final Truth: The Autobiography of a Serial Killer** by Donald Gaskins. A graphic version of "Pee Wee" Gaskins life which includes violence, strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Narrated by Chris Yates.
- DSC 498 Through the Pale Door** by Brian Ray. A coming of age story about a young woman dealing with the death of her mother. Includes strong language. Narrated by Carol Hall.
- DSC 500 The Boo** by Pat Conroy. Conroy's first book in which he describes his experiences as a cadet at the Citadel. Narrated by Charles Bierbauer.
- DSC 501 Oh My Goodness!: More Surprises from Fair Acres** by Effie Leland Wilder. Once again, Harrie McNair takes note of her lovable cohorts at Fair Acres Retirement Home. Narrated by Delores Pluto.
- DSC 502 Ramblings of a Low Country Game Warden** by Ben McC. Moise. The author shares tales of adventure, humor, and danger as he enforced the fish and game laws on the Carolina coast. Narrated by Ted Hayne.
- DSC 503 The Teaberry Strangler: A Tea Shop Mystery** by Laura Childs. The owner of a Charleston tea shop sees her friend get murdered and encounters problems with the local police. Narrated by Patricia Voelker.

Two other local recordings are now available in digital format:

- DSC 473 Grace at Low Tide** by Beth Webb Hart
- DSC 495 The Vendetta: Special Agent Melvin Purvis, John Dillinger, and Hoover's FBI in the Age of Gangsters** by Alston Purvis.

News About Digital Player and Books

A Digital Player is waiting for you

All new recorded books will now be in the digital format only. If you have not received a new digital player please contact us and we will send you one today. You can keep your cassette player for now to listen to older titles on cassette and some magazines.

Digital Player Accessories available. Order yours now!

An adaptor is available to connect NLS-issued headphones to the digital player. For BARD users, an adaptor is now available to allow the flash drive to align vertically with the player. No more worries about damaging the USB port or having the flash drive stick out. Call us at (800) 922-781 or locally at (803) 734-4611.

We've got the blues... and we need your help!

We've got the blues and the grays missing book cartridges. The new digital books are mailed in blue or gray containers. We have had several containers returned without a cartridge. Please be sure to check each container to make certain that the correct cartridge is in the container before putting it in the mail. To ensure that you have the correct book cartridge in the correct box please keep them together or only open one book at a time. These items cannot be checked in or circulated when one part of the set is missing. Thank you for helping us to serve you better.

Loan Policy For Digital Books

- The maximum number of digital books that may be checked out is 12.
- The loan period is four weeks.
- Renewals may be requested.
- No overdue fines are imposed. Overdue notices are sent.

Talking Book Service Advisory Council Meeting

The Talking Book Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011. The meeting is held at the South Carolina State Library, 1430 Senate Street, Columbia, SC.

News You Can Use.....

Executive NLS/BPH Case

Executive Products has created a new soft form-fitted custom EXECUTIVE NLS/BPH CASE for the NLS/BPH digital talking book player. The case is made of water-resistant and durable Italia faux leather. This case fits snugly around your unit, and has a storage zipper compartment for your cartridges. The case is designed to allow easy access to load your cartridges, access buttons, USB port, headset jack and all other components of the reader. It comes with a large zippered pocket/flap that can accommodate up to three cartridges, and other accessories. The case comes with a shoulder strap and a handle strap. This case fits both the standard and advance NLS units.

For more information visit their website at:

<https://www.executiveproductsinc.com/catalog/product>

Or call (818)833-8822 Mon – Fri 8:00AM – 5:00PM PST

21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010

In October 2010, President Obama signed into law the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act. This updates the Communications Act and establishes new safeguards for disability access to ensure that people with disabilities are not left behind as technology changes and the United States migrates to the next generation of Internet-based and digital communication technologies.

The legislation requires smart phones, television programs and other modern communications technologies to be accessible to people with vision or hearing loss.

The legislation gives individuals with vision or hearing loss improved access to television programming, smart phones, the internet, menus on DVD players, program guides on cable television and more.

WHAT YOU SAID...

"My life has changed since I started getting talking books. It has helped me with learning." Linda A. Wilson – Summerville

"It makes me happy!" "It's my best friend!" Robert F. Kokesh – Columbia

"The best thing since sliced bread" Patricia Anthony - Columbia

"I'm satisfied with my talking books and I enjoy them Thank the Lord you came my way!" Fostine R. Lloyd - Darlington

"Fantastic! So enjoyable and portable. What a good investment!" Charlene Helms – North Augusta

Pioneers: 50 Years of Volunteer Service



This past August, when Vicki Collins, the NLS consultant visited Talking Book Services, she was presented with a book documenting the volunteer efforts of the Telephone Pioneers in South Carolina. The history was compiled by Richard S. Morris, III, a current member of the machine repair group and the son of the Telephone Pioneer who established the first group of volunteers in 1960.

When Richard was asked why he decided to do the book he said, "I just finished publishing my family's genealogy. I wanted to record the history of the Pioneer repair group because the 50th anniversary was coming up. Of course I wanted to do this because my Dad started the group and I dedicated the book in memory of him."

The book documents the beginning of library services to blind individuals and how the Telephone Pioneers of America began working with the National Library Service. Locally, he researched where each machine repair facility was located and who volunteered since 1960. The book is full of photographs and copies of newspaper articles throughout the years. It also includes special recognition and awards presented to the group; including recognition from NLS in 1966, the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in 1985, the Midlands Volunteer Group of the Year from the Voluntary Action Center in 1990, and a special recognition award from the S.C. Library Association in 2009.



With Sympathy

This page is dedicated to the memory of our deceased patrons, friends and to the family members of those who have passed away in 2010. On behalf of the entire Talking Book Services staff we offer you our most sincere and deepest sympathy.

“When someone we love dies, it seems as if time stands still. And silence... a quiet sadness... often can be felt, not just heard, a longing for one more day... one more word... one more touch... And we may not understand why God chose to have him leave this earth so soon, or why he had to leave before we were ready to say goodbye, but little by little, we will begin to remember not just that they died, but that they lived. And that their life gave us memories too beautiful to forget. We will see them again someday, in a heavenly place where there is no parting. A place where there are no words that mean goodbye.”

Author Unknown

Remembering Martin Lowery



For over sixteen years, Martin Lowery spent most Tuesday mornings repairing cassette machines for Talking Book Services. In that time, he repaired hundreds and hundreds of machines for our patrons. We were saddened by his death on September 20, 2010.

Martin Lowery retired from AT&T with 43 years of service. Prior to his work with the phone company, he served in the U.S. Navy and was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. After he retired, he began volunteering in the Pioneer Talking Books equipment repair program in 1994. He was recruited to join the repair group by his best friend, Ralph Baxter, who is still a member.

In recent years, he devoted more time to caring for his wife, Margaret. Yet he still found time to come to the library to work and socialize with the other retired Pioneers. We will fondly remember this dedicated volunteer.

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