



### Talking Book Services

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## Digital Talking Book Player - A First Glance



The National Library Service, in its Strategic Business Plan 2006, released pictures and descriptions of the upcoming **Digital Talking Book Player**. Here's how they described the basic model:

- 6 by 9 by 2 inches
- weighs just over two pounds
- dark gray body to create maximum visual contrast between the background of the case and the colors of the buttons
- a very simple interface with the rewind, play and fast forward controls centered close to the front edge of the player
- keys have tactile and color indicators, are larger, easier to press and well spaced
- built in audio prompts to make it easier to learn how to operate

### The book design:

- uses flash memory
- very different than the cassettes now in use
- very adaptable to talking book readers
- slightly smaller than the audio-cassettes, and
- very little manipulation of media required

**The new mail containers** will be smaller, easier to open and will save space.

# HAVING MY SAY

Pamela N. Davenport  
Director, TBS



Reflecting on my two years here at TBS, I have to say that I am proud of the accomplishments that we have made such as the quality narrators that we have had the opportunity to have in our recording booth, the partnerships that we've cherished over the years and the new ones that we've made. We are excited about the upcoming digital transition in 2008. At this time the National Library Service's transition team is busy making plans for the new machines and the conversion. As we glance toward the future know that so many exciting opportunities are just ahead. As always we will keep you posted on our progress.

To date I've already attended two Legislative drop-ins, one sponsored by the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) of SC and the other for the School for the Deaf and Blind sponsored by their Foundation. Both of these groups are in partnership with us and as always it is a great pleasure to support their efforts. That's what friends are for.

The TBS Advisory Board held a quarterly meeting in late January. The Board voted unanimously to continue under the leadership of John Martin as the chairman of the Advisory Council. The Board will meet again in April. You are encouraged to contact council members with your thoughts and concerns about the TBS program.

As always it is my pleasure to hear from you and to be of service to you our wonderful readers.

## WHAT YOU SAID

"It feels so good to read books again. Now that I can it's a joy for me – My life is so much richer." - **Lynn Fischer**

Don't know what I'd do without this service – thank you!" - **Faye Kurtz**

"The best thing since sliced bread" - **Betty Y. Linder**

"There are not enough words of praise, thankfulness and gratitude that I can express for my gratitude for this service. It is truly a Godsend and has brought much joy and happiness into my life." - **Lisa Petty**

# FOR LARGE PRINT READERS

- LP 19666** Baldacci, David. **The Collectors.** When someone murders the head of the rare book room of the Library of Congress, eccentric colleague Caleb Shaw rounds up his buddies from The Camel Club (LP 19171) to investigate.
- LP 19655** Berg, Elizabeth. **The Handmaid and the Carpenter.** In this interpretation of the nativity story, Mary and Joseph alternately relate the tale of their teenage romance and betrothal.
- LP 19663** Clark, Mary Higgins and Carol Higgins Clark. **Santa Cruise: A Holiday Mystery at Sea.** Millionaire Randolph Weed organizes a holiday charity cruise. Weed's nephew smuggles aboard two wanted felons who plan to escape once they reach the Caribbean.
- LP 19685** Coulter, Catherine. **Born to Be Wild.** Believing someone is trying to kill her, soap opera star Mary Lisa Beverly returns to her Oregon hometown where she attracts the attention of both the police chief and the district attorney.
- LP 19675** Dalby, Robert. **Waltzing at the Piggly Wiggly.** Mississippi widow Laurie Lepanto is determined to keep her favorite supermarket in business. She enlists the help of widower and former ballroom dance instructor Powell Hampton to carry out her scheme.
- LP 19684** Griffin, W.E.B. **The Hunters: Presidential Agent; Book 2.** Two brutal murders and millions of missing dollars in the growing UN/Iraq oil-for-food scandal lead Delta Force Major Charley Castillo and his team to Uruguay.
- LP 19656** Jakes, John. **The Gods of Newport.** 1893. Railroad tycoon Sam Driver sets out to conquer the summer resort of Newport, Rhode Island, and find a prestigious match for his daughter, Jenny.
- LP 19678** Mosley, Walter. **Fear of the Dark.** Los Angeles, 1956. Bookseller Paris Monton lands in trouble when his cousin Ulysses "Useless" Grant asks for help. Paris calls on his friend Fearless Jones.
- LP 19671** Patterson, James. **Cross.** Washington, D.C. Psychologist Alex Cross resigns from the FBI and returns to private practice and accepts a case that could finally lead Cross to his wife's murderer.
- LP 19667** Sparks, Nicholas. **Dear John.** After years of drifting, John Tyree joins the army. While on leave he meets Savannah Curtis. The two fall in love, but their relationship changes when John re-enlists after 9/11.

The 2007 SCBook Festival will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC on February 23-25, 2007. On Friday, February 23rd, the festival will feature workshops at various locations around the Columbia area during the day. On Saturday and Sunday of the festival, all events are free. The weekend activities feature award-winning authors discussing their works and other interesting literary topics. All events are open to the public, no appointment, registration, or reservation required. We hope to see you at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center in February! For more information, check out the website at:

[www.scbookfestival.org](http://www.scbookfestival.org)

We have several books in our collection by authors attending this year's festival:

\*Sonny Brewer  
\*Andrew Carroll  
Jackie Cooper  
Maira Crone  
Walter Edgar  
Dottie Benton Frank  
\*Karin Gillespie  
Nikki Giovanni  
\*Patti Callahan Henry

\*Ad Hudler  
Beverly Jenkins  
Doug Marlette  
Kimberla Lawson Roby  
Joanna Catherine Scott  
Charles J. Shields  
Neal Thompson  
Rosemary Wells

\*Denotes large print titles only



## Outstanding Librarian Award

South Carolina Talking Book Services is delighted to announce that Guynell Williams, former TBS director for over twelve years, was awarded the South Carolina Library Association's 2006 Outstanding Librarian Award. The award was presented at the 2006 SCLA Conference in Hilton Head, SC. Guynell is presently the Federal Grants Coordinator and is also responsible for assisting the director with agency planning and special projects. Since so many of our TBS readers and fellow LBPH librarians from around the globe have asked about Guynell's whereabouts we thought you'd like to hear about Guynell's latest accomplishment.

# READERS' ADVISORS PICKS

- RC 55417** Gilbert, Elizabeth. **The Last American Man.** Biography of South Carolina native Eustace Conway, who gave up a suburban lifestyle in 1977 when he was seventeen and returned to nature. (Greer)
- RC 30751** Ishiguro, Kazuo. **The Remains of the Day.** Stevens, a butler for some thirty years, muses on his life of service and is persuaded by his new employer to take a vacation motoring through the English countryside. (Greer)
- RC 60121** Kidd, Sue Monk. **The Mermaid Chair.** When fortyish Jesse Sullivan returns to Egret Island, South Carolina, to reconnect with her failing mother, she is overwhelmed with passion for a Benedictine monk. (Leventis)
- RC 55533** Kidd, Sue Monk. **The Secret Life of Bees.** South Carolina, 1964. Fourteen-year-old Lily and her African American housekeeper, Rosaleen, flee from the hospital to a beekeeping operation run by three black sisters. (Leventis)
- RC 35109** Lehrer, James. **The Short List.** When the Oklahoma governor is invited to give the keynote speech at the 1976 Democratic Convention, he takes his lieutenant governor, One-Eyed Mack, who delivers the address instead and finds himself on the short list for the vice presidency. (Windham)
- RC 61198** Mann, Charles C. **1491: New Revelations of the Americas before Columbus.** Offers conclusions from anthropological and archaeological research about the western hemisphere before European exploration. (Keadle)
- RC 58296** McCaffrey, Carmel. **In Search of Ancient Ireland: the origins of the Irish, from neolithic times to the coming of the English.** Companion to a PBS television series reviews the history, archaeology, and legends of Ireland from circa 8000 B.C. to the twelfth century A.D. (Windham)
- RC 47260** Rowling, J.K. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone.** On Harry Potter's eleventh birthday, he learns that he is more than an unwanted orphan as the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry recruits him because he has inherent magical abilities. (Keadle)

**Please remember that items are on loan for a specific time period. Please return items so that others may enjoy them. Renewals may be requested.**

# MEET OUR NEWEST VOLUNTEER

## A New Face at Talking Book Services



We are pleased to have formed a partnership with Experience Works and to have Barbara Davis working as part of our team at Talking Book Services. Since last October, Barbara has been inspecting cassette books and duplicating magazines and replacement tapes for books. Recently, in the afternoons, she's been answering the agency phone and directing calls to Talking Books staff. In the short time she's been here, she has mastered tape duplication equipment, rewind machines

and the phone system.

"By the abundance of calls that we receive daily, I'm assured our patrons are just as satisfied and happy, as I am being able to do a service for them with joy and a smile. Most importantly, their satisfaction is first. This is not work, but a pleasure knowing I am producing joy." This statement from Barbara represents her positive and friendly personality. She has been a tremendous asset for the library and is a pleasure to work with.

## Veteran Journalist Becomes Volunteer Narrator

Did you know a CNN correspondent and a former member of the White House Press corps narrates books for Talking Book Services? That's right, Charles Bierbauer, who is now Dean of USC's College of Mass Communications and Information Studies, also narrates books for the library.



Charles began his career as a radio reporter, was a correspondent for ABC News, and covered the Supreme Court, the Bush and Reagan administrations and presidential campaigns for CNN. He also won an Emmy for coverage of the 1996 Olympic Park Bombing in Atlanta. "It has been such a pleasure to work with Charles. He makes narrating a book seem effortless. And he has such interesting stories to tell about traveling all over the world and covering the White House," stated Naomi Bradey, Volunteer Coordinator.

Mr. Bierbauer just completed the second book he has narrated. Flabbergasted by Ray Blackston, of Greenville, is a light-hearted comedy about a young man who quits his job as a stock broker to follow his heart and a missionary to Ecuador. The first book he narrated was Signs and Wonders by Roger Pinckney, which paints a vivid portrait of Daufuskie Island. If you would like to hear this talented narrator's recordings, please request CBC 465 Signs and Wonders and CBC 469 Flabbergasted.



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If you or someone you know has problems understanding conversation or speaking over a standard telephone, help is available through the South Carolina Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (SC TEDP).

The program is **FREE** to qualifying South Carolina residents. Additionally, there are no income level restrictions for applicants.

Who qualifies for the program? South Carolina residents who have phone service in their homes and certified disabilities that cause difficulty using a standard telephone are eligible. A professional must certify that the individual can benefit from special telephone equipment.

### **For more Information:**

**<http://www.scsdb.k12.sc.us/outreach/TEDP.htm>**

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