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Special Recognition for Pioneer Volunteers



The S.C. Library Association (SCLA), a statewide organization, selected our Pioneer machine repair group to receive a special award last October. All of the Pioneers and their wives were invited to attend the Awards Brunch during the annual conference in Columbia.

They were selected to receive this special honor "in recognition and appreciation for 48 years of exceptional service to the library community." The Telcom Pioneers, the volunteers who repair our entire inventory of cassette players, received a standing ovation by librarians from across the state. They were impressed by the impact their volunteer service has had on thousands of library patrons over nearly five decades. Some were moved to tears when a letter from a young patron was read, thanking each individual Pioneer for taking care of her cassette player. In addition to the plaque they were presented, they also received new personalized work aprons.

Over the years, our Pioneer repair group has received other awards, including recognition from the United Way and the Office of the Governor. All of these awards will be included in a special publication that is being created by one of the members, Richard Morris. Using his passion for genealogical research, he is producing a historical timeline of the Pioneer's involvement in the machine repair program, on a national and state level.

HAVING MY SAY

Pamela N. Davenport
Director, TBS

Spring is in the air. The flowers and trees are budding everywhere and so are the blue containers with the digital books! We are excited that the transition is in full bloom just like the trees, the pollen and everything else in South Carolina. With sniffles and smiles we are well on our way to a wonderful season with lots of beautiful weather and good books to read.



Several TBS patrons attended the 2010 SC Book Festival held in Columbia. Many of our wonderful patrons traveled far and were able to meet a few of their favorite authors. Next year's festival will be May 14-15, 2011 so, mark your calendars and save the date!

We hosted the 2010 SC Braille Challenge and it was a huge success! The number of participants increased greatly for this year's event. Thirty two students participated from around the state. With parents and teachers in tow the students lead the way and took on the challenge. Congratulations to all participants.

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

What You Said....

"I love the new digital player and I want to listen to books like crazy!" "Your whole service is wonderful!" – Ann M. Beall – Hilton Head

"This program has made a difference in my world." – Robert Lindler – Chapin

"Best government agency!" – Cora Ford – Aiken

"The best program the government runs!" – William Wallace – Greenville

"There are no words to describe what this service has meant to me." Alpha C. Jenkins - Aiken

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.

- LP 11949** Ashe, Arthur. **Days Of Grace: A Memoir.** A reserved man despite his fame, late tennis champion Arthur Ashe described the difficulty of being forced to go public with the announcement that he had contracted AIDS from a blood transfusion four years earlier. He discussed his family, career and beliefs.
- LP 19385** Crawford, John. **The Last True Story I'll Ever Tell: An Accidental Soldier's Account of the War in Iraq.** The author relates his 2003 tour of duty in Iraq after being called up as a newlywed college senior and member of the Florida National Guard.
- LP 20416** Gelles, Edith B. **Abigail & John: Portrait of a Marriage.** The author uses letters and correspondence to portray the unique marriage of the second president of the United States John Adams and his wife Abigail Adams.
- LP 20153** Gilbert, Elizabeth. **Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything across Italy, India, and Indonesia.** Traces the author's decision to quit her job and travel the world for a year after suffering a midlife crisis and divorce.
- LP 20475** Koontz, Dean. **A Big Little Life: A Memoir of a Joyful Dog.** Bestselling author Koontz tells the story of how he and his wife, Gerda, unexpectedly met and fell in love with a golden retriever named Trixie.
- LP 11968** Lewis, C. S. **A Grief Observed.** An intensely personal account of the author's wife's death, from cancer, written with love, humility, and faith.
- LP 20418** Moore, Mary Tyler. **Growing Up Again: Life, Loves, and Oh Yeah, Diabetes.** The former sitcom actress recounts her experiences with juvenile diabetes. Includes facts about diabetes and resources.
- LP 20572** Sullenberger, Captain Chesley "Sully" with Jeffrey Zaslow. **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.
- LP 20503** Williams, Andy. **Moon River and Me: A Memoir.** Autobiography of the plush baritone's seven remarkable decades in show business.



TBS Kids Corner - Biographies

- DB/RC 67830** Ferris wheel! George Ferris and His Amazing Invention by Dani Sneed
- DB/RC 68531** The Life and Times of Clara Barton
By Susan Sales Harkins
- DB/RC 67557** George Washington Carver
By Tonya Bolden
- DB/RC 66527** She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer By Sally Hobart Alexander
- DB/RC 66426** We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
By Kadir Nelson
- DB/RC 68461** Meet the Musicians: From Prodigy (or Not) to Pro
By Amy Nathan
- DB/RC 68158** Off to War: Voices of Soldiers' Children
By Deborah Ellis

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Digital Books-Biographies/ Autobiographies



- DB 67577** Andersen, Christopher. **Somewhere in Heaven: The Remarkable Love Story of Dana and Christopher Reeve.** Portrait of actor Christopher Reeve (1952-2004) and his singer-actress wife Dana (1961-2006) and their deepening bond following a 1995 riding accident.
- DB 66746** Coll, Steve. **The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century.** Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Ghost Wars* (RC 57940) outlines the history of the Arabian Peninsula's Bin Laden family.
- DB 66246** Crawford, Alan Pell. **Twilight at Monticello: The Final Years of Thomas Jefferson.** Uses primary sources to chronicle the post-presidential years (1809-1826) of Thomas Jefferson.
- DB 68652** Dickinson, Amy. **The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Mother, a Daughter, and the Town That Raised Them.** Nationally syndicated advice columnist "Ask Amy," describes her adventures as a single mom raising a daughter and building a career.
- DB 69147** Fox, Michael J. **Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist.** In this follow-up to *Lucky Man* (RC 54165), movie and television star Fox discusses his work, politics, faith, and family.
- DB 69326** Kersten, Jason. **The Art of Making Money: The Story of a Master Counterfeiter.** Biography describing, Chicago born, Art Williams learning counterfeiting from an old hand and printing millions for fourteen years.
- DB 66716** Matteson, John. **Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father.** Portrait of nineteenth-century *Little Women* (RC 58830) author and her father, Bronson Alcott, a noted New England educator.
- DB 68655** Moore, Roger. **My Word Is My Bond: A Memoir.** British actor Moore, known for his long-running movie role as James Bond and his television show *The Saint*, discusses these and other highlights of his career.
- DB 66076** Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Joni: An Unforgettable Story.** Tada, paralyzed from the neck down by a diving accident in 1967, shares her struggle to adjust to her disability.

Notes from the TBS Recording Booth

Local author and Talking Book Services patron Carmella Broom recorded her book, **Carmella's Quest: Taking on College Sight Unseen** in our recording booth!



CBC 492 Broome, Carmella. **Carmella's Quest: Taking on College Sight Unseen.** A young woman, legally blind since birth, must decide whether to surrender to her infirmity and remain dependent on others for the rest of her life or go off to college, get a degree, and strive to become self-sufficient. Against enormous odds, she chose to make her own way in the world.

Other recently recorded titles:

CBC 489 Rhyne, Nancy. **Tales from the South Carolina Upstate.** Using oral history excerpts compiled by the Depression-era Federal Writers Project, the author chronicles the natural and human history of this area. Narrated by Charles Bierbauer.

CBC 494 White, Karen. **The House on Tradd Street.** Real estate agent Melanie Middleton inherits a historic Charleston home from a virtual stranger. Jack Trenholm, a writer obsessed with unsolved mysteries, has reason to believe that diamonds from the Confederate Treasury are hidden in the house. Narrated by Kerry Stubbs.

CBC 495 Purvis, Alston. **The Vendetta: Special Agent Melvin Purvis, John Dillinger, and Hoover's FBI in the Age of Gangsters.** Author recounts the story of his father, Melvin Purvis, the iconic G-man and public hero made famous by his remarkable sweep of the great Public Enemies of the American Depression--John Dillinger; Pretty Boy Floyd, and Baby Face Nelson. Narrated by Charles Bierbauer.

Digital Machine Tips:

Machine features

The **round, red Power button** is pressed to turn the player on and off. It is located close to the left edge of the player.

The **square, green Play/Stop button** initiates the playing of a book or stops a book or message already playing. When there is no cartridge in the player, holding this button down for 5 seconds on the Standard Player enters and exits the built-in User Guide. For the Advanced player press and hold the “info” button to access the built-in User Guide.

The **white, triangular Rewind and Fast Forward buttons** to the left and right of the Play/Stop button move the reading position through the book, further in time and book structure the longer the button is held down.

The **white Sleep button, shaped like a crescent moon**, is used to stop playback within 15, 30, 45 or 60 minutes. It is centered just behind the Play/Stop button. The player’s volume will fade and playback will stop.

The **yellow Volume buttons are shaped like arrowheads and point up and down**. They are close to the right edge of the player.

With the new digital player and books you no longer have to rewind your books or flip switches, because most books are on one cartridge.

- It should take about 2 ½ hours to charge the battery, and the battery should last more than 15 hours. The machine will give a warning sound when less than 30 minutes of play time is left.
- If you are downloading your own books and download several books at a time, the digital player is equipped with a Bookshelf feature. This feature allows you to browse multiple titles contained on a cartridge or your personal USB flash drive.
- To access the Bookshelf feature press and hold down the green play/stop button until you here a beep and hear “bookshelf”. After that, you may then browse through the titles contained on the cartridge.
- To navigate from title to title, press the fast forward button (FF) to move forward in the list, and the rewind button (RW) to move backwards in the list. When you hear the book you’d like to select, simply press the green play/stop button again to access the book and begin listening.
- To get back to the bookshelf feature once you are currently in a book, simply press and hold the green play/stop button until you here a beep and bookshelf is announced.

Talking About Digital Books

- ✓ Digital titles are listed in the Talking Book Topics catalog. They begin with the letters DB.
- ✓ The numbers of digital titles are presently limited. However, we are receiving new titles every day.
- ✓ Patrons may have a maximum of **six** digital books checked out at one time.
- ✓ **All** books are checked out for **4 weeks (one month)**
- ✓ Digital titles may only be renewed once.
- ✓ Older titles may not be available yet on digital. They are still available on cassette. Please retain your cassette machine.
- ✓ Digital books are shipped in blue containers. Cassette titles are in green containers. Both use the same mailing cards.
- ✓ Digital books are contained on only one digital cartridge.
- ✓ Cartridges are measured in reading time (i.e., 6 hours).
- ✓ You do not need to rewind the digital cartridges. Simply remove them from the machine to send them back. They will reset automatically for the next patron.
- ✓ Please make sure the correct cartridge is in the proper case before they returning it.

Talking Book Topics

Choosing books is easy with Talking Book Topics. It lists the newest books recorded by the National Library Service (NLS). **This catalog is mailed to you every two months so you can make a selection of recorded books (RC) or digital books (DB) to enjoy.** Please take time to browse through the catalog.

For your convenience there is an order form in the back of each catalog. If you want a digital copy of a book, check the DB book number. If you want the cassette copy, check the RC book number. After you've selected books, mail the form to TBS, P.O. Box 821, Columbia, SC 29202. You may also call us at 1-800-922-7818. Having the book numbers when you call is one of the easiest ways to order new books.

Another way to get Talking Books.... Use BARD!

What is BARD?

BARD stands for Braille and Audio Reading Download. BARD is a downloading service offered by the National Library Service. It allows eligible Talking Book Services patrons to download selected audio books and magazines. Materials are downloaded to your computer, transferred onto a flash drive, and then played on your digital player.

What is downloading?

To download a file is to request it from another computer in order to store it on your computer. In the case of BARD, a Talking Book patron receives a zipped computer file of an audio book or magazine from BARD. That file is then stored on the user's computer.

Can I listen to downloaded files on my computer?

No. Files must be downloaded to your computer; unzipped and transferred onto a flash drive; and then played on your digital player.

What do I need to use BARD?

Users MUST:

1. be a registered patron of the Talking Book Services;
2. already have a Digital Talking Book Machine;
3. have access to a computer, high speed Internet, and a valid email address;
4. own a USB thumb drive of not more than 8 GB (not SanDisk brand); and
5. be registered on BARD's website.

Where do I register for BARD?

<https://nlsbard.loc.gov>. At present, patrons must register themselves for BARD. BARD will email accepted patrons a username and password to be used for BARD. Passwords can be changed at a later date by the patron.

What if I have questions or problems with BARD or downloading?

Contact Talking Books Services:

1-800-922-7818 or tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov



2010 South Carolina Braille Challenge Winners

The Braille Challenge was held at the Talking Book Services Library in February. This is a national competition for school-age children who read and write Braille. Congratulations to these winners:

Apprentice

1st Place: Brookelynn Raulerson, Lexington District 4

Freshman

1st Place: Wallace Stuckey, Columbia, Heathwood Hall Episcopal School

2nd Place: Damien Custer, SCSDB, Spartanburg District 6

3rd Place: Rodrica Youmans, Colleton County Schools

Rookie

1st Place: William McFadden, Orangeburg District 5

2nd Place: Caleb Cross, York 3

3rd Place: Zharvis Scott, SCSDB Spartanburg District 7

Sophomore

1st Place: Austin Bowers, Lexington District 5

2nd Place: Anna Milligan, York District 3

3rd Place: Devin Tyler, SCSDB, Orangeburg District 4

Junior Varsity

1st Place: Ryan Uhle, Aiken County Schools

2nd Place: Mariah Williams, Oconee County Schools

3rd Place: Shelby Craig, Dorchester County District 2

Varsity

1st Place: Brianna Murray, Charleston County Schools

2nd Place: Andiel Kale, SCSDB, Charleston County Schools

3rd Place: Brittany Bomboy, SCSDB, Dorchester District 2



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July 5 - 4th of July