



Thank you, Volunteers!

Talking Book Services has a dedicated and experienced group of five volunteers who repair all of the digital players and cassette machines returned by our patrons. This group of Telcom Pioneers with 63 years of experience is well qualified to run the machine repair program.



There has been a dramatic change in the repair of playback equipment since the introduction of the digital machines in 2011. Richard Morris, a group member explains it in this way, “The digital machine is just a small computer designed to read books. It's repair involves manipulation of the software, mechanical repair and battery maintenance. The old cassette machines only required the change out of the mechanical parts to play cassette tapes. Our major problem with the digital machine is battery charging and software adjustments to keep the battery charged. There are some minor mechanical problems that require the changing of parts. All in all the digital machines are far superior to the old mechanical machines. We will continue to repair the old mechanical machines until they are phased out, probably early in 2015.”

READ AN AWARD WINNING BOOK!

Below is a short list of recent award winning books listed under the name of each award.

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

2013	James McBride. The Good Lord Bird	DB 77431
2012	Louise Erdrich. The Round House	DB 75641
2011	Jesmyn Ward. Salvage the Bones	DB 74033
2010	Jaimy Gordon. Lord of Misrule	DB 72235

PEN/FAULKNER AWARD

2013	Benjamin Alire Saenz. Everything Begins and Ends at the Kentucky Club	DB 76637
2012	Julie Otsuka. The Buddha in the Attic	DB 73858
2010	Sherman Alexie. War Dance	DB 70925
2009	Joseph O'Neill. Netherland	DB 67189

EDGAR AWARD (mysteries)

2013	Dennis Lehane. Live by Night	DB 75625
2011	Steve Hamilton. The Lock Artist	DB 70587
2010	John Hart. The Last Child	DB 69264
2009	C. J. Box. Blue Heaven	DB 66474

AGATHA AWARDS (mysteries)

2012	Louise Penny. The Beautiful Mystery	DB 75464
2011	Margaret Maron. Three-day Town	DB 75672
2010	Louise Penny. Bury Your Dead	DB 72936
2009	Louise Penny. A Brutal Telling	DB 70226

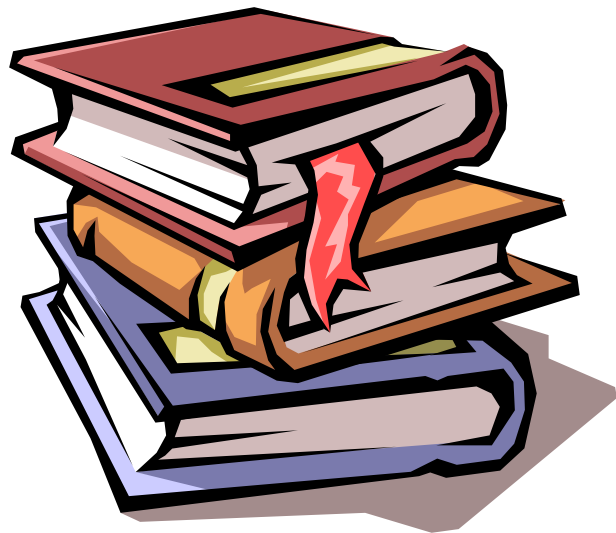
From SOUTH CAROLINA to BARD:

The National Library Service is working to put locally produced talking books onto their BARD site. This will eventually make all books produced locally by states with recording studios available to all TBS consumers in the country. In South Carolina, we focus on recording books written by South Carolina authors or of specific South Carolina interest that have received positive reviews and are not recorded on the national level by the National Library Service. Recently, NLS began a BARD prepilot program to test locally produced books from several states for technical merit and quality that meet the guidelines of NLS. TBS sent the book The House on Tradd Street by Karen White as read by volunteer Kerry Stubbs. Our recording passed the test and will soon be included on the National BARD site. Even though our locally recorded books are not currently available at the national level for download, they are available to TBS patrons via Lionshare at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/lionshare.

WHERE IS MY DIGITAL TALKING BOOK TOPICS?!?

If you receive other magazines besides Talking Book Topics (TBT) on digital, please be sure to check your latest magazine cartridge for TBT. NLS is combining more than one magazine to a cartridge and the TBT is frequently included with other magazines. So before you panic, check your magazine cartridge. It always tells you at the start of the cartridge what is included.

TBS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



We would like to start a book discussion group among TBS readers. Many of you have expressed a desire to have the ability to discuss with other readers the books you have read. There are a couple of options available which we will explore. One is to have people share with fellow readers books you have enjoyed. The other is to assign specific books to read and discuss after they have been read. At first we will reach out to our patrons who have internet access and email addresses. Because we have readers all over the state, logistics is an issue. If we have open email discussions it will simplify that problem. Below is a list of possible books to start with:

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks
The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
The Sherlockian by Graham Moore

If you are interested in joining this email book discussion group, please email us at tbsdiscussion@statelibrary.sc.gov to express your interest and vote on a book to start with.

DONATIONS

Since July 1, 2013, we have received nearly \$5,000.00 in donations as memorials or outright gifts. This money is used to enhance the services we provide through a variety ways. We appreciate the generosity of those that give and we miss those patrons who have been honored with memorials in their names. 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.

Send to Talking Book Services, S.C. State Library, P.O. Box 821, Columbia, SC 29202. **Donations are used to enhance and improve library services.** Make checks payable to SCSL, Talking Book Services.

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Fiction:

- LP 21635 **The Cherry Cola Book Club** by Lee Ashton
- LP 21641 **The Family Business 2** by Carl Weber with
Treasure Hernandez
- LP 21651 **Panhandle** by Brett Cogburn
- LP 21653 **Strike of the Mountain Man** by William
Johnstone with J.A. Johnstone
- LP 21656 **Who Asked You?** By Terry McMillan
- LP 21659 **The Spymistress** by Jennifer Chiaverini
- LP 21661 **Doing Hard Time** by Stuart Woods
- LP 21662 **Doctor Sleep** by Stephen King
- LP 21664 **Something Borrowed, Someone Dead: An
Agatha Raisin Mystery** by M.C. Beaton
- LP 21665 **The Bones of Paris** by Laurie R. King

Non-Fiction:

- LP 21639 **Men We Reaped: A Memoir** by Jesmyn Ward
- LP 21658 **Killing Jesus: A History** by Bill O'Reilly and
Martin Dugard
- LP 21667 **Back in the Fight: The Explosive Memoir
of a Special Operator Who Never Gave Up**
by Joseph Kapacziewski and Charles W. Sasser
- LP 21668 **The Reason for My Hope: Salvation** by Billy
Graham

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in our collection, please call the library at 1-800-922-7818 or
803-734-4611.**



WELCOME ABOARD, RACHEL!!

Rachel Driggers is the newest reader advisor for Talking Book Services. She joins Dianne Keadle, Brenda Boyd and Naomi Bradey in providing personal service to our patrons across the state. She is currently enrolled in the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science (USC SLIS) master's program, and was previously employed at the Richland Library Blythewood branch as an associate. Rachel says, "I'm excited to be on board here at Talking Book Services at the South Carolina State Library. One of my favorite things about working in a library is the opportunity I have to serve people and help them find books that they will truly enjoy." We are glad to have her here and I know all of you will welcome her too.

MY BATTERY DIED!!!



When listening to your digital machine at home, keep it plugged in. This will help preserve the battery life. Also, when recharging, make sure it has fully recharged before unplugging it.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT:

SOUTH CAROLINA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM:

The South Carolina Assistive Technology Program (SCATP) is a federally funded program concerned with getting technology into the hands of people with disabilities so that they might live, work, learn and be a more independent part of the community. As part of a national network of technology-related assistance programs, their goal is to enhance independence, productivity and quality of life for all South Carolinians through access to assistive technology devices and services.

Services provided:

Demonstration of assistive technology.

- A demonstration may include the individual with a disability, and his or her speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, vision itinerant specialist, teacher, special education teacher, service coordinator, parents, and/or spouse.
- The demonstration will include matching features a variety of assistive technology equipment to the individual and they will guide the individual with a disability through the decision-making process.
- They do not conduct formal assessments or write reports.

There is no charge for a demonstration.

A demonstration is provided by appointment.

Free assistive technology equipment loans.

(Download the equipment loan agreement from our website at www.sc.edu/scatp/loan.htm or ask us to mail an agreement to you.)

Equipment loans are made for two to four weeks.

If the equipment is not available at the time of request, we will put your name on a waiting list.

We can ship equipment outside of the Columbia area.

They will ship to you at no charge outside the Columbia area. The borrower is required to pay return shipping, and shipping insurance.

NOTE: SCATP does not sell assistive technology equipment.

Vendor information is available upon request.

Assistive technology workshops and trainings.

Professionals with expertise in many areas of assistive technology and information technology accessibility provide free or low-cost workshops, seminars, and hands-on trainings on functional strategies, the latest assistive technology devices, and information on accessible web and information technology.

Go to our website at www.sc.edu/scatp/ and look under **AT Trainings** to find SCATP trainings as well as trainings sponsored by other entities.

Trainings are held in Columbia and across South Carolina.

Free Assistive Technology Expo with workshops each year in March.

The SC Assistive Technology Expo showcases vendors and agencies and offers assistive technology classes. Visit our website www.sc.edu/scatp/ for more information.

SC Assistive Technology Online Exchange

Go to www.scatpexchange.net/ to see or post AT items needed, items for sale, and free items.

Find more information about other SC Assistive Technology reutilization programs at: www.sc.edu/scatp/reutilization.html.

**The South Carolina State Library presents:
The Speaker @ the Center**

Free author talks

Location: SC State Library, 1500 Senate St., Columbia, SC

Noon—1:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 23, 2014

James L. Underwood, *Deadly Censorship: Murder, Honor, and Freedom of the Press.*

The definitive examination of the true story of an epic South Carolina murder trial that shocked the nation.

Thursday, February 20, 2014

**Mark R. Jones - *Doin' the Charleston: Black Roots of American Popular Music & the Jenkins Orphanage Legacy.*
From rags to ragtime they created the soundtrack of the 20th century.**

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Tom Mack, Editor -*The South Carolina Encyclopedia Guide to South Carolina Writers*

Edited by Tom Mack

A comprehensive guide to South Carolina writers who have made significant contributions to the state's literary tradition

Friday, April 11, 2014

Marjory Wentworth - *New and Selected Poems*

An inspiring assortment of new and “best of” works by South Carolina’s poet laureate

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Deveaux Bank Seabird Sanctuary, South Carolina/Dana Beach, - *Deveaux*

An examination of a fragile environment under siege and a call to conserve it for future generations

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Tom Poland - *Reflections of South Carolina, Volume 2*

Photographs by Robert C. Clark

A pictorial essay that showcases the natural beauty of the Palmetto State and its inhabitants

****These books will be recorded once they are available for purchase. They will not be available on DB until later in 2014.****

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SOUTH CAROLINA ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY EXPO

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2014

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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