



## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF TALKING BOOK SERVICES

Once you are signed up to receive Talking Book Services, you will receive the playback equipment and audio or large print books. Please remember that Talking Book Services is designed to be actively used by its patrons. This means that account holders are expected to check out and return at least one book each year or subscribe to magazines in order to remain active in the service.

Remember, the loan period is one month so please make sure books are returned in a timely manner.

Any patron account that has not been used in one year or more will be suspended. This applies to the mailed Talking Book cartridges, Large Print books, and BARD accounts.

By suspending long-term, inactive patrons we insure that materials and equipment are only being sent to patrons who truly want to use the service. It helps cut down on costs associated with replacing lost materials as well as printing for newsletters and catalogs.

Patrons whose accounts are suspended are expected to return any loaned equipment and materials to Talking Book Services. Returning unused equipment insures that there will be equipment for anyone new who signs up for our services.

This policy does not apply to patrons who are on hold for a short period of time for personal reasons- such as hospitalizations or vacations-unless the hold period extends past a year.

# SUMMER READING KICK-OFF EVENT!

## LIBRARIES ROCK!

Come join the fun!

### Events include:

- ◆ A presentation and book signings by featured author/illustrator Carmen Agra-Deedy
- ◆ Storytelling for all ages
- ◆ Fun activities
- ◆ Visits from literacy friends  
Cocky and the Clemson Tiger



StoryfestSC

### WHEN:

Saturday, June 2, 2017  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### WHERE:

South Carolina State Museum  
301 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC

COST: StoryfestSC is FREE to the public.

StoryfestSC exposes families to children's authors and the art of story and fosters an excitement for reading, especially throughout the summer. All South Carolina public libraries and Talking Book Services participate in this coordinated summer reading program.

# **CALLING ALL LIBRARY PATRONS AGES 4—19!**

## **Join the SC Talking Book Services Summer Reading Program**



### **How it works:**

- ◆ **Anyone ages 4 – 19 can register to participate.**
- ◆ **Kick-off is June 2 at StoryfestSC at the South Carolina State Museum which anyone can attend for free.**
- ◆ **Registration will remain open until June 30.**
- ◆ **Once registered, you will receive a set of earbuds, a reading record, tactile stickers to mark the number of hours you have read, and 4 postcards to mail to us reporting your progress.**
- ◆ **The goal this year is to spend at least 20 hours reading.**
- ◆ **Prizes will be sent to you as you progress.**
- ◆ **Everyone who reads 20 or more hours by July 31 will have their name put in a drawing for an iPod Touch.**

**Watch your mailbox!**

**More information and the registration form will be sent to you through the mail.**

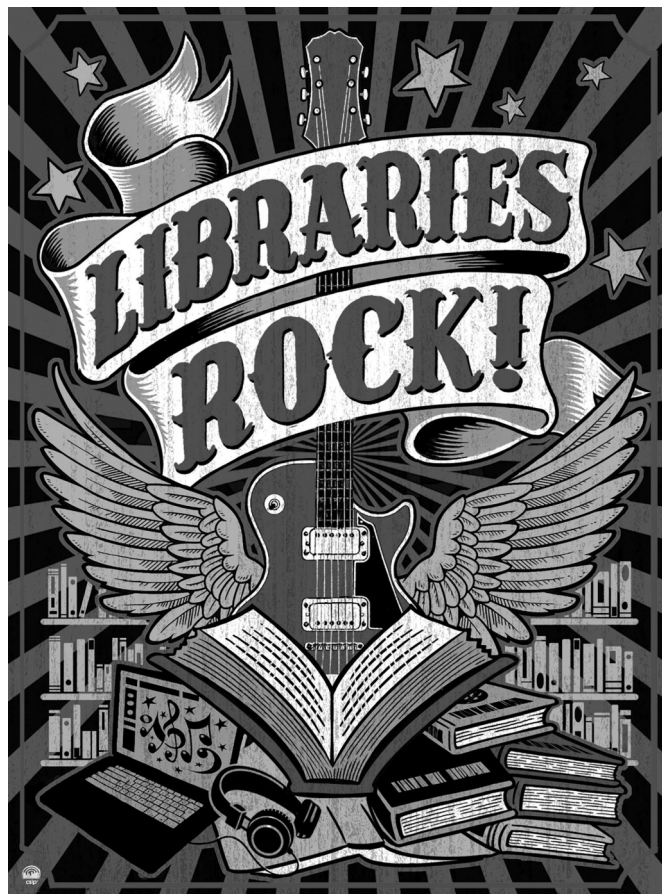
**\*\*\* Remember: you may also join your local library reading program!**

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS!

Don't let the kids have all the fun this summer. Join our adult summer reading program. Just like for kids, the theme is Libraries Rock!

What do you have to do?

- For every 5 books you read you will receive a special gift until you have reached 20.
- For all those who reach our final reading goal of 20 books, we will put your name in the drawing for a grand prize drawing.



The fun begins June 4. Please call us at 1-800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611 to let us know you would like to participate. Let us know when you have reached each goal. Then watch your mail for your special gift.

Be fair and read adult or young adult books that are at least 6 hours long.

When the program ends on July 31, we will have a drawing for all those who complete 20 or more books. One grand prize will be awarded.

Feel free to read by downloading books from BARD, getting them from us, and large print is included if you still read print.

Contact us with any questions, or if you want suggestions on books to read this summer. 1-800-922-7818

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

**Free events open to the public  
Noon—1:00 PM  
1500 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC**

**April 26: Lucinda Clark, View from the Middle of the Road**

**May 24: William Lewis Burke, Jr., All for Civil Rights: African American Lawyers in South Carolina, 1868—1968**

**June 7: Dr. Katherine Chaddock, Uncompromising Activist: Richard Greener, First Black Graduate of Harvard College**

**July 19: Pat McNeely, Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun and the Petticoat Affair**

**August 3: Leigh Moring, Nathanael Greene in South Carolina**

**September 27: Clair DeLune, South Carolina Blues**

## **DIGITAL BOOKS AND FRIENDS BOOK CLUB**

**We've started a book club for TBS audio readers. If you are interested in joining, please contact Brenda Boyd at 1-800-922-7818 or email us at [tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov)**

### **Returning digital books**

**Always make sure that you put the book cartridge back into the container it came out of. Each container has the title and book number for the book inside. If you do not put it into the right container, we will send it back to you to try to straighten out. As long as the book is not in the correct container, we cannot lend it to other patrons.**

### **STOP! DON'T THROW THAT BOX AWAY!**

**When we mail you a new machine or replacement machine it is important for you to keep the box and styrofoam inserts. The box and styrofoam are made specifically for mailing digital talking book machines and even have a card that can be flipped over to mail a machine back to us. Unfortunately, many people do throw them away and then if a machine needs to be replaced there is no box for mailing it back. We cannot send empty boxes through the mail as the post office does not allow that.**

**We could run out of boxes and Styrofoam if we do not get them back to reuse. So please keep that box!**

**Check out our newest South Carolina books recorded by  
Talking Book Services volunteers:**

- DBC00082** Lowcountry Boil, Book 1 by Susan M. Boyer (mystery)
- DBC05214** Lowcountry Bombshell, Book 2 by Susan M. Boyer  
(mystery)
- DBC05220** Harnessing Courage: Overcoming Adversity with Grit  
and Gratitude by Laura Bratton (inspirational)
- DBC05202** Dragonwell Dead: A Tea Shop Mystery, Book 8 by Laura  
Childs (cozy mystery)
- DBC00078** The Teaberry Strangler: A Tea Shop Mystery, Book 11  
by Laura Childs (cozy mystery)
- DBC05212** Murder on Edisto, An Edisto Island Mystery, Book 1 by  
C. Hope Clark (mystery)
- DBC05213** Edisto Jinx, An Edisto Island Mystery, Book 2 by C.  
Hope Clark (mystery)
- DBC05217** Echoes of Edisto, An Edisto Island Mystery, Book 3 by  
C. Hope Clark (mystery)
- DBC05218** Columbia, South Carolina: a History by Alexia Jones  
Helsley (history)
- DBC00085** Covenant Hall, A Bay Tanner Mystery, Book 9 by  
Kathryn Wall (mystery)
- DBC00086** Canaan's Gate: A Bay Tanner Mystery, Book 10 by  
Kathryn Wall (mystery)
- DBC00072** Return to Tradd Street, Book 4 by Karen White  
(mystery)
- DBC05219** The Guests on South Battery, Book 5 by Karen White  
(mystery)

## **Summer Camps Available to Blind or Visually Impaired Children**

### **Bee All You Can Be: 2018 Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind Summer Children's Camp**

**When: June 10- June 16, 2018**

**Where: Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind**

**Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind is a year-round facility available free of charge to any blind South Carolinian and his or her family. Available to blind or visually impaired children, this camp is free of charge and there are limited spots available. Supervised recreational activities include: hiking, arts and crafts, mountain climbing, water slides, games, swimming, cookouts, field trips, Braille activities and more. Parents will receive information about resources, literature, computer training, daily living skills, legislative updates and counseling in specific problem areas. Senior and junior counselors and administrative personnel will be primarily legally blind individuals, a unique and important feature of the Rocky Bottom program. Family members are requested to accompany their child to Rocky Bottom on Sunday and also to return to camp on Saturday morning to pick up their children. Campers will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Transportation may be provided as needed. Designated pickup points will be assigned at a later date. To apply, please complete the online application at:**

**<https://www.cognitofrms.com/Sara4/ChildrensCampApplication>**  
**prior to May 15, 2018. Due to visual limitations of the Director, online**



applications are preferred. Please contact Jennifer Bazer via email or phone if other application arrangements are required. Once approved, applicants will receive acknowledgement of acceptance and additional information. If you have additional questions, please contact Jennifer Bazer, Director of the summer camp, (803) 661-6622 or at [jhipp25@sc.rr.com](mailto:jhipp25@sc.rr.com).

## **NFB BELL Academy: Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning**

**When: July 23-August 3, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Where: 119 S. Kilbourne Road, Columbia, SC 29205**

The NFB Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL) Academy prepares blind and low vision children, ages four through twelve, to grow into confident and independent blind people who will live the lives they want. The program provides Braille and non-visual skills instruction through fun, hands-on learning in a day program or residential setting. In addition to Braille crafts, games, and other engaging projects, children learn vital independent living skills, interact with blind adults who serve as mentors, and enjoy field trips to sites related to the NFB BELL Academy curriculum. Through these activities and interactions, the children learn that blindness or low vision does not define them or their future. To apply, please visit <https://nfb.org/bell-student-application-form>. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bazer, Bell Coordinator, at 803-960-9977 or [jhipp25@sc.rr.com](mailto:jhipp25@sc.rr.com).

**SC Bell Academy Link: <https://nfb.org/bell-academy-faqs-affiliate/sc>**

## ORDERING BOOKS FROM TALKING BOOK TOPICS

There are a couple of ways to order your book choices from Talking Book Topics. If you receive the print version, use the order form in the back. Find the corresponding DB number and check it off. Then put it into an envelope addressed to:

Talking Book Services  
1500 Senate St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

If you receive the audio version, it arrives in a small cardboard package. Inside is a regular digital book container and a booklet order form. You may mark the corresponding DB numbers in the order form and then drop it in the mail. When finished with the cartridge, put it back in the container and put in the mail. No card is required. The return address is permanently affixed to the Talking Book Topics container.

No matter what format you receive the Talking Book Topics in, you may choose to phone in your selections. If you do phone in please be ready with the following:

- Name of the person or institution being ordered for (please be prepared to spell the name)
- The five digit numbers of the items you want (example: 86121)
- Correct title or author names (if you do not have the DB number)

Having this information ready will make the ordering process smoother for everyone!

Talking Book Topics January – February 2018 was delayed and sent out later than usual. Hopefully all patrons have received theirs by now. If you have not yet received your Large Print Talking Book Topics catalog, please call and we will send you one.

## DONATIONS

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.

Donations can be sent to Talking Book Services, S.C. State Library, 1500 Senate St., Columbia, SC 29201. Donations are used to enhance and improve library services. Please make checks payable to Talking Book Services.

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