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South Carolina welcomes seven centenarians into *10² Club*

In October 2006, a ceremony was held at the State Library honoring seven Talking Book Services patrons who were 100 years of age or older. A participant asked the oldest woman at the gathering, "My goodness, how do you live to be 105 years old?" **Louise Johnson**, 105, of Columbia, didn't miss a



South Carolina honoree Louise Johnson, 105, of Columbia, attended the ceremony with her daughter and granddaughter. Back row (left to right): Allison Wall, Johnson's granddaughter, and Helen Royall, Johnson's daughter. Front row (left to right): Carolyn Sung, NLS Network Division chief; Johnson; and Pamela Davenport, Talking Book Services director.

beat. She replied, "You just breathe in and out for a hundred years and the rest is easy."

South Carolina State Library's Talking Book Services inducted six other women along with Mrs. Johnson into the **10² Talking Book Club**. The honorees included **Frances Claus**, 101, of Spartanburg; **Lillian May**, 100, of Leesville; **Emma Milling**, 102, of Greenville; **Julia Prentiss**, 101, of Johns Island; and **Catherine Robinson** and **Dorothy Williams**, both 100, of Summerville.

Each recipient received a letter and a certificate signed by NLS director Frank Kurt Cylke and a 10² Club pin. NLS Network Division chief Carolyn Hoover Sung, a native South Carolinian, spoke at the occasion. The event launched the South

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HAVING MY SAY

Pamela N. Davenport
Director, TBS



The National Library Service (NLS) produced its last analog cassette book machine on February 17, 2007, signaling the advent of Digital Talking Books. There is still more testing to be done to assure that everything will go as planned and that we will have a smooth conversion. Thank you so very much for all of the positive responses we have received to our last newsletter. We are delighted to know that you-our wonderful readers-are just as excited as we are about the new digital machines. We want you to know that the new digital machines have not been released and are not available at this time. We will keep information coming your way in future issues of our newsletter. You may also monitor our web site for additional news on the digital talking book project at www.statelibrary.sc.gov/tbs.

We are delighted to announce that we have a new state librarian. David Goble joined us on March 19th. Goble's background is unique and includes a blend of staff and management experience in commercial and nonprofit settings as well as different library settings, both public and academic. He most recently served as Dean of Libraries at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte. Our next issue will feature a full story about Mr. Goble.

It's Summer Reading Time and once again we will offer you a chance to participate. This year's theme is "Get A Clue @ Your Library." Registration for the program will begin May 7th. This year we will offer our teens the opportunity to participate in our program. The theme for young adults is "Ynk@Your Library." Ynk is popular shorthand for "you never know."

WHAT YOU SAID

"Keep up the good work! I hope the service continues forever and never stops."
Ramona Mc Cants – Summerville

"I enjoy them to no end!" -- Precious Fulmer – Irmo

"You've made a difference in my life." -- Ivin W. Summers – Cayce

"She loves the service and the books – This is her life line."
Mother of Kimberly K. Reece - Summerville

"Talking Books is the perfect way, to jumpstart and brighten your day and to stay smart in every way!" -- Lisa Petty - Bennettsville

FOR LARGE PRINT READERS

- LP 19686** Edwards, Elizabeth. **Saving Graces: Finding Solace and Strength from Friends and Strangers.** The wife of former Democratic vice-presidential candidate John Edwards describes the ordeal of discovering she had breast cancer just days before the 2004 election.
- LP 19685** Coulter, Catherine. **Born to Be Wild.** Believing someone is trying to kill her, Malibu soap opera star Mary Lisa Beverly returns to her Oregon hometown.
- LP 19697** Ephron, Nora. **I Feel Bad about My Neck: And Other Thoughts on Being a Woman.** In a series of humorous vignettes, the author and screenwriter obsesses about being a woman in her sixties.
- LP 19684** Griffin, W.E.B. **The Hunters: Presidential Agent; Book 3.** The trail of international terrorism leads Homeland Security agent Carlos Castillo, to Uruguay, where a suspect in the Iraq oil-for-food scandal is murdered.
- LP 19689** Katz, Jon. **A Good Dog: The Story of Orson, Who Changed My Life.** Author tells the story of his "lifetime dog," Orson: a beautiful border collie.
- LP 19687** Lucado, Max. **He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart.** Well-known minister interprets the symbols surrounding Christ's crucifixion and celebrates the significance of the promises they offer.
- LP 19688** Morrison, Mary B. **When Somebody Loves You Back.** NBA star Darius Jones juggles the demands of his "baby mama," Ashlee, his tumultuous relationship with the fierce, sexy Fancy (also carrying his child), and the question of his HIV status.
- LP 19698** Patterson, James. **Step on a Crack.** When the celebrity-packed funeral of a former first lady is seized by a dozen ruthless men, NYPD homicide detective Michael Bennett ends up as point man for the hastily assembled negotiating team.
- LP 19690** Smith, Lee. **On Agate Hill.** The story of orphan Molly Petree emerges from a dusty box discovered in an abandoned North Carolina plantation house containing vestiges of a life that began in Reconstruction days and continued deep into the 20th century.
- LP 19645** Woods, Sherryl. **Waking Up in Charleston.** Widow Amanda O'Leary falls for Lowcountry pastor Caleb Webb after he organizes the building of her home by his congregation.

NEW DVS RELEASES

- DV 307** **Jarhead.** Based on a best-selling book about a Marine's pre-Desert Storm experiences in Saudi Arabia and about his fighting in Kuwait. Starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Jamie Foxx. (Rated R)
- DV 308** **Date Movie.** Before Julia and Grant can have their "Big Fat Greek Wedding," they must "Meet the Parents," hook up with "The Wedding Planner," and contend with someone who wants to put an end to her "Best Friend's Wedding." Spoof of romantic comedies. (Rated PG-13)
- DV 309** **The Wedding Date.** Single-girl anxiety causes Kat Ellis to hire a male escort to pose as her boyfriend at her sister's wedding and proves to be her undoing. Starring Debra Messing and Dermot Mulroney. (Rated PG-13)
- DV 310** **Brokeback Mountain.** The story of a ranch hand and a rodeo cowboy who meet shepherding in Wyoming and form an unorthodox yet life-long bond. Starring Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal. (Rated R)
- DV 311** **The Producers.** After putting together another Broadway flop, producer Max Bialystock teams up with accountant Leo Bloom in a get-rich-quick scheme to put on the world's worst show. Starring Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane. (Rated PG-13)
- DV 312** **Cheaper by the Dozen 2.** Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt return as heads of the Baker family who, while on vacation, find themselves in competition with a rival family headed by Eugene Levy. Sequel to Cheaper by the Dozen (DV 276) (Rated PG)
- DV 313** **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire.** Harry finds himself selected as an underage competitor in a dangerous multi-wizardry school competition. Sequel to Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (DV 282). (Rated PG-13)
- DV 314** **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.** Four London children are sent to a professor's country home for protection during World War II where they find a magic wardrobe which leads to a mystical land called Narnia. (Rated PG)
- DV 315** **King Kong.** In 1933 New York, an ambitious movie producer coerces his cast and hired ship crew to travel to mysterious Skull Island, where they encounter Kong, a giant ape who is immediately smitten with leading lady Ann Darrow. Starring Naomi Watts. (Rated PG-13)

READERS' ADVISORS PICKS

- RC 31462** Benson, E.F. **Mapp and Lucia.** Mrs. Emmeline (Lucia) Lucas has been living in the south of England, where she rules as "queen." But she decides to move to Tilling where the formidable Miss Mapp reigns. When the two women come together in the same town, the inevitable result is war. (Keadle)
- RC 53069** Collins, Billy. **Sailing Alone Around the Room: New and Selected Poems.** Selections of poetry from four previous collections with twenty new poems by the United States Poet Laureate. (Greer)
- RC 61633** Gregory, Philippa. **The Constant Princess.** Teenaged Catalina, daughter of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, marries Arthur, crown prince of England. Months later Arthur dies and Catalina weds his brother Henry in order to achieve her destiny. (Leventis)
- RC 17476** Grimes, Martha. **The Man with a Load of Mischief.** Two strangers are found murdered in two local pubs of a quaint English village. Inspector Richard Jury is dispatched to investigate the murders and encounters a host of possible suspects. (Keadle)
- RC 60662** Hicks, Robert. **The Widow of the South.** 1864. Carrie McGavock's Tennessee plantation becomes a Confederate hospital. Caring for wounded sergeant Zachariah Cashwell rejuvenates Carrie, who is mourning her children's deaths. (Leventis)
- RC 51088** James, Peter. **Ancient Mysteries.** A writer of ancient history and an archaeologist analyze thirty-six historical enigmas, including the Star of Bethlehem, the lost continent of Atlantis, Robin Hood, and the legend of Dracula. (Windham)
- RC 60716** Myers, Tamar. **A Penny Urned: A Den of Antiquity Mystery.** Antiques shop owner Abigail Timberlake inherits her previously unknown aunt's estate. Abigail suspects her aunt was killed for her valuable coin collection. (Windham)
- RC 59561** Robinson, Marilynne. **Gilead.** 1950s. Dying seventy-six-year-old minister John Ames writes a parting letter to his young son and reflects on the tensions between his pacifist father and militant abolitionist grandfather, the death of his first wife and child, the gospel, a friend's transgressions, and life's eternal mystery. (Greer)

Volunteers you can count on

Talking Books is fortunate to have a group of volunteers that always finds time to help us. This group of ladies lives at Woods Edge Apartments in Columbia. They've been volunteers for the library as a clerical team since 1994 and donated over 800 hours of service. They've labeled thousands and thousands of newsletters, patron surveys, overdue book notices and notices about special events.

The phrase "many hands make light work" only hints at how much work they get done. But it's not all work for them while they're at the library. They enjoy sharing stories about their families, and living in other parts of South Carolina, Texas, Ohio and even as far away as Wales. We really enjoy hearing all their stories and sharing laughs and smiles with them while they're working.

How did we find such a great group of volunteers? We have a partnership with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Richland and Lexington Counties. RSVP matches talents and skills of people 55 and older with community volunteer needs. Not only does RSVP help adults find meaningful volunteer opportunities, they also provide insurance to volunteers while they're working. For more information contact: Senior Resources in Columbia - (803) 252-7734 or your local RSVP office.



Pictured left to right: Etta Petzel, Miriam Roberts, Margaret Kockentiet and Ruth Williams. Other group members not shown are Edna O'Steen and Pat Thornton.

The Library will be closed on the following days:

May 10 Confederate Memorial Day

May 28 - Memorial Day

July 4 - Independence Day

Summer Reading Registration begins - May 7th.

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L-R Pam Davenport and Louise Johnson

Carolina chapter of the national reading program, which honors talking book readers over the age of 100.

Louise Johnson, the oldest inductee, was also the only honoree who could attend the ceremony. She lives an active life, spending much of her time reading, entertaining friends at home, and going outdoors regularly. "I'm so thrilled to be honored," Johnson remarked about the award. "I don't know what I would do without this wonderful reading program."

All seven 10² Club members have applauded the Talking Books program. Some said the program is an invaluable service that keeps them up-to-date on current issues and on local and world events. Their reading interests range from romance novels to historical nonfiction.



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