



## **VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE WORLD A BRIGHTER PLACE!**

**April was Volunteer Appreciation Month and Talking Book Services always honors their volunteers with a luncheon. Without volunteers, TBS would not be able to function as well as it does. They repair machines, help maintain the collection, assist the reader advisors, narrate books we record, help prepare the recorded books for distribution, and so much more.**

**“You make the world a brighter place” was the theme for our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 19, 2017. We celebrated the accomplishments of 52 volunteers who worked 1,485 hours. Volunteers were treated to a lunch buffet, thank you gifts, and an inspiring talk about the benefits of volunteering from our speaker, author and narrator C. Hope Clark.**

**C. Hope Clark is the author of the Edisto Island Mysteries which we are currently recording with Ms. Clark narrating. Murder on Edisto (DBC05212) and Edisto Jinx (DBC05213) are already available. We plan to record everything in this series plus her other series featuring Carolina Slade.**

**Many thanks to all our volunteers who make Talking Books better for all of us!**

## ADDITIONAL AUDIO BOOK RESOURCES

If what you need is not available through our services, you may consider using either Learning Ally or Bookshare. These services are compatible with TBS equipment but the books they supply are not affiliated with the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. It is important to realize both these services have a subscription fee that you will have to pay.



Learning Ally empowers students who read and learn differently so that they may thrive by helping them overcome obstacles and discover strengths, while being guided along a path that ensures success.

Learning Ally (formerly known as Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic) is the largest provider of audio textbooks and literature.

**\*\*\*Cost for users is \$135 per year\*\*\***

Please note that this is not a service provided by Talking Book Services or the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

To learn more, visit their website at [www.learningally.org](http://www.learningally.org) or call 1-800-221-4792.

## **Bookshare®**

**If you cannot read traditional print books because of a visual impairment, physical disability or severe learning disability, Bookshare can help!**

**Bookshare offers the world's largest collection of accessible titles. As a result, people of all ages, as well as schools and many organizations around the globe can access the books they need for school, work, career advancement, skill development and the simple love of reading in formats that work for them.**

### **Membership fees:**

- **U.S. Students: FREE**
- **Other Individuals: \$50 annually + \$25 setup**

**To learn more visit their website at [www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)**

**Both Learning Ally and Bookshare are available for people with print disabilities. When registering, you may indicate to them that you are a qualified user of Talking Book Services and they may contact us to verify.**

**Remember: Neither of these services are part of Talking Book Services or the National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and you must pay them for the service.**

## EQUIPMENT INFORMATION

Equipment and digital books sent to our patrons are property of the U.S. Federal Government and the Library of Congress. They are on loan to patrons of Talking Book Services.

Equipment and books should never be thrown away, sold, or donated to charities such as Goodwill. It is a violation of Federal law to do any of these things.

If there is a problem with your equipment, do not attempt to repair it yourself or ask anyone else to. Call us at 1-800-922-7818 and let us know and we can replace it so the broken equipment can be returned to us.

Equipment that is no longer needed or wanted should be returned to the South Carolina State Library Talking Book Services at 1500 Senate Street Columbia, SC 29201. Please call us when returning equipment to let us know the reason for the return and whether replacement equipment is needed.

Equipment can be mailed back to us in their original boxes. If the original boxes and mailing labels or cards are unavailable please call us and we can send you a pre-addressed mailing label to attach to any box that will fit the equipment.

Thank you for helping us keep our equipment available to all who qualify.

## HELP US BETTER SERVE YOU

There are many ways you can help us to better serve you and our other TBS users. Below are some helpful hints:

◆ **Loan periods:**

**Books: 1 month (with one renewal)**

**Magazines: 1 month (no renewal)**

**DVDs: 1 week (no renewal)**

- ◆ **Return your books as you finish them. That way you will always have something coming back to you. When you wait to return several books all at once, you must wait until they are all back at the library before more will be mailed out. If you receive a book you are not interested in, return it immediately so another book can be sent to you.**
- ◆ **If you cannot finish the book within the month loan period, please call us to renew.**
- ◆ **Remember that each book and magazine goes back into the same container they were sent in. The easiest way to keep them straight is to only have one book or magazine out at a time.**
- ◆ **If you notice a technical problem with a cartridge, please put a rubber band around the cartridge or the snap of the case so we can know to check it. You may also enclose a note explaining the problem.**
- ◆ **Please take care of the books and equipment. Keep them clean.**
- ◆ **Please never try to repair a machine or tamper with it in any way. Return it to us and we can send a new machine out to you. Call us if you need a replacement.**

## **SPEAKER @THE CENTER**

The South Carolina State Library's [Center for the Book](#) is pleased to announce its upcoming author line up for the Speaker @ the Center series:

- ◆ **August 24: Marvin Lare, Champions of Civil and Human Rights in South Carolina**
- ◆ **September 15: Leigh Moring, Nathanael Greene in South Carolina**
- ◆ **October 5: Kathryn Smith, The Gatekeeper**
- ◆ **November 9: James Everett Kibler Jr., Taking Root: The Nature Writing of William and Adam Summer of Pomaria**

**December 7: Larry Price and Susan Kameraad-Campbell, Edisto River: Black Water Crown Jewel**

**Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author.**

**All programs will take place from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the South Carolina State Library located at 1500 Senate St., Columbia.**

**Speaker @ the Center is FREE and open to the public.**

## WHAT SHOULD I READ NEXT?

Consider trying some of this award-winning fiction

### National Book Awards:

- DB 85212 Colson Whitehead, *The Underground Railroad* (2016)
- DB 82453 Adam Johnson, *Fortune Smiles: Stories* (2015)
- DB 78988 Phil Klay, *Redeployment* (2014)
- DB 77431 James McBride, *The Good Lord Bird* (2013)
- DB 75641 Louise Erdrich, *The Round House* (2012)

### Pulitzer Prize in Fiction:

- DB 85212 Colson Whitehead, *The Underground Railroad* (2017)
- DB 82047 Viet Thanh Nguyen, *The Sympathizer* (2016)
- DB79182 Anthony Doerr, *All the Light We Cannot See* (2015)
- DB 77453 Donna Tartt, *The Goldfinch* (2014)
- DB 74282 Adam Johnson, *The Orphan Master's Son* (2013)

### PEN/Faulkner:

- DB 85537 Imbolo Mbue, *Behold the Dreamers* (2017)
- DB 81066 James Hannaham, *Delicious Foods* (2016)
- DB 81409 Atticus Lish, *Preparation for the Next Life* (2015)
- DB 76947 Karen Joy Fowler, *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* (2014)
- DB 73858 Julia Otsuka, *The Buddha in the Attic* (2013)

### Edgars (mysteries):

- DB 84691 Noah Hawley, *Before the Fall* (2017)
- DB 79570 Stephen King, *Mr. Mercedes* (2015)
- DB 78187 William Kent Krueger, *Ordinary Grace* (2014)
- DB 75625 Dennis Lehane, *Live by Night* (2013)
- DB 77792 Mo Hayder, *Gone* (2012)

## New Descriptive DVDs

- DW00425 I'm Not Ashamed (Rated PG-13)
- DW00427 Deepwater Horizon (Rated PG-13)
- DW00430 Hacksaw Ridge (Rated R)
- DW00437 Passengers (Rated PG-13)
- DW00449 Jackie (Rated R)
- DW00450 Loving (Rated PG-13)
- DW00452 Collateral Beauty (Rated PG-13)
- DW00456 Star Wars: The Force Awakens (Rated PG-13)
- DW00457 Star Wars: Rogue One (Rated PG-13)
- DW00459 Moana (Rated G)
- DW00461 Suicide Squad (Rated PG-13)
- DW00462 Sully (Rated PG-13)
- DW00464 The Girl on the Train (Rated R)
- DW00466 Sing (Rated G)
- DW00467 La La Land (Rated PG-13)
- DW00474 Hidden Figures (Rated PG)

These are some of the new Descriptive Audio DVDs that we've received. Please feel free to call and ask for the listing of the newest DVDs. Call 1-800-922-7818 to order.



## New Large Print

- LP 22952**      **Drowning Tides: A South Shores Novel by Karen Harper (mystery)**
- LP 22953**      **Bound Together: a Sea Haven Novel by Christine Feehan (romance)**
- LP 22954**      **Walking on Sunshine: 52 Small Steps to Happiness by Rachel Kelly (self-help)**
- LP 22959**      **Deadline: The Godmothers by Fern Michaels (romance)**
- LP 22961**      **All By Myself, Alone by Mary Higgins Clark (mystery)**
- LP 22971**      **Robert B. Parker's Little White Lies by Ace Atkins (mystery)**
- LP 22972**      **No Easy Target by Iris Johansen (suspense)**
- LP 22974**      **Any Day Now by Robyn Carr (romance)**
- LP 22980**      **The Broken Road by Richard Paul Evans (Christian fiction)**
- LP 22981**      **Golden Prey by John Sandford (mystery)**
- LP 22992**      **Texas John Slaughter by William Johnstone with J.A. Johnstone (western)**
- LP 23003**      **Nighthawk: A Novel From the Numa Files by Clive Cussler (adventure)**
- LP 23004**      **Love Story: The Baxter Family by Karen Kingsbury (Christian fiction)**
- LP 23009**      **A Mother's Love by Charlotte Hubbard (Amish fiction)**

## **AGENCY SPOTLIGHT:**

### **The Vision Institute of South Carolina**

**“Promoting achievement and independence for people who are visually impaired and blind.”**

**TVI is a non-profit entity committed to promoting achievement, independence and accessibility for people who are visually impaired or blind. TVI was founded in June 2010 in response to a state-wide need for a non-profit organization to assist in providing a variety of services for individuals who are visually impaired or blind.**

**TVI believes that achievement and independence are different for every individual regardless of age or disability. People have unique needs as well as personal goals that should be considered when determining a plan for service. TVI assists individuals of all ages with low vision, blindness and deaf-blindness. Teaching staff includes those certified in early childhood education, reading, visual impairments, orientation and mobility (O&M), special education and rehabilitation.**

**Their early interventionists serve families with children of all disabilities. Their instructors for the visually impaired teach students with visual disabilities in the students' school districts and local communities. TVI's O&M specialists train individuals to travel safely and confidently in the community. Braille transcribers convert printed text to braille for schools, businesses and community events. Other staff members train consumers to use technology to gain access to the printed world as well as provide support for independent living.**

**TVISC, PO Box 1923, Irmo, SC 29063**

**803.627.8847 (ph), 803.335.5153 (fax) email: [info@TVISC.org](mailto:info@TVISC.org)**

## 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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