



## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

Have you ever wondered how service for the blind and handicapped got its start? While efforts for providing blind Americans with reading material goes back into the 19th century, it was an act of congress in 1931 that officially began this government sponsored program.

The Pratt-Smoot Act became law on March 3, 1931. The Librarian of Congress was authorized to arrange with other libraries “to serve as local or regional centers for the circulation of such books, under such conditions and regulations as he may prescribe.” On the following day a Joint Resolution was passed appropriating \$100,000 for fiscal year 1932 to provide books for blind adults and the program that would become the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) was established.

Two important developments occurred in 1933: the establishment of a uniform system of braille (Standard English Braille) for all English-speaking countries and the development of the talking book. Books were originally recorded onto records to be played back on phonographs.

Over the years there were many changes and amendments which provided for service to children and the physically handicapped. Formats went from records to cassettes, then digital and now downloadable. We’ve come a long way in 86 years. Just imagine what the future holds.

## USING THE TALKING BOOK TOPICS CATALOG

Every two months patrons receive the Talking Book Topics magazine either in large print or audio formats. It lists the newest Talking Books that come out.

The large print version will have a different color cover each time and will have the issue dates at the top left (for example, September/October 2017). The inside cover will usually have a few short paragraphs concerning services offered by the National Library Service available to TBS patrons. Next, the table of contents tells you where you can find specific subjects within the catalog and is divided into adult and children's fiction, and non-fiction, and foreign language titles. A list of available audio magazines is always included in the catalog.

The order forms for the large print catalog are in the back. There are Adult, Children's and Foreign Language order forms. To order, go through the catalog and decide which books you would like. Choose the corresponding number on the order form and check the box to the left of it. You can mail order forms to us at Talking Book Services 1500 Senate Street Columbia SC 29201 or call 1-800-922-7818 and give us your choices over the phone.

Some patrons receive their catalog in audio format. It comes in a cardboard mailer with a red container (which contains your catalog cartridge in it) and a paper order form. You can listen to the catalog and then check off the books you want on the order form. When finished put the catalog cartridge back in the pre-addressed red container and drop it in the mail. Mail the paper order form to us with your requests.

The order forms are especially good for large orders (over 20 books).

If you have a smaller order please call with your order instead of using the order form. Just choose which books you want and give us a call at 1-800-922-7818.

You can always go back to an older catalog and order titles from there. We have over 80,000 titles that go back many years. If you are not currently receiving Talking Book Topics and would like to, please let us know. If you are currently receiving it and would like to cancel it, let us know that too.

## **TROUBLESHOOTING CARTRIDGE ERRORS**

If you receive a book that says “cartridge error” or “no book on cartridge” please call us and let us know. We can pull that title out of the collection and see if we can fix the problem. If you’d like us to replace that book let us know at that time. You can also put a note in the container stating the problem and letting us know if you’d like a replacement for it.

If you get a message that says “end of book” there could be two issues: you may have received that title in the past and the player automatically goes to the end of the book or there is a problem with the book itself. To test this press the green PLAY/STOP button twice. If the narrator gives the title and book number, the book has been successfully reset to the beginning. If you still get the “end of book” message there is a problem with the book and you need to return it to us.

## MAGAZINE HIGHLIGHTS

**Kiplinger's Retirement Report** covers practical strategies to help grow retirement savings, how to make money last during retirement, maximization of Social Security and Medicare benefits, and other retirement-related topics.

**Your Dog Magazine** is packed with information you need to keep your dog happy, healthy and entertained. Experts respond to queries on training, health, behavioral, legal, grooming, feeding and breed issues.

**Cowboys & Indians** is a magazine that focuses on the Western lifestyle. It combines the history and stories of the West with art, western antiques, ranching, real estate, fashion and travel.

**Wired** is a monthly magazine, published in print and online editions, that focuses on how emerging technologies affect culture, the economy, and politics.

**New Yorker** is a weekly magazine offering a signature mix of reporting and commentary on politics, international affairs, popular culture and the arts, science and technology, and business, along with fiction, poetry, humor, and cartoons.

**Audubon** is the flagship journal of the National Audubon Society. It focuses on subjects related to nature, with a special emphasis on birds.

**O, the Oprah Magazine**, is a monthly women's magazine created by celebrity talk-show host Oprah Winfrey. Through a combination of motivational stories, inspirational quotes, book reviews, and intimate celebrity interviews, the magazine builds on the success of Winfrey's popular talk show.

## **SPEAKER @THE CENTER**

**Thursday, November 9: James Everett Kibler, Jr.**

**Taking Root: The Nature Writing of William and Adam Summer of Pomaria.**

**Written over two decades, this collection of essays by the Summer brothers offer an impressive environmental ethic. Sustainability and long-term goals were key to their philosophy.**

**Thursday, December 7: Larry Price & Susan Kameraad-Campbell.**

**Edisto River: Black Water Crown Jewel.**

**From the South Carolina Midlands to the Lowcountry's coastal shores, the Edisto River's more than 300 miles are captured here more completely than ever before in words and images.**

**Thursday, January 18: Ed DeVos.**

**Family of Warriors.**

**Family of Warriors follows five brothers who served during WWII. It is a story of courage and valor, honesty and integrity, and honors those serving their country.**

**Thursday, February 22: Bonnie Stanard.**

**What Missing Means.**

**Letters keep the Reinhart family connected to their son, a soldier in Germany in 1945. As Lily considers her place in the family, she realizes life has more questions than answers.**

**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.**

## **New Large Print Books Now Available**

- LP 23020**      **Seized by Seduction by Brenda Jackson (romance)**
- LP 23024**      **Brutal Night of the Mountain Man by William W. Johnstone  
with J.A. Johnstone (western)**
- LP 23031**      **Secrets in Summer by Nancy Thayer (romance)**
- LP 23032**      **The Bertie Project: A 44 Scotland Street Novel by  
Alexander McCall Smith (gentle fiction)**
- LP 23033**      **Breathless by Beverly Jenkins (historical romance)**
- LP 23035**      **Beautiful Tempest: A Malory Novel by Johanna Lindsey  
(historical fiction)**
- LP 23037**      **The Silent Corner by Dean R. Koontz (suspense)**
- LP 23050**      **The Duchess by Danielle Steel (romance)**
- LP 23051**      **The Late Show by Michael Connelly (suspense)**
- LP 23055**      **AgeProof : Living Longer Without Running Out of Money  
or Breaking a Hip by Jean Chatzky and Mehmet Oz  
(how-to)**
- LP 23057**      **Simply Clean: The Proven Method for Keeping Your Home  
Organized, Clean, and Beautiful in just 10 Minutes a Day  
(how-to)**
- LP 23059**      **Beach House for Rent by Mary Alice Monroe (southern  
fiction)**
- LP 23067**      **The Last Tudor by Philippa Gregory (historical fiction)**
- LP 23071**      **Crime Scene by Jonathan Kellerman and Jesse Kellerman  
(mystery)**
- LP 23075**      **A House Among the Trees by Julia Glass (general fiction)**
- LP 23084**      **The Shore by James Patterson and Richard Dilallo  
(mystery)**
- LP 23088**      **Hell's Half Acre by William Johnstone with J.A. Johnstone  
(western)**

## 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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To read cartridges with multiple books or magazines, go to "bookshelf" mode:

- Insert cartridge in player.
- Press and hold "Play/Stop" until you hear it say "BOOKSHELF."
- Press REWIND OR FASTFORWARD to select book.
- Then press play again to listen.

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