



Spring 2011

# CTBL News

Colorado Talking Book Library • Denver

## Highlighting—Missing Cartridges and Containers

### Wanted—your orphaned cartridges

Apparently some cartridges and mailing containers don't like each other. The library is receiving large numbers of empty digital book mailing containers. We ask all patrons to search your living quarters for those cartridges that have escaped their mailing containers. If you find such cartridges, please call the library and report their capture. We can help you return them to the library.

In some cases we are receiving mismatched cartridges and containers but we can generally find their correct mates.

In other cases we are receiving cartridges without their mailing container. If you find AWOL mailing containers, please send them back as well.

So, we urge patrons to help keep the cartridges and mailing containers together. Before you mail a book back to the library, please make sure that the book is inside the container.

[www.myctbl.org](http://www.myctbl.org)

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## From the Director



Karry Moon

On March 2nd, CTBL lost one of our staff. Karry Moon died at the age of 48. She was our mailroom supervisor and machine lending officer. Born in Rapid City, South Dakota, Karry was the youngest of six siblings and "the glue that held her family together." She was a talented and capable woman and well liked by all who knew her or worked with her at the library. She will be missed.

Debbi

## Outreach

CTBL visited many support groups in the Front Range area. Debbi represented CTBL at the Braille Challenge at CSBD in Colorado Springs. She spoke to the Lions Club in Loveland. It has been a quiet couple of months.

## Advocacy for CTBL

Given the current economic climate and the state's budget situation, the Board of the Friends invite you to call your state legislator to tell them about the Colorado Talking Book Library and let them know how much the library's services mean to you. If you need their name or phone number, the reader advisors can give that information to you when you call the library. Please do not send letters to CTBL.



**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2011:  
May 30th, July 4th, and September 5th**

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## Reader Advisors—Summer Reading

CTBL's summer reading program will run from June 13th to August 7th. To register, please call a reader advisor to sign up and select your books. This year's themes are "One World, Many Stories" for younger readers and "You Are Here" for teens. A reading list with titles related to these themes will be sent upon registration.

### Guidelines:

- Read at least 3 hours per week, using large print, audio or braille books.
- Call a reader advisor each week to log your hours.
- Weeks run from Monday through Sunday.

Participants will receive a blank 1 GB digital cartridge and download cable for reading at least 3 hours a week for 4 weeks. During the final 4 weeks of the program, participants will be encouraged to sign up for BARD if possible and coached on downloading books to the cartridge.



### Grand prize:

The names of the top ten readers will be entered into a grand prize drawing. The winner will receive a choice of a \$25 gift certificate to [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) or Barnes & Noble.

Just a note to clarify that our reader advisors are paid staff at the library and not volunteers.

They are here to serve our patrons. So if you have any issues that you need to talk over, please call a reader advisor.

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## Tech Talk—Accessible World

“The Accessible World seeks to educate the general public, the disabled community and the professionals who serve them by providing highly relevant information about new products, services, and training opportunities designed specifically to eliminate geographic and access barriers that adversely affect them.”

<http://www.accessibleworld.org/>

Accessible World provides training, book clubs, a science fiction discussion group, tech talk, a sports talk group, and many other groups of interest. Participation in these groups happen online via your computer and internet connection.

When you click on a group as a first-time user, you will be required to download a plug-in to access the content on this site. You will be guided through what to do to set up web-conferencing on your computer.

The sessions are recorded, so you can download and listen to them at a later time.

There are several newsletters you can subscribe to that can be found at <http://accessibleworld.org/maillinglists>

### Firmware updates

If you receive CTBL News on cartridge, the latest firmware update for the playback machine will be included on the cartridge. If you receive the newsletter in large print or Braille, you will be sent a cartridge with just the firmware update on it. Please insert the cartridge into your playback machine so the machine can run the update. Then return the cartridge to the library. It's that easy.

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## Upcoming Events of Interest

- **4th Annual Patron Open House**

Tuesday July 19th 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Colorado Talking Book Library in **Denver**

Come visit your library, meet the staff, have a tour, talk with other patrons, visit the studio and meet our local narrators. We may also have several NLS narrators with us. We will again provide BARD coaching.

And of course enjoy refreshments. You might consider not arriving right at 10 a.m. since this is the most crowded time.

- **57th Annual NFBCO Convention**

The Annual Convention of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado. Anything and everything about blindness and low vision will be addressed in large and small group sessions.

**Save the Date—Coming sooner than you think!**

Thursday, November 3rd through Sunday, November 6th, 2011  
Doubletree Hotel at 3203 Quebec St. in **Denver**

Stay tuned to [www.nfbco.org](http://www.nfbco.org) for details as they emerge or call 303-778-1130.

## Volunteer News—9Health Fair

Every year the CTBL volunteers help us host the 9Health Fair at CTBL. This year we also participated in a pilot to expand the leadership team for our event. The success of the 9Health Fair at CTBL was due in large part to the leadership, energy, and enthusiasm of our new team of leaders.

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We send our thanks to Jared Aylor, Judy Barros, Stephanie Briggs, Barbara Chapman, Nancy Crandall, Casey Helsper, Jean Johnson, Emily King, Nora Li, Larry Males, Jason Mallari, and Bill Young.

Working together, they helped us recruit new volunteers, provide training, solicit donations, organize the equipment and supplies, publicize our event, check credentials, make assignments, feed all the volunteers, and even clean up the library once the event was over.

## Resources of Interest

The Colorado Center for the Blind is pleased to announce the formation of a new **support group** for blind and visually impaired seniors.

This group will meet every 4th Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Corsican Apartments, 1330 Gaylord St. in Denver.

For more information or to register to attend, please contact Duncan Larsen, Senior Services Coordinator, 303-778-1130, ext. 226, or [dlarsen@cocenter.org](mailto:dlarsen@cocenter.org)

The Colorado Center for the Blind received a grant from the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to support a program to provide services for people over 55 who are currently employed as well as those looking for employment and are experiencing vision loss. After the initial assessment they can determine what is needed for you to continue to work or look for work.

Their services include: vocational assessment and counseling, assistance in applying for jobs, connecting the consumers with

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necessary resources including the ones for adaptive technology, job placement services, support groups with others to handle vision loss, blindness-related skills such as Braille, technology, cane travel and much more. They also provide services for the employers. Chances are you know someone who has vision problems. They can help! Contact us:

**Duncan Larsen, Director of Special Programs**  
303-778-1130, ext. 226 or [dlarsen@cocenter.org](mailto:dlarsen@cocenter.org)

**Anahit LaBarre, Employment Specialist**  
303-778-1130, ext. 232 or [alabarre@cocenter.org](mailto:alabarre@cocenter.org)

## Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

**Suggestions from the hundreds of Large Print books  
(these titles are not in audio format):**

**PR019201 Sing Them Home**

Author: Stephanie Kallos

Three siblings have lived in the shadow of unresolved grief since their mother's disappearance when they were children. When they're summoned home after their father's death, each sibling is forced to revisit the childhood tragedy that has defined their lives. (Fiction)

**PR019195 Hothead**

Author: Cal Ripken

Connor Sullivan, All-Star third baseman on his Babe Ruth League team, has a terrible temper and problems at home, but when the

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sports editor of the school paper threatens to publish an embarrassing story about his tantrums, Connor must make a change. For grades 4-7

### **PR019021 Dead or Alive Jack Ryan; #13**

Author: Tom Clancy

Jack Ryan, Jr., and his Campus colleagues John Clark and Ding Chavez go after a vicious terrorist mastermind—the Emir—and will bring him in, dead or alive. (Fiction)

### **PR019192 By Nightfall**

Author: Michael Cunningham

Soho, Manhattan. Middle-aged art dealer Peter Harris and his wife Rebecca allow Rebecca's much-younger, drug-addicted brother Ethan to stay with them while he seeks a vocation. Peter has sexual fantasies about Ethan while looking back on his own life choices. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. (Fiction) [Bestseller 2010](#)

### **PR019194 Scumble**

Author: Ingrid Law

Mibs's cousin Ledge is disappointed to discover on his thirteenth birthday that his "savvy," or magical power, is to make things fall apart. Soon Ledge endangers his uncle's ranch and reveals the family secret to Sarah Jane, a future reporter. *Companion to Savvy (DB/RC 69819)*. For grades 4-7. 2010

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## Suggestions from the Colorado Collection:

### **DC8247 The Secret of Spring Hollow**

Author: Jan Weeks \*\* Narrator: Beverley Zier

After her parents' tragic deaths, Caitlin Morrisey opens a bed and breakfast in an effort to save the family ranch and support her brother and sister. As someone perpetrates sinister events in a quest for a fortune in lost Spanish treasure, Caitlin finds herself becoming attracted to neighbor Connor Devlin.

### **DC8256 Celtic Prayers from Iona**

Author: J. Philip Newell \*\* Narrator: Cathy Gloeckner

A collection of prayers intended to be used as part of a weekly cycle, with gospel and psalm readings taken from the liturgical year. Initially intended for use by members of the Iona Community, an ecumenical movement of men and women on a Scottish island. The themes reflect the concerns of justice and peace; healing; the goodness of creation and care for the earth; commitment to Christ; communion of heaven and earth; and welcome and hospitality.

### **DC8245 Seeing Things: A Novel**

Author: Patti Hill \*\* Narrator: Louise Lederhos

Birdie Wainwright happily goes through life seeing things that other people don't. She credits this to her macular degeneration. When she breaks her ankle sidestepping an imaginary boulder, she ends up convalescing in her son's home, where she encounters the legendary Huck Finn right there in her room.

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**DC8248 A Dress to Die For**

Author: Melanie Travis \*\* Narrator: Laverne Rios

Dry cleaner Mandy Dyer's life is settled and her future secure now that she has inherited Dyer's Cleaners and her divorce is behind her. When her friend Kate Bosworth, the proprietor of an antique clothing store, brings Mandy a genuine 1920s blue Fortuny dress to clean, Kate says the dress is the find of her career. However, soon afterward, Mandy learns that Kate has been murdered, and the killer is looking for the dress. Contains some strong language and some violence.

**DC8243 When the Stars Went to War: Hollywood and World War II**

Author: Roy Hoopes \*\* Narrator: Norm Jones

The stories of the roles that Hollywood stars played during World War II, both on and off the screen. While many stayed home and worked or had affairs with the spouses of those who went off to war, many others contributed actively to the war effort. Some like Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Jimmy Stewart, and Henry Fonda enlisted and fought. Others like Carole Lombard, Bette Davis, and Groucho Marx raised money. And still others like Marlene Dietrich, Mickey Rooney, and Bob Hope put their lives at risk by entertaining troops.

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# Contributions to The Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library and The Colorado Talking Book Library

An additional way to contribute to either the Friends or to CTBL is through a charitable bequest as part of a will or through life insurance. You do not have to rewrite your current document but can add a written amendment called a codicil. Such a bequest only becomes irrevocable at your death. Giving to the library helps support the programs and service we provide to our patrons and helps to secure the future.

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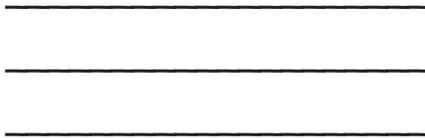
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