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CTBL News

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Highlighting—ADA Computers @ Local Library Public Computing Centers

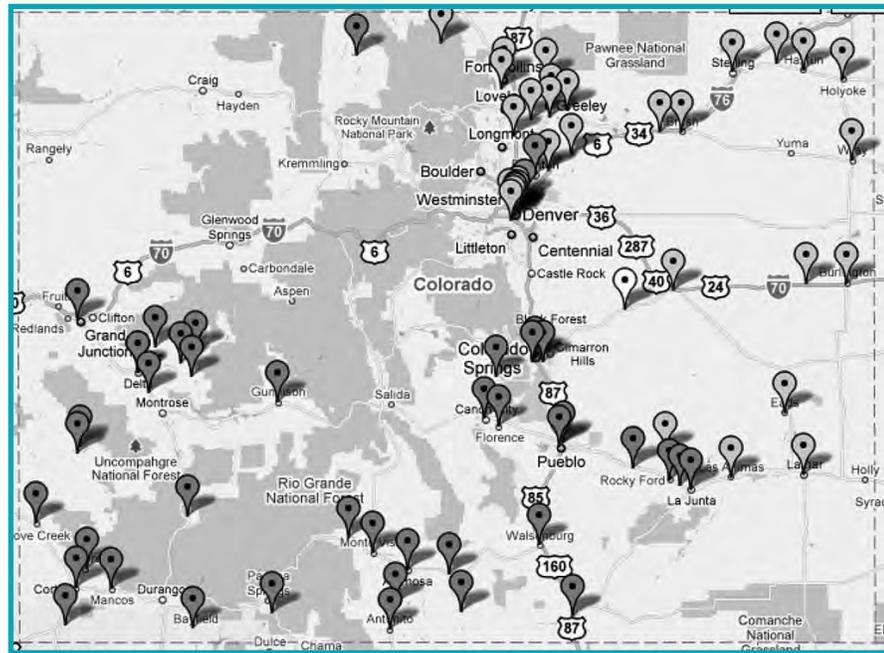
In 2010 the Colorado State Library (CSL) was awarded a \$3.2 million grant to put public computing centers (PCC's) in libraries. CSL partnered with 78 libraries across the state, see the map on the next page for approximate locations. At least one computer is ADA compliant and includes software, low vision keyboard and adjustable table for a person with print-disabilities. If you are interested in trying out these computers you can contact CTBL to find out if there is a location near you. PCC's can provide training to help you get familiar with the software.

The PCC's were envisioned to train non-computer users and reduce the digital divide. One key element is public instruction. From July through December of 2011, 6,156 people participated in the 832 classes that were offered in the 88 PCC's across Colorado. About 14% of participants were first timers and about 43% were beginners.

Of all the participants, 96% would recommend the classes to others.

So if you wondered how to use Zoomtext Magnifier/Reader Software, Jaws Professional, or Dragon Naturally Speaking Preferred and possibly Window Eyes Professional or Kurzweil 3000, see if you have a PCC near you and check it out.

PCC's in Colorado



From the Director

The Library of Congress has appointed Karen Kenninger as the new Director of NLS. She begins her tenure on March 26, 2012. LOC made a terrific choice and we are lucky to have her talent leading us. Karen most recently she was director of the Iowa Department for the Blind and before that was director of the Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. She is a daily user of the full range of information technologies for the blind and visually impaired, including Web-Braille, digital talking-book machines and books, and online download services. As a result she will be a great advocate for the program.

Debbi

**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2012:
May 28th, July 4th, and September 3rd**

Reader Advisors—Cassette Collection

Many of you have read and asked about the cassette collection. While NLS is letting regional libraries de-accession their cassette collection by 2015, it is a local choice.

CTBL will be scaling back our cassette collection but as long as we have patrons who are listening to cassettes, we will have a collection of books to loan. Please remember that no new books were added to the cassette collection after December 2009.

Braille Bibles Available

We currently have the following Braille Bibles available for any patron who would like a set. These have been donated by other patrons who no longer need them.

- 2 Sets of the New King James—20 Volumes each
- 1 Set of King James Version—18 Volumes
- 1 Set of A Concordance To The Old And New Testaments—10 Volumes

If you would like one of these sets, please call the library and let a reader advisor know.

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.

Tech Talk—Ordering Books Online

A frequently asked question when patrons are ordering books through the CTBL website is, "What do the letters in the book number mean?" These two letters signify the type of media being ordered. The list of codes is below:

BR—Braille book

CC—Cassette audio book from the Colorado Collection

DB—Digital audio book from NLS

DC—Digital audio book from the Colorado Collection

DO—Digital audio book from other sources

OS—Cassette audio book from other sources

PR—Large print book

RC—Cassette audio book from NLS

VO—Descriptive video

Rather than remember what the codes in the book number stand for, you can limit the type of books displayed in search results using the Search Options on the Basic Search page. Within the Search Options, are several ways to limit the search results including media preference. The Media dropdown menu contains the options: Braille, Cassette, Descriptive Video, Digital Book, or Large Print. The search results will contain only items in the selected format, if you use the limit by media option to conduct your search.

When you request an item in a format you are not setup to receive, typically you will get an error stating, "This title does not match

your Media preferences", on the order verification page. These errors will result in the item being removed from your book basket and not appearing on the checkout screen. To change the type of items you can receive, you will need to call a Reader Advisor.

Patron Open House—Tuesday July 24th

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Come visit your library, meet staff and volunteers, visit with CTBL's local narrators and other patrons, tour the library, get a demo of BARD and other assistive technology, and get your questions answered.

Upcoming Event of Interest

- **Vision Resource Expo—Colorado Springs**

Friday, July 13, 2012, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

33 N. Institute St.—Gottlieb School Building at CSDB

Sponsored by the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. For more information call 719-635-3585, ask for Patty, Michelle, or Tim.

www.myctbl.org

Volunteer News—Thanks a Million

Occasionally we have a chance to say, “Thanks a million” to our volunteers. While it is impossible to put a monetary value to all the ways the volunteers help us provide a quality service to our patrons and support our staff, it can be fun to look at how valuable their work is to us.

One way to place a value on volunteer service is using a formula available at Independentsector.org where the estimated dollar value of volunteer time for 2010 in Colorado is \$21.62 per hour. This figure is determined each year by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is used for many financial reports.

Multiply that figure by 25,825 (the number of volunteer hours reported from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011) results in a total value of \$558,336.50 in volunteer time. That a half million dollars of support to our staff!

If you calculate the 24,134 hours for 2009-2010 at \$21.36 per hour, (the official value in 2009), we get \$515,502.24. When added together, we have a two-year total of \$1,073,838.74 and for that, we say to our volunteers, **Thanks a million!**

Resource of Interest—Series

Do you want to know what is the next book in a series? There is a very helpful website that lists books in series. It’s managed by Kent District Library in Michigan, and located at:

<http://ww2.kdl.org/libcat/whatsnext.asp>

On this site you can search by author, title of the book, or title of the series. An author search will yield all series by that author

tracked by the website. Just click on the series title to get a list and order of all the books. A book-title search will yield the author's name, the title of the series, and the book's position within that series. A series search will yield the author's name and a list of the books in series order. Please note that CTBL does not own all of the books listed on this website; it is just a handy resource to look for information about books in series.

Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

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

PR019975 Elizabeth the Queen: The Life of a Modern Monarch

Author: Sally Bedell Smith

Drawing on numerous interviews and never-before-revealed documents, acclaimed biographer Sally Bedell Smith pulls back the curtain to show in intimate detail the public and private lives of Queen Elizabeth II, who has led her country and Commonwealth through the wars and upheavals of the last sixty years with unparalleled composure, intelligence, and grace. (Non-Fiction)

PR019778 Shock Wave Author: John Sandford

When protests about a superstore chain's plans to build a location in a Minnesota river town escalate into bombing attacks at the construction site and the company's headquarter, Virgil Flowers races against time to find and stop the bomber. (Fiction)

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PR019913 Moonlight in the Morning Author: Jude Deveraux
Leaving New York City behind for the summer to pursue her passion for painting in Edilean's tightly knit artistic community, Jecca Layton is swept off her feet by the town's handsome doctor and they both must make a difficult decision when the summer ends. (Fiction)

PR019784 The Time of Our Lives Author: Tom Brokaw
The NBC news anchor and former White House correspondent evaluates the American dream of the past, present, and future as experienced by four generations of his and other families. (Non-Fiction)

PR019836 Explosive Eighteen: A Stephanie Plum Novel

Author: Janet Evanovich

Before Stephanie can even step foot off Flight 127 Hawaii to Newark, she is knee deep in trouble. Her dream vacation turned into a nightmare, and she is flying back to New Jersey solo. Worse still, her seatmate never returned to the plane after the L.A. layover. Now he is dead, in a garbage can, waiting for curbside pickup. Some violence. (Fiction)

PR019943 The Way of the Dragon. Young Samurai #3

Author: Chris Bradford

Japan is threatened with war, and Jack Fletcher is facing his greatest battle yet. Samurai are taking sides, and Jack's warrior training is put to the ultimate test. His survival—and that of his friends—depends on him mastering the Two Heavens, the secret sword technique of the legendary samurai Masamoto Takeshi. But first Jack must recover his father's prize possession from the deadly ninja Dragon Eye.

(Fiction for grades 6-9)

Suggestions from the Colorado Collection:

DC8174 The Boy Who Ate Fear Street (Ghosts of Fear Street; #11)

Author: Stephen Roos ** Narrator: Joe Burkins

Sam Kinney must find out if the weird spice Aunt Slyvie puts in his macaroni and cheese is causing him to eat everything he sees, including paste, dishwashing soap, dog food, and dirt. For grades 6-9.

DC8238 Ballad of the Whiskey Robber: A True Story of Bank Heists, Ice Hockey, Transylvanian Pelt Smuggling, Moonlighting Detectives, and Broken Hearts

Author: Julian Rubinstein ** Narrator: Visvaldis Jaunarajs

Traces the life of twenty-one-year-old Romanian Attila Ambrus, who in 1988 sneaked into post-Communist Hungary and joined a professional ice hockey team. Details seven years he spent robbing banks, romancing women, and boozing. Describes the Budapest detective on his trail—who had learned crime solving from American TV. Strong language.

DC8266 Growing Up With the Country: Childhood on the Far Western Frontier

Author: Elliott West ** Narrator: Stephanie Briggs

Uses original source materials to present the settling of the West as experienced by the children of the time. If they had not had families and children, the explorers and pioneers that we know about would not have settled down and established homes in the West. The author portrays life in sod houses, log cabins, and mining towns; the world of nature and animals; and the tragedy of death through the eyes, ears, and emotions of the children. Winner of best nonfiction award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center.

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From the Colorado Collection (continued):

DC8262 Living in the Runaway West: Partisan Views from Writers on the Range. Compiled

Author: Editors of High Country News **

Narrator: Kate Van Wyhe

This is a compilation of essays written for Writers on the Range, the syndicated columns of High Country News. They have been previously published in various newspapers in the West. They provide a portrait of life in the West by the people who live there.

DC8278 Me and My Big Mouth: Your Answer Is Right Under Your Nose

Author: Joyce Meyer ** Narrator: Louise Lederhos

Is your mouth busy telling about all the troubles in your life? Does it seem as though your mouth has a mind of its own? This book explains how you can tame your tongue so that you will be able to do God's will in action as well as in words.

DC8257 The Education of Ruby Loonfoot

Author: Paxton Riddle ** Narrator: Marie Woodson

A story of three women—one immersed in traditional Indian ways; one trying to break away and an ardent Catholic; and one caught in the middle of both trying to retain her Indian identity in the face of daily proselytizing, continual debasement of her race and culture, and physical abuse. Strong language.

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.

How to Reach Us:

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- Robert Hammond, Commissioner of Education
- Eugene Hainer, State Librarian
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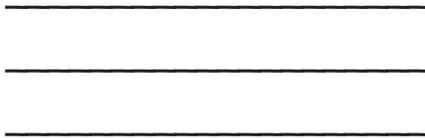
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