



Spring 2015

# CTBL News

Colorado Talking Book Library • Denver

## Highlighting — SOS! Call the Library

Not getting the books you like? Not getting enough books?  
Getting too many books?

**Don't take it sitting down — call a reader advisor.**

Have your books stopped completely?

**Don't wonder why — call a reader advisor.**

Have you changed your address or phone number lately?  
Need your player replaced? Looking for a new author to read?

**Let us know — call a reader advisor.**

Not sure how to use the bookshelf feature for the magazines  
on cartridge?

**Get helpful support — call a reader advisor.**

Call us at 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136 (toll-free within  
Colorado) or email us at [ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us](mailto:ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us)

**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2015:  
May 25th, July 3rd, and September 7th**

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## From the Director

Since late fall, staff at CTBL have been busy doing outreach, getting the word out about the great service here. We have on-the-go packets for volunteers and patrons to hand out to friends or acquaintances when the opportunity arises. If you want a couple of packets to have on hand, just contact the library and we will be happy to send you a few. You can help get the word out in your part of the state.

Follow us on Twitter or follow the Friends on Facebook.

[www.facebook.com/foctbl.org/?re=hl](http://www.facebook.com/foctbl.org/?re=hl)

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## Colorado Outdoors Magazine

CTBL is once again offering an audio version of **Colorado Outdoors**. Outdoors is a bi-monthly magazine, published by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, that features articles on hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, wildlife, and conservation. If you are interested in receiving Colorado Outdoors, please contact a reader advisor.

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

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## CTBL Reads — A New Venture

CTBL is changing our adult reading program to 3 times per year. We will select a book that all patrons can read and then anyone who chooses can participate in an author phone chat. We will announce the book choice in each newsletter.

The next CTBL Reads begins May 11th and runs through June 16th. We will be reading "Faith on the Rocks" by Liesa Malik.

Faith on the Rocks is a cozy murder mystery novel that takes place in Littleton, Colorado. "When widow and retired special education teacher Daisy Arthur takes up romance writing with a quirky group of aspiring authors, she finds herself tangled in merry mayhem that suddenly turns quite deadly. She must go in search of a killer or risk becoming the group's next victim."

We will host an author phone chat with Liesa Malik on June 16th at 3 p.m. to discuss "Faith on the Rocks" and ask questions. We will provide the phone number and passcode a short time before the event.

Call the library to sign up, have a copy of the book sent to you and get on the list for the author chat phone number and passcode.

## 8th Annual Patron Open House

**SAVE THE DATE! — Tuesday, July 21st 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Come visit your library, meet the staff, have a tour, talk with other patrons, visit the studio, and meet our local narrators. We will again provide BARD coaching. Watch for the invitation for further details. And of course enjoy refreshments.

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## Battery Issues — Check List for Steps to Try

- ✓ Make sure your player plugged into a working outlet. If it is plugged in and when pressing the play button and it doesn't say "power cord operated," the player is not recognizing that the power cord is plugged in. Try a different power outlet.
- ✓ Batteries sometimes do not take a full charge the first several times they are charged. If you have one of these, use the player on battery until it dies and then recharge it at least 3 times to see if the battery life is restored. If you still have trouble, call the library.
- ✓ After fully charging the player, as long as the battery gauge is reading over 12 hours, the battery is still fine.
- ✓ A battery that has completely discharged can sometimes take up to 12 hours to reach a level that is registered by the player. If your new player will not turn on at all, plug it in for a minimum of 12 hours and try it again. If it still won't turn on, call the library for a replacement.

## Wanted — Finished Reading Your Books and Magazines?

Please send them back when you have finished reading. Other patrons may be waiting to read those titles. And for the newsletters and magazines the cartridges need to be reused.

For new patrons, please send back your audio welcome letter when you are finished listening to it.

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## Resource of Interest — Choice Magazine

Choice Magazine Listening (CML) is a free audio magazine for adults with impaired vision or other disability. Four times a year, listeners receive 12 hours of great writing, chosen from over 100 of the finest magazines by CML's team of editors. These quarterly issues feature stories, poems and articles from publications such as **National Geographic, The New Yorker, Time, Vanity Fair, Harper's, Smithsonian, Sports Illustrated, Scientific American, and The Atlantic**. All CML's selections are wonderfully read by some of America's top audiobook narrators.

For more than 50 years, CML has been proud to serve listeners who love the mix of interesting, entertaining and amusing pieces they receive as a download or on a digital cartridge (easily returnable in the postage-free mailer it arrived in). This quarterly service is completely free of charge due to the support of a charitable foundation established to ensure that all Americans could enjoy the best writing from leading magazines.

If someone you know would enjoy this free service, please call 1-888-724-6423 to find out more. Between 9 and 4 Eastern Time your call will be answered by a friendly person happy to help — not a machine. Further information is available on CML's website, too. Please visit [www.choicemagazinelisting.org](http://www.choicemagazinelisting.org)

## BARD Mobile for Android — Becoming a Reality

The app for Android devices should be available by the summer. Call the library to get on the alert email for when it is ready for download.

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## Volunteer News — Fresh!

Well, it's springtime in the Rockies, which may be hard to believe since the peaks all along the Front Range are still wearing their blankets of white, nights are freezing cold, and my garden is buried under a late season snow. But, here at CTBL signs of fresh new starts are popping up everywhere!

The volunteers in the studio have learned to use new software that makes recording books easier and improves the quality of their recordings.

Many new faces are seen throughout the building including the new volunteers who have joined the mailroom crew. More work is getting done more quickly and everyone's load is a little lighter.

Our new student intern has helped our IT staff launch our social media presence, refreshed our outreach project with new ideas and materials, and energized us with her enthusiasm.

Our building is looking better as one project after another is tackled. Each one solves a problem, refreshes the building, and makes it easier for everyone to work productively.

Spring is when we thank all the volunteers with a five-day long party. This year we celebrated with gourmet cupcakes and lots of laughter between friends.

Each new volunteer who joins us, each new book recorded, each milestone reached, is the result of volunteers working with our staff to make our services better. And it seems that spring is just the perfect time to pause long enough to thank them!

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## Tech Talk — Bookshelf Feature

As a reminder on how to access multiple titles on a single cartridge:

1. Insert the cartridge into the player
2. Press and hold the play button until the player says "bookshelf - # books"
3. Use the fast forward key to scroll to the next book in the list
4. Use the rewind key to scroll to the previous book in the list
5. Once you hear the title you want to listen to, push the play button and the books should start playing.

Contact a Reader Advisor at the Library if you have any questions. Our phone numbers are 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136 (toll-free within Colorado). You may also email us at [ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us](mailto:ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us)

## Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

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

### **Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania**

Author: Erik Larson

On May 1, 1915, a luxury ocean liner sailed out of New York, bound for Liverpool, carrying a record number of children and infants. Germany had declared the seas around Britain to be a war zone, and for months, its U-boats had brought terror to the North Atlantic.

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But the Lusitania was one of the era's great transatlantic "Greyhounds" and her captain, William Thomas Turner, placed tremendous faith in the gentlemanly strictures of warfare that for a century had kept civilian ships safe from attack. Germany, however, was determined to change the rules of the game, and Walther Schwieger, the captain of Unterseeboot-20, was happy to oblige. Meanwhile, an ultra-secret British intelligence unit tracked Schwieger's U-boat, but told no one. As U-20 and the Lusitania made their way toward Liverpool, an array of forces converged to produce one of the great disasters of history. [Bestseller 2015](#) (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR023455**

### **Mountain to Mountain: A Journey of Adventure and Activism for the Women of Afghanistan** Author: Shannon Galpin

Being inspired to act can take many forms. For some it's taking a weekend to volunteer, but for Shannon Galpin, it meant leaving her career, selling her house, launching a nonprofit and committing her life to advancing education and opportunity for women and girls. Focusing on the war-torn country of Afghanistan, Galpin and her organization, Mountain2Mountain, have touched the lives of hundreds of men, women and children. Contains some descriptions of sex, some strong language, and violence. 2015 (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR023270**

### **A Sudden Light** Author: Garth Stein

In the summer of 1990, fourteen-year-old Trevor Riddell gets his first glimpse of Riddell House, the legendary family mansion built

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from the spoils of a timber fortune. Trevor's bankrupt parents have separated, and his father has brought him here with a goal: to join forces with his sister to dispatch Grandpa Samuel to a nursing home, sell the property, divide the profits, and live happily ever after. But as Trevor explores the house's secret stairways and hidden rooms, he discovers a lingering spirit whose agenda is at odds with that plan. Contains some strong language. 2015 (Adult Fiction) **PRO23437**

**Home to Chicory Lane. Chicory Inn; #1** Author: Deborah Raney  
Audrey Whitman's dreams are coming true. Now that their five kids are grown, she and her husband, Grant, are turning their beloved family home into a cozy bed and breakfast. With the opening weekend upon them, what could go wrong? That is exactly what Audrey wonders — until she sees her newly wed youngest daughter, Landyn, arrive from New York, pulling a trailer behind her, and no husband in tow. Suddenly, the inn is a bigger job than either Grant or Audrey anticipated. 2015 (Adult Fiction) **PRO23356**

**The Peripheral** Author: William Gibson  
While filling in for her brother to beta test a game, Flynne Fisher witnesses what she believes is a murder. Eighty years later, publicist Wilf Netherton and Detective Inspector Ainsley Lowbeer reach back across time to enlist Flynne's help in investigating a woman's disappearance. Bestseller. Contains some strong language. 2014 (Adult Fiction) **PRO03340**

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**From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books:**

**Riddle of the Wayward Books**

Authors: Brad Strickland and Thomas E. Fuller

\*\* Narrator: Nelson Embleton

After several burglary attempts occur at the bookstore where he is working for the summer, Joe and Wishbone decide to investigate and discover that some of the most important clues to the mystery are in the books themselves. For grades 3 to 6. 1997 (Fiction)

**DBC03006**

**The Cleaner of Chartres**

Author: Salley Vickers \*\* Narrator: Cathy Gloeckner.

Working as a cleaner in the cathedral of Chartres for more than twenty years, Agnès Morel profoundly transforms local lives by performing small tasks and using her subtle influence until an accidental encounter reveals tragic incidents from her youth. 2012

(Adult Fiction) **DBC00653**

**Honor's Pledge. Rocky Mountain Legacy; #1**

Author: Kristen Heitzmann \*\* Narrator: Laverne Rios

Seventeen-year-old Abigail Martin falls in love with southerner Montgomery Farrel, who has moved to Colorado after the Civil War. He returns her love but is committed by oath to another. Abigail trusts in God to find a solution. For senior high and adult readers. 1998 (Fiction)

**DBC00683**

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## **Paradise General: Riding the Surge at a Combat Hospital in Iraq**

Author: Dr. Dave Hnida \*\* Narrator: Norm Jones

In 2004, at the age of forty-eight, Dr. Dave Hnida, a family physician from Littleton, Colorado, volunteered to be deployed to Iraq and spent a tour of duty as a battalion surgeon with a combat unit. In 2007, he went back — this time as a trauma chief at one of the busiest Combat Support Hospitals (CSH) during the Surge. In an environment that was nothing less than a modern-day M\*A\*S\*H, the doctors' main objective was simple: Get'em in, get'em out. The only CSH staffed by reservists — who tended to be older, more-experienced doctors disdainful of authority — the 399th soon became a medevac destination of choice because of its high survival rate, an astounding 98 percent. Some violence, some strong language and descriptions of sex. 2010 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC02939**

## **Houdini the Amazing Caterpillar**

Author: Janet Pedersen \*\* Narrator: Mark Hintz

A caterpillar does amazing tricks, like making leaves disappear and shedding its skin, and finally it performs the most amazing trick of all. Includes facts about the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. For preschool to grade 2. 2008 (Fiction) **DBC02934**

## **Sounds All Around**

Author: Wendy Pfeffer \*\* Narrator: Karen Cranford

Explains how sounds are made and heard. Describes the purposes they serve for humans and other animals. For preschool to grade 2. 1999 **DBC02930**

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### **Deadly Currents. RM Outdoor Adventure Mystery; #1**

Author: Beth Groundwater \*\* Narrator: Hille Dais

The Arkansas River is the heart and soul of Salida, Colorado. It fuels the small town's economy and thrums in the blood of twenty-seven-year-old Mandy Tanner, a river ranger. When a whitewater rafting accident occurs, she deftly executes a rescue, but a man dies anyway. But it wasn't the river rapids that killed him, it was poison. Tom King was a rich land developer with bitter business rivals, who cheated on his wife, refused to support his kayak-obsessed son, and infuriated environmentalists. Mandy cooperates with the local sheriff's department to solve the murder. But little does she know how greatly the case will affect those she loves. Mandy goes on an emotionally turbulent quest for the truth -and ends up in dangerous waters. 2011 (Adult Fiction) **DBC00655**

### **Hell on Wheels: Wicked Towns Along the Union Pacific Railroad**

Author: Dick Kreck \*\* Narrator: Louise Lederhos

With the building of the Union Pacific Railroad in the 1860s, a new era of travel was born. The railroad's construction was a tremendous undertaking as workers battled the land, weather, and nearby Indian tribes in order to complete the track. As the railroad made its way west, overnight settlements, known as "hell on wheels," sprang up. These instant cities brought opportunity to legitimate businessmen, but also opened the door to gamblers, prostitutes, and thugs. Dick Kreck chronicles these stories and highlights the heroic individuals who finally established permanent towns in the interior West. 2013 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC02944**

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## **The Illumined Heart: Capture the Vibrant Faith of Ancient Christians**

Author: Frederica Mathewes-Green \*\* Narrator: Joanne Rudoff

Why are modern Christians so indistinguishable from everyone else? How come Christians who lived in times of bloody persecution were so heroic, while we who live in safety are not? How could the early Christian martyrs actually forgive their torturers? What did the Christians of the first centuries know that we don't? Mathewes-Green ponders these and other faith-based questions. 2007 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC00652**

## **Winter in Taos**

Author: Mabel Dodge Luhan \*\* Narrator: Rita Lovato

A forward by Frank Waters introduces this diary by the wealthy Buffalo socialite who put down roots in New Mexico. Recounts how Mabel Dodge married her husband, a Pueblo Indian, and reconciled cultural differences through a forty year relationship. Reprint of the 1935 edition published by Harcourt, Brace in New York with new material. 1987 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC03000**

## **Asteroids, Comets, and Meteoroids**

Author: Steve Kortenkamp \*\* Narrator: Stephanie Briggs

They're leftover rocks from when planets formed. And they hold clues to how the solar system began. Get up close to the asteroids, comets, and meteoroids that orbit our solar system. For grades 2 to 4. 2012 (Non-Fiction) **DBC02904**

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## Legacy Gifts

Legacy gifts to the Friends of CTBL are a vital way to ensure ongoing support for all the services the library provides to patrons. The Friends have established **Eyes to the Future** that honors and recognizes the generosity and vision of patrons, families and friends who have chosen to leave a legacy through their estates or other deferred gifts.

We invite you to become a member of **Eyes to the Future**. Enrollment in this honorary group is simply a matter of advising us about your plans to make a legacy gift, such as a bequest in a will or living trust, or designating The Friends of CTBL as beneficiary of an individual retirement plan, 401(k) or life insurance policy. The Friends of CTBL is a public 501 (c) (3) charity and the tax ID is 23-7243950.

## 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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## AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a program where the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to charitable organizations. If you make purchases through Amazon you can now designate The Friends of CTBL as a recipient of charitable donations. Several patrons have already done this. Thanks!

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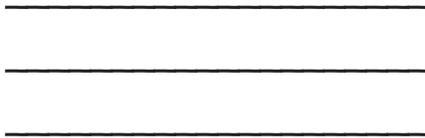
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