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CTBL News

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Highlighting — Rating Unrated Books

For the last several years NLS has been able to add about 1,000 titles a year from commercial audio publishers. Since they do not have copies of the physical books, they can't rate the books in the way patrons have come to expect. Across the network, a small sample shows that patrons with some exclusion varies from 54% to 76%.

Since this results in a limited selection for those patrons, librarians in the network are developing a process of collaboration to get these unrated books rated. This will result in patrons having the maximum number of books to select from.

We started with a pilot team that included Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, New Mexico, Texas and Keystone. Here in Colorado we are aiding in this effort with a team of volunteers reading books and helping to rate them. So far since January, we have rated 70 books.

By the time you read this we will have signed on other states at the national NLS Biennial Conference in April. We hope to rate all 1,000 each year.

**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2016:
May 30th, July 3rd and September 5th**

From the Director

By now you probably have spoken with our newest Reader Advisor, Katherine, who joined CTBL last September. She returned home to Colorado after graduating with an MLIS from Simmons College in Boston, and working with the diverse and bustling community at the Cambridge Public Library. She is responsible for the summer reading program and enjoys a lot of young adult books. Katherine will also be working with our Spanish speaking patrons. A belated welcome to Katherine.

Check out the Friends of CTBL page or follow me on Twitter.

Debbi
@DebbiMacLeod 

The 9th Annual Patron Open House

SAVE THE DATE! — Tuesday, July 12th 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.

At 11 a.m. we will have Cary Johnson from the Jefferson and Gilpin Counties District Attorney's office leading the Power Against Fraud seminar which is a community outreach program designed to help protect consumers from becoming victims of identity theft and other fraud.

Watch for the invitation for further details. And of course enjoy refreshments.

CTBL Reads — The End of Your Life Book Club

As part of the "Leaving on my own Terms" program, we will be reading "The End of Your Life Book Club" by Will Schwalbe. A book talk will be scheduled in June.

The End of Your Life Book Club Narrator: Erik Sandvold
Journalist and publishing professional chronicles the conversations he had with his mother as he accompanied her on treatments for advanced pancreatic cancer. A profoundly moving memoir of caregiving, mourning, and love, the book is also about the joy of reading, and the ways that joy is multiplied when we share it with others. Bestseller 2012 **DB075762** and **PR020634**

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

Leaving on My Own Terms — Update

In July we launched a yearlong exploration into living, dying, grief and legacy. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross stated in *Life Lessons*, "The primary lesson the dying teach us is to live every day to its fullest." This is our guidance as we begin our year of inquiry.

We began with a *Before I Die* wall at the Patron Open House and for CTBL Reads we read "Being Mortal" by Dr. Atul Gawande and *Proof of Heaven* by Dr. Eben Alexander. We had two Death Cafés hosted by Dr. Karen Wyatt. We explored "Out of the Box Funeral Planning" led by Sue Mackey and explored "No Regrets" with Kitty Edwards. We conclude with CTBL Reads, listed above.

It has been a wonderful journey and thanks to all who participated.

Online Databases now available @ www.myCTBL.org

We have been able to add a database package that our patrons can access from their computer. You will need your patron number to access them.

For more information and to explore these databases and how to access them in detail, please go to:

<http://www2.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/collection/tbdatabases.html>

Tech Talk — Assistive Technology

Assistive Technology (AT) devices are anything that helps a person complete a task they might otherwise need help to do. AT devices are not necessarily high tech, but can be simple devices such as a "grabber" used to reach an item that is on a high shelf.

Assistive Technology Partners has resources for finding, funding or using any type of AT device available on their website:

<http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/programs/atp/Resources/Pages/Resources.aspx>

The American Foundation for the Blind has resources specifically related to blindness or low vision products:

<https://www.afb.org/prodmain.asp>

You can also explore the list of resources on our website:

<http://www2.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/resources/products.html>

Magazines: A complete listing is available on request.

Volunteer News — Different Perspectives

As the Volunteer Manager, I find it fun to stop once in a while and consider how our library looks to someone who is just visiting us for the first time. Because I frequently give tours to prospective volunteers, this fresh point-of-view is frequently shared with me. Visitors are often fascinated by something I walk by every day and stopped noticing long ago. Sometimes it is the dusty old talking book machines in the front lobby, or maybe the way our collection seems to go on endlessly, row after row of neatly stacked blue cases. Sometimes it is the sounds that fade into the background, tapes rewinding, embossers pounding, and the familiar chatter of co-workers discussing the Denver Broncos.

Then came the day I handed an iPad to a student volunteer and asked her to take some pictures for "later". She saw the library in a whole new way; looking at rows and rows of books, not just along the rows, but from the bottom to the top. Not just a bin full of audiobooks returned in the mail, but the colors and textures jumbled together — seeing everyday objects in a whole new way.

Each new member of the CTBL team whether staff, volunteer, or patron experiences the library as something new the first time they receive a talking book and pop it in their player, the first time they hit "record", the first time they man our booth at an outreach event. So, while we have a long and successful history, every day someone sees the Talking Book Library for the very first time and it opens a whole new world to them. —Terry Marcotte



Multicolored containers in mail cage

Collection News — New Additions

Descriptive Video Feature: Action & Adventure

Do you like movies that are gripping and suspenseful?
Try these action packed films:

- Zero Dark Thirty — MD00012 — DVD
- American Sniper — MD00018 — DVD
- Sicario — MD00055 — DVD
- Bridge of Spies — MD00054 — DVD
- Spectre — MD00061 — DVD
- True Grit — MB00027 — Blu-Ray
- Catching Fire: Hunger Games #2 — MB00041 — Blu-Ray

Or maybe you're looking for something out of this world?
Try these spaced-out adventures:

- Star Trek: Into Darkness — MD00026 — DVD
- Men in Black 3 — MD00032 - DVD
- Star Wars #1: Phantom Menace — MB00043 — Blu-Ray
- Star Wars #2: Attack of the Clones — MB0004 — Blu-Ray
- Star Wars #3: Revenge of the Sith — MB00045 — Blu-Ray
- Star Wars #4: A New Hope — MB00046 — Blu-Ray
- Star Wars #5: The Empire Strikes Back — MB00047 — Blu-Ray
- Star Wars #6: Return of the Jedi — MB00048 — Blu-Ray

These DVDs and Blu-Rays have descriptive video embedded in each disc. You can turn-on this feature by following directions starting at the disc's main menu.

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

1944: FDR and the Year That Changed History

Author: Jay Winik

1944 witnessed a series of titanic events: FDR at the pinnacle of his wartime leadership as well as his re-election, the planning of Operation Overlord with Churchill and Stalin, the unprecedented D-Day invasion, the liberation of Paris, and the horrific Battle of the Bulge. But on the way, millions of more lives were still at stake as FDR was exposed to mounting evidence of the most grotesque crime in history, the Final Solution. Bestseller 2016 Adult Non-Fiction **PR024329**

On My Own Author: Diane Rehm

In a deeply personal book, the NPR radio host speaks out about the long drawn-out death from Parkinson's of her husband of 54 years, and of her struggle to reconstruct her life without him. She has also solicited the moving stories of such recently widowed friends as Roger Mudd and Susan Stamberg, which work to expose the reader to a remarkable range of reactions to the death of a spouse. 2016 Adult Non-Fiction **PR024306**

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Pacific: Silicon Chips and Surfboards, Coral Reefs and Atom Bombs, Brutal Dictators, Fading Empires, and The Coming Collision Of The World's Superpowers Author: Simon Winchester
As the Mediterranean shaped the classical world, and the Atlantic connected Europe to the New World, the Pacific Ocean defines our tomorrow. In telling the story of the Pacific, the author takes the reader from the Bering Strait to Cape Horn, the Yangtze River to the Panama Canal, and to the many small islands that lie in between. 2015 Adult Non-Fiction **PR024331**

Panguitch Author: Zane Grey
Two daring brothers search for the wild stallion, Panguitch, atop the high plateau where the animal leads his herd. This classic Western was originally published as "Wild Horse Mesa." Contains some violence and strong language. 2016 Adult Fiction **PR024311**

Pop Goes the Weasel Author: M. J. Arlidge
A man's body is found in an empty house, a gruesome memento of his murder sent to his wife and children. He is the first victim in what the media call Jack the Ripper in reverse — a serial killer preying on family men who lead hidden lives. Contains violence and strong language. 2016 Adult Non-Fiction **PR024325**

These Old Shades. Alastair & Audley Families Series #1
Author: Georgette Heyer
Set in the Georgian period, about 20 years before the Regency, *These Old Shades* is considered to be the book that launched Heyer's career. It features two of Heyer's most memorable

characters: Justin Alastair, the Duke of Avon, and Leonie, whom he rescues from a life of ignominy and comes to love. 2016
Adult Fiction **PR024316**

When Breath Becomes Air Author: Paul Kalanithi
At the age of thirty-six, on the verge of completing his training as a neurosurgeon, Kalanithi was diagnosed with lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he was a patient struggling to live. Kalanithi died in 2015, while working on this book, yet his words live on as a guide and a gift to us all. This book is a life-affirming reflection on the challenge of facing death and on the relationship between doctor and patient. Bestseller 2016
Adult Non-Fiction **PR024348**

Winter: Lunar Chronicles #4 Author: Marissa Meyer
Cinder and her allies are joined in the plot to overthrow Queen Levana by the queen's stepdaughter, Winter, who has long been defying her evil stepmother's wishes by harboring feelings for her personal guard whom she is forbidden from marrying. Some violence. For senior high and older readers. 2016 Young Adult/
Adult Fiction **PR024309**

From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books:

A Year to Live: How to Live This Year As if it were Your Last
Author: Stephen Levine ** Narrator: Stephanie Briggs
Levine teaches us how to live each moment, each hour, each day

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mindfully — as if it were all that was left. Levine shares how such immediacy radically changes our view of the world and forces us to examine our priorities. 2015 Adult Non-Fiction **DBC03053**

Old Fences, New Neighbors

Author: Peter R. Decker ** Narrator: Bob Serkowski

Explores the conflicts between the new and old west using the author's adopted county of Ouray, Colorado. Discusses the history and the changes in the small agricultural town of Ridgway, which characterize the entire region. 1998 Adult Non-Fiction **DBC02974**

Wicked Eddies. Rocky Mountain Outdoor Adventure Mystery #2

Author: Beth Groundwater ** Narrator: Louise Lederhos

River ranger Mandy Tanner investigates when a competitor in a fly fishing tournament is found dead, but the search for the murderer takes an unexpected turn when Mandy's best friend becomes the prime suspect. Contains some violence. 2012 Adult Fiction **DBC02980**

God's Guest List: Welcoming Those Who Influence Our Lives

Author: Debbie Macomber ** Narrator: Beverley Zier

Macomber shares her discovery that the people who have the most positive impact on our lives may be the ones we least expect, chosen by God for his purposes. 2011 Adult Non-Fiction **DBC02973**

Growing, Older: A Chronicle of Death, Life, and Vegetables

Author: Joan Dye Gussow ** Narrator: Stephanie Briggs

This memoir begins when the author loses her husband of 40 years to cancer. With humor and wit, she explains how she stopped worrying about why she was smiling and went on worrying, instead, and as she always has, about the possibility that the world around her was headed off a cliff. But hers is not a message of gloom.

Rather it is an affirmation of a life's work — and work in general.

2010 Adult Non-Fiction **DBC03059**

The Haunted Clubhouse: Wishbone Mysteries #2

Author: Caroline Leavitt ** Narrator: Nelson Embleton

Wishbone and his friends try to find out what is causing the mysterious happenings in the old 1930s clubhouse that Joe wins in a raffle. Grades 3 to 6. 1999 Children's Fiction **DBC03106**

Maverick Heart: The Further Adventures of Zane Grey

Author: Stephen May ** Narrator: Nelson Embleton

Follows the noted western writer Zane Grey in his adventures as he traveled the world in search of his own adventures. 2000

Adult Non-Fiction **DBC03107**

The Big Brand

Author: Elmer Kelton ** Narrator: Maurice MacInerney

From the frontier days to the Great Depression, Kelton brings to life the rough-hewn heroes of yesteryear — cowboys fighting to survive against nature's beasts, to the rancher willing to place himself between a robber and a lynch mob to recover his fortune and his dream. A collection of 12 short stories. 1992 Adult Fiction

DBC03113

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Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs, and Communications of the Dying

Author: Maggie Callanan and Patricia Kelley

Narrator: Louise Lederhos

Hospice nurses Callanan and Kelley share their intimate experiences with patients at the end of life. When someone we love is terminally ill, we are often unprepared to deal with the experience, but the dying have much to tell and give us. *Final Gifts* teaches us how to recognize and decode the often symbolic communications of those on the verge of death. 2012 Adult Non-Fiction **DBC02999**

Peril on Long's Peak: Rocky Mountain National Park

Author: Mike Graf ** Narrator: Peggy Simmons

In the seventh book in the *Adventure with the Parkers* series, the family heads to Colorado to visit the high peaks of Rocky Mountain National Park. The family's big adventure is a hike up Longs Peak, a Colorado "fourteener." Fiction for readers ages 8 to 13 **DBC03071**

Vengeance is Mine

Author: Mickey Spillane ** Narrator: Nelson Grabenstetter

A lush blonde leads Mike Hammer through bistros and bedrooms in a bullet-riddled hunt for a kill-crazy murderer. Contains some violence, strong language and sex. 1950 Adult Fiction **DBC03116**

Santa Fe Ring

Author: Clay Dawson ** Narrator: Nelson Grabenstetter

In New Mexico, Gabe Conrad, aka Long Rider, is a white man who was raised by Lakota Indians. Now he's gotten himself mixed up in

a conflict over land in Los Robles, at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo mountains, and with a hot Spanish beauty named Elena. Contains some violence, strong language, and descriptions of sex. 1990 Adult Fiction **DBC03115**

The Sodbreakers: People Who Lived and Died Settling the West

Author: Edith Eudora Kohl ** Narrator: Norine Domenico

Kohl was a feature writer for the Denver Post for 25 years and this book depicts the personal sacrifice, hard work, and suffering she and other homesteaders endured in settling the West. Her craft of words paints images of the exciting, dangerous, often sad, events as they actually unfolded in the pioneer-era West. 2016 Adult Non-Fiction **DBC03058**

Jerusalem Diamond

Author: Noah Gordon ** Narrator: Nelson Grabenstetter

Thriller mixing historical settings in Israel with the background of the world diamond trade. American Hopeman is searching for a particular diamond with a visible flaw that is of interest and a source of conflict to the three main religions in the Middle East. 1979 Adult Fiction **DBC03117**

Wanted — Finished reading your books, magazines, and audio newsletters?

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.

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.

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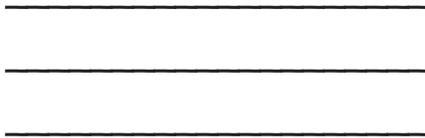


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