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CTBL News

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Highlighting —

Series Suggestions from our Reader Advisors

Here are a couple of lesser well known series that you might want to explore. If any are of interest, please call the library so we can set up the series to be sent to you in order.

Mystery — **Anne George's Southern Sisters Series**

Winner of the Agatha Award. Two totally opposite older sisters living in Birmingham, AL — one is respectful and demure while the other is big, brassy and bold. **8 books**

Romance — **Wicked Quills of London Series** by Eva Leigh

Featuring independent female writers forging their success in nineteenth century England. **3 books on 1 cartridge**

Westerns — **Winfred Blevins Rendezvous Series**

Winner of the 2004 Spur Award for Best Novel of the West. Includes both fictional characters and historical figures. **6 books**

Non-fiction — **A Very Short Introduction**

From Oxford University Press, expert authors offer concise, original introductions to a wide range of subjects such as Arts, Humanities, Philosophy, Science, Math, Politics, Classics, History and Social Sciences. **Over 200 titles**

**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2017:
May 29th, July 4th, and September 4th**

From the Director

You may have heard by now that President Trump's proposed budget eliminates the Institute for Museums and Libraries Services (IMLS). **Why should you care?** CTBL receives 25% of its budget and 7 of our 13 staff are supported with funds that come from IMLS. If this cut were to happen CTBL services will be seriously compromised. It is not clear what will happen to the library.

How can you help? Contact your federal legislators and tell them how important CTBL is to your quality of life and not to cut IMLS. If you know them personally, even better. You can find who represents you here at <http://whoismyrepresentative.com/>

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



SAVE THE DATE! The 9th Patron Open House

Tuesday July 11th 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 Elder Abuse RX seminar, a community outreach program, to help consumers get off mailing lists; avoid charitable fraud and investment fraud; how to do a Power-of-Attorney in a safe manner.

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

CTBL Reads — Mexico by Touch: true life experiences of a blind American deejay

Larry Johnson relates his personal account of moving to Mexico City in 1957. Details how Johnson spent the next seventeen years advancing his bilingual broadcasting career in radio and TV, becoming the first blind newscaster on Mexican television. 2003.

CTBL Reads begins May 12th ** Book talk July 13th at 3 p.m.

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.

CTBL — Summer Reading

CTBL's Summer Reading program will run from June 5th to August 4th. This year's theme is "Build a Better World!" This year we will be featuring **two books and two phone-in events!**

For reader's grades 4 and older and for our June "CTBL Reads" program we will feature **"The War That Saved My Life"** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (DB080472, BR020662). We are happy to announce that our call-in book discussion will feature Odyssey Award winning narrator **Jayne Entwistle**. This program will take place on June 29th at 2 p.m.

For reader's grades k and older we will be featuring a call-in story time and discussion of the **"Last Stop on Market Street"** by Matt de la Pena (DBC06858, BR021056). Our discussion will focus on "Building a better World" by giving back to our communities. This program will take place on July 13th at 2 p.m.

To register for summer reading, please call the library to register.

BARD Express

BARD Express simplifies the process of downloading and transferring audio materials to a cartridge or USB flash drive. The major advantage is that BARD Express unzips and transfers the files to a cartridge for you with the click of a button.

BARD Express, a Windows-based application for those who download from BARD through a computer, is now available from the National Library Service (NLS).

If you are a BARD user, to start using BARD Express, you must first download the software to your computer. It is available on the BARD main page under "Additional Links, BARD Express." Some FAQs, a User's Guide and some helpful screenshots are also available within this BARD Express link.

If you are not a current BARD user and want to start, you will first need to apply for BARD at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/login/CO1A>

After logging in with your existing password, you will not need to login again in the future.

Several short NLS produced YouTube videos are available for further help with BARD Express at <https://youtube.com/> and search for BARD Express.

BARD Express will manage BARD materials downloaded to a computer and categorize them by books, magazines, read items, and unread items for easy sorting. It also provides device management options from the main menu for customizing the process.

BARD Express is designed for use on personal Windows computers running XP, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, and 10. BARD Express is not for use on mobile devices or Macintosh computers.

Adapted from SilverLining - Nevada

Tech Talk — AFB Partnering with Aira

The American Foundation for the Blind is partnering with an emerging technology startup, Aira, to expand a revolutionary visual descriptor service.

Aira developed a system that describes the surrounding environment to a person who is blind or visually impaired. The system utilizes a small camera and a series of sensors mounted on a pair of smart glasses. Once activated, the device streams images directly to trained staff who describe what the camera lens sees in real time.

Backed by partners like AT&T, Google, and Uber, Aira was founded in 2015 by Suman Kanuganti. He was inspired to start the service after discussions with blind professionals on how wearable technology could be used to help people become more mobile and independent. Users of the service, called Aira Explorers, utilize agents via smart devices to navigate city streets, transportation, and shopping; ease social interactions; participate in new adventures such as sports and entertainment; and travel the world.

With AFB's assistance, Aira hopes to expand its service to people across the United States. Aira is currently accepting new signups for its Pioneer program and more information can be found at www.aira.io

Wanted — Finished reading your books & 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.

www.myctbl.org

Resource of Interest — FFB Spring Symposium

The Foundation Fighting Blindness is a research-based organization supporting scientists and medical research programs seeking treatment and cures for degenerative retinal conditions.

May 13 is our Spring symposium hear about the latest research being conducted and a panel of service providers offering information on services and programs available to those with vision impairment and their families. This event is free to all attendees.

At the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Institute on the Anschutz campus. Registration starts at 8 a.m., program 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Continental breakfast provided. There will also be several vendors, with whom you can speak during the break.

For golf enthusiasts August 9th will be our Scramble For Sight golf tournament at Arrowhead Golf Course. Later that evening, enjoy our Blind Taste of The Rockies a dinner and auction fundraiser.

For more information about our May symposium or any of the other events, please call:

1-866-782-7330 or email: Denver@fightblindness.org

Online Databases now available @ www.myCTBL.org

We have databases that patrons can access from your 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>

Magazine list is available on request.

Volunteers — The First to Sign Up and the Last to Leave

Our volunteers are an amazing and wonderful group of people. Many of them come in every week to help in the mailroom, to record in the studio, or to fix talking book machines that no longer “talk”. Some of these volunteers have come in weekly for over twenty years and will be back next week.

Another group of volunteers come in whenever we call on them. Whether to help with the CTBL Open House or for extra recording sessions on an urgent project. They might help to clean up the grounds around our building or to get an issue of the newsletter ready to mail. We know who they are because they always answer our call.

There are those who participate in every event or fundraiser for the Friends of CTBL. They know it takes a lot of people to pull off a successful event; whether something we've done for years or are holding for the first time.

And then there is that small group of very dedicated people who are ready to help with everything. They are here every week for their regular session, come back to help with any special project we are doing, and support each event or fundraiser we hold.

It is because of the dedication of volunteers, who are always the first to sign up and the last to leave, that we are able to bring you the best possible service.

It is a real pleasure to celebrate their dedication during Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 23 - 29. You can share your appreciation for them anytime on Twitter [@friendsofctbl](https://twitter.com/friendsofctbl) or on Facebook [@foctbl.org](https://www.facebook.com/foctbl.org)

Collection News — Suggestions from New Additions

New Feature Films — Descriptive Video

These DVDs have audio descriptions embedded in each disc. You can turn on this feature by following directions starting at the disc's main menu. For additional titles please contact the library.

- MD00108 — Whiskey Tango Foxtrot (R)
- MD00109 — I Saw the Light (R)
- MD00111 — Miles Ahead (R)
- MD00112 — Joy (PG-13)
- MD00114 — A Bigger Splash (R)
- MD00116 — The Case of the Three Sided Dream (Not Rated)
- MD00117 — Kubo and the Two Strings (PG)
- MD00118 — The Conjuring 2 (R)
- MD00119 — Finding Dory (PG)
- MD00120 — Star Trek: Beyond (PG-13)
- MD00121 — Hell or High Water (R)
- MD00122 — The BFG (PG)
- MD00123 — Sully (PG-13)
- MD00124 — The Accountant (R)
- MD00125 — Jason Bourne (PG-13)
- MD00126 — Pete's Dragon (PG)
- MD00127 — The Secret Life of Pets (PG)
- MD00128 — Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life (PG)
- MD00129 — Florence Foster Jenkins (PG-13)

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- MD00130 — Deepwater Horizon (PG-13)
 - MD00132 — Loving (PG-13)
 - MD00133 — The Edge of Seventeen (R)
 - MD00134 — Queen of Kitwe (PG)
 - MD00135 — The Eagle Huntress (G)
 - MD00137 — Trolls (PG)
 - MD00138 — Hacksaw Ridge (R)
 - MD00139 — Arrival (PG-13)
 - MD00140 — The Light Between Oceans (PG-13)

New Large Print Titles

Non-Fiction

- PR026129 — Aging as a Spiritual Practice: A Contemplative Guide to Growing Older and Wiser by Lewis Richmond
- PR026313 — Audacity: How Barack Obama Defied His Critics and Created a Legacy That Will Prevail by Jonathan Chait
- PR026165 — Books for Living by Will Schwalbe
- PR026123 — Disrupt Aging: A Bold New Path to Living Your Best Life at Every Age by Jo Ann Jenkins
- PR026133 — Dog Gone: A Lost Pet's Extraordinary Journey and the Family Who Brought Him Home by Pauls Toutonghi
- PR026321 — Furious George: My Forty Years Surviving NBA Divas, Clueless GMs, and Poor Shot Selection by George Karl
- PR026120 — Get What's Yours for Medicare: Maximize Your Coverage, Minimize Your Costs by Philip Moeller
- PR026127 — Good Vibrations: My Life as a Beach Boy by Mike Love

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PR026319 — *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape and the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard

PR026135 — *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* by Margot Lee Shetterly

PR026336 — *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance

PR026324 — *In Such Good Company: Eleven Years of Laughter, Mayhem, and Fun in the Sandbox* by Carol Burnett

PR026145 — *Pearl Harbor: From Infamy to Greatness* by Craig Nelson

PR026264 — *Senior Moments: Looking Back, Looking Ahead* by Willard Spiegelman

PR026163 — *Settle for More* by Megyn Kelly

PR026130 — *This Chair Rocks: A Manifesto Against Ageism* by Ashton Applewhite

PR026265 — *The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars* by Dava Sobel

General Fiction

- PR026000 — *Doubter's Almanac* by Ethan Canin
- PR026109 — *Letters from Paris* by Juliet Blackwell
- PR026159 — *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon
- PR026308 — *Queen of the Cookbooks* by Ashton Lee
- PR026182 — *The Education of Dixie Dupree* by Donna Everhart
- PR026149 — *The Truth According to Us* by Annie Barrows

Legal Fiction

- PR026155 — Natchez Burning: Penn Cage #4 by Greg Iles
- PR026063 — Outfoxed: Andy Carpenter #14 by David Rosenfelt
- PR026154 — The Competition: Rachel Knight #4 by Marcia Clark
- PR026073 — The Whistler by John Grisham

Mystery

- PR026081 — Closed Casket: The New Hercule Poirot Mystery #2 by Sophie Hannah
- PR026176 — Murder, She Wrote: Hook, Line and Murder by Jessica Fletcher
- PR026278 — The Altogether Unexpected Disappearance of Atticus Craftsman by Mamen Sanchez
- PR026089 — The Fifth Avenue Artists Society by Joy Callaway
- PR026333 — The Obsidian Chamber: Pendergast #16 by Douglas J. Preston
- PR026301 — The Trespasser: Dublin Murder Squad #6 by Tana French

Romance and Love Stories

- PR026209 — A Sure Thing: The Donnigans #1 by Marie Harte
- PR026256 — Alabama Irish by James Russell Lingerfelt
- PR026310 — Crash and Burn: Sisterhood #27 by Fern Michaels
- PR026295 — The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan
- PR026202 — The Hamilton Affair: A Novel by Elizabeth Cobbs Hoffman
- PR026219 — The Mistress by Danielle Steel

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Suspense and Spy Fiction

- PR026060 — Night School: Jack Reacher #21 by Lee Child
- PR026174 — Robert Ludlum's The Janson Option: Paul Janson #3 by Paul Garrison
- PR026094 — The Invisible Library by Genevieve Cogman
- PR026205 — The Spy House: Spycatcher #5 by Matthew Dunn
- PR026325 — Cross Justice: Alex Cross #23 by James Patterson
- PR026282 — Her Every Fear by Peter Swanson
- PR026171 — The Farm by Tom Rob Smith
- PR026111 — The Last Mile: Amos Decker #2 by David Baldacci

Western Fiction

- PR026230 — Day of Rage: Sixkiller, U.S. Marshal #2 by William W. Johnstone
- PR026304 — El Paso: A Novel by Winston Groom
- PR026195 — Hard Way Out of Hell: The Confessions of Cole Younger by Johnny D. Boggs
- PR026236 — News of the World: A Novel by Paulette Jiles
- PR026001 — The Big Showdown: Caleb York #2 by Mickey Spillane
- PR026343 — The Horse Thieves: A Warner Grayson Novel by Giles Tippet
- PR026224 — The Wild Rider by Max McCoy
- PR026101 — Torturous Trek by Max Brand

Young Adult and Children

- PR026006 — *A Torch Against the Night: Ember in the Ashes #2* by Sabaa Tahir
- PR026337 — *Carve the Mark: Carve the Mark #1* by Veronica Roth
- PR026076 — *Heartless* by Marissa Meyer
- PR026087 — *Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco

Juvenile Fiction

- PR025046 — *Kate the Great: Winner Takes All* by Suzy Becker
Grades 3-6
- PR025042 — *Louise Trapeze: Can SO Save the Day* by Micol Ostow
Grades 2-4
- PR025044 — *The Birthday Suit: Commander in Cheese #4*
by Lindsey Leavitt, Grades 2-4
- PR025043 — *The World Series Curse: Ballpark Super Special #1*
by David A. Kelly, Grades 2-4

From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books:

Antler Dust: Allison Coil Mystery #1

Author: Mark Stevens ** Narrator: Karen Cranford

On the opening day of the hunting season in the Colorado Flat Tops wilderness, two men go missing. Hunting guide Allison Coil hears a distant rifle shot and sees just enough through the swirling snow to believe somebody knows something and isn't coming forward. But what exactly did she see? Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. Adult Fiction. 2011. **DBC03085**

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Bent's Fort: Crossroads of Cultures on the Santa Fe Trail

Author: Melvin Bacon ** Narrator: Doris Ervin

Drawing on journals of the 1840s, the authors describe the life of an important trading center on the Santa Fe Trail — Bent's Fort in Southern Colorado — where U.S, Mexican, and Indian cultures mingled at a key time in American history. Non-Fiction. 1995.

Grades 4-7. **DBC03175**

Dizzying Heights: The Aspen Novel

Author: Bruce Ducker ** Narrator: Stephanie Briggs

This satirical comedy takes place in Aspen, Colorado, second home to billionaires and corporate titans, as well as the ski bums and service staff who keep the town running. Waddy Brush, a young computer programmer, stumbles into a new life in Aspen, falling in with Mortimer Dooberry, a best-selling author/psychologist who lives from scam to scam. Thus begins a story with many twists and unforgettable characters at every turn. Strong language.

Adult Fiction. 2008. **DBC03160**

Cowboys of the Frontier: Frontier Land #2

Author: Charles W. Sundling ** Narrator: Nelson Embleton

A brief introduction to the day-to-day life of cowboys in the American West. Non-Fiction. 2000 (Digital conversion 2017).

Grades 3-6. **DBC03146**

Ladies of the Brown: A Women's History of Denver's Most Elegant Hotel

Author: Debra B. Faulkner ** Narrator: Patricia Jonietz

Since the day it opened in 1892, Denver's Brown Palace Hotel has

been the Mile High City's foremost destination for high-powered business travelers, celebrities, royalty, and politicians. In this book, hotel historian and archivist Debra B. Faulkner introduces readers to some of the hotel's most fascinating and famous female visitors, residents, and employees. Includes six recipes from the Brown Palace Hotel's restaurants. Adult Non-Fiction. 2010. **DBC03172**

Mountain Men of the Frontier: Frontier Land #1

Author: Charles W. Sundling ** Narrator: Nelson Embleton
Discusses some of the explorers and trappers who journeyed west to hunt and trade beaver pelts and other commodities during the early nineteenth century. Non-Fiction. (Digital conversion 2016). Grades 3-6. **DBC03147**

The Ballad of Baby Doe

Author: Duane A. Smith ** Narrator: Valerie O'Neill
First produced at the Central City Opera House in 1956, "The Ballad of Baby Doe" is now widely considered a classic. In this book, the author tells the tale of the complicated birth of this most American of operas. Adult Non-Fiction. 2002. **DBC03201**

Soaring into Greatness: A Blind Woman's Vision to Live Her Dreams and Fly

Author: Gail L. Hamilton ** Narrator: Sheila Halstead
Born ten weeks premature and requiring oxygen to survive, Gail's first six weeks of life began in an incubator. 6 months later diagnosed with retrolental fibroplasia, caused by the infusion of 100% pure oxygen. By age eleven, she was completely blind. Subjected to physical and emotional abuse, ostracized and often

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feeling alone, Gail's journey is one of courage and perseverance. Some explicit descriptions of sex, some violence, and rape. Adult Non-Fiction. 2015. **DBC03051**

The Opposite of Woe: My Life in Beer and Politics

Author and Narrator: John W. Hickenlooper

The maverick (and very funny) governor of Colorado tells his story, from early loss to college on the ten-year plan, to remarkable business and political success. Some strong language. Adult Non-Fiction. 2016. **DBC03186**

The Skull of Pancho Villa and Other Stories

Author: Manuel Ramos ** Narrator: Peggy Simmons

A variety of characters populate these stories in which situations frequently aren't what they seem. Some stories cover historical events, from the Mexican Revolution to an encounter with Jack Kerouac. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and strong language. Adult Fiction. 2015. **DBC03157**

Ridge Runner Rescue: Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Adventures with the Parkers #10

Author: Mike Graf ** Narrator: Margo Goodwin

With their great-grandfather's journal as their guide, Morgan and James head east to the most visited national park in the country: the Great Smoky Mountains. The twins and their parents backpack twenty-six miles along the Appalachian Trail, learning the park's unusual history and experiencing its amazing diversity. Fiction Grades 3-6. **DBC03164**

Blown

Author: Francine Mathews ** Narrator: Laverne Rios

Within hours a terrorist attack of unthinkable proportions will strike Washington, D.C. and CIA analyst Caroline Carmichael recognizes the hand of the enemy she's battled for years. Now Caroline must do the most dangerous thing a spy can do — she'll become a target for both sides. Violence and strong language. Adult Fiction. 2005. **DBC03079**

Colorado's Colorful Characters

Author: Gladys R. Bueler ** Narrator: Nelson Grabenstetter

This book introduces the reader to 83 people who had an impact on Colorado's history, including Zebulon Pike, Chief Ouray, Horace Tabor, Mollie Brown, Nicholas Creede, and cannibal Alferd Packer, whose judge said, "There was seven Democrats in Hinsdale County and you ate five of them!" Adult Non-Fiction. 1950 (Digital conversion 2017). **DBC03149**

Digging Snowmastodon: Discovering an Ice Age World in the Colorado Rockies

Author: Kirk R. Johnson ** Narrator: Judy Early

In October 2010, a bulldozer operator working at the base of the Snowmass ski area in Colorado's Rocky Mountains uncovered the skeleton of a young female mammoth. Over the next 11 months, this location would yield a treasure trove of amazingly well-preserved ice age fossils and would change forever our understanding of alpine life in the ice age. The Snowmastodon Project's two lead scientists tell the dynamic story of this discovery and dig: the excitement, emotion, and the colorful cast of characters who made the project a success. Adult Non-Fiction. 2012. **DBC03060**

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, 401k 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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The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to charitable organizations. If you make purchases through Amazon, try AmazonSmile and designate The Friends of CTBL as a recipient of charitable donations. Several patrons have already done this. Thanks!



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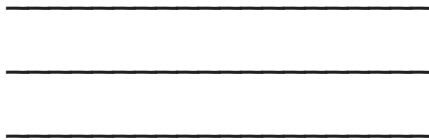


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