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CTBL News

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Highlighting — More Commercial Audio Books

NLS announced they will be increasing the number of commercial audio titles being added to the collection. This is above the 1,000 already being added and is due to the continuing partnerships with various commercial publishers.

NLS reports that these additional titles will be in the following categories: older and more specialized books; initial books in new series, with the expectation that subsequent titles in the same series will follow suit; titles that fill in gaps in older series; novellas; and other general-interest books.

These books will be available only on BARD. If you do not use BARD, the library will duplicate copies for you.

Here are several examples of books that have been added to date:

The English Wife — Lauren Willig DB090083

Istanbul: A Tale of Three Cities — Betany Hughes DB 090072

Carnegie's Maid — Marie Benedict DB089953

See You in the Cosmos — Jack Cheng DB090066

**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2018:
May 28th, July 4th, and September 3rd**

From the Director

Gene Hainer, our State Librarian, has announced his retirement on June 30th after 23 years at the State Library, 30 years in PERA and 40 years working for libraries. We wish him well in his new ventures whatever they turn out to be. We also thank him for his unwavering support of our mission at CTBL and our service to patrons.

He has many notable accomplishments such as restoring the state grants to libraries. CTBL is included in these grants and supports the descriptive video collection and our access to online databases.

If you would like to send a card to Gene, you can send it to the library and I will collect them together and give them to him when the staff at the State Library give him a send off.

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

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Colorado Day by Day: Family Literacy Activity Calendar

The Family Literacy Activity Calendar features an early literacy activity for each day of the year. Developed for families with toddlers and preschoolers, activities help parents and children incorporate reading, interactive learning, and fun into every day. Each month has a theme and a reading list of related books. The calendar also has literacy tips for parents, craft recipes, and links to additional resources. 2017. Available in audio DBC12907 or call the library for your print copy.

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CTBL Community Reads — Dust Bowl Girls and America's First Daughter

America's First Daughter — DB088020 & PR024734

The novel draws from letters and original sources. It depicts the untold story of Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha "Patsy" Jefferson Randolph — a woman who kept the secrets of our most enigmatic founding father and shaped an American legacy. When her mother dies, she joins her father in France and is torn between love and filial duty when courted by an abolitionist. This conflict of desires follows her through life. Some violence. 2016. Fiction. Time: 21 hours, 53 minutes

Author: Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

Narrator: Pilar Witherspoon

- New York Times & USA Today Bestseller
- Stephanie Dray is an award-winning, bestselling. Her critically acclaimed series about Cleopatra's daughter was translated into eight languages.
- Laura Kamoie is a New York Times bestselling author. She holds a doctoral degree in early American history from The College of William and Mary.

Dust Bowl Girls: the Inspiring Story of the Team that Barnstormed its Way to Basketball Glory — DB089622 & PR026416

At the height of the Great Depression, Sam Babb, a charismatic basketball coach, travelled from farm to farm recruiting talented and hardworking young women. He offered them a chance at a better life: a free college education if they would come play for his basketball team, the Cardinals. He shaped the Cardinals into a formidable team, and something extraordinary began to happen: they won every game. 2017.

Non-Fiction. Time: 8 hours, 29 minutes

Author: Lydia Reeder. Narrator: Virginia Wolf.

Lydia Reeder is the grandniece of Sam Babb, the coach in the book. She lives in Denver.

Tech Talk — Hamburger Menus

In order to make the most use of space on the smaller screens of smart phones and tablets, many websites use a hamburger or flyout menu. This menu is represented by three parallel horizontal lines as shown. The icon is named for its resemblance to the layers in a hamburger. When the icon is clicked, a menu will open to show various options the user can choose.



When CTBL redesigned our website last fall, we designed the website to be responsive, which means it will display differently depending on the size of the screen it is on. On a smart phone or tablet, the CTBL navigation menu will be condensed into a hamburger icon displayed in the upper, right-hand corner of the screen. However, the navigation menu may also condense to the hamburger if a screen is magnified to show a larger text size.

So if you are having problems navigating the new CTBL website because you don't see the menu on the left side of your screen, please look for the hamburger icon in the top-right corner of the page. You may also contact a reader advisor for additional assistance at 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136.

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.

Magazine list is available on request.

Resource of Interest — VA Services for Visually Impaired Veterans

Did you know that the Department of Veterans Affairs provides health and Rehabilitative Services to help veterans overcome the everyday challenges of vision loss? All U.S. military veterans, whether they served during war or peace, service connected or non-service connected may be eligible.

VIST Coordinators are case managers who coordinate services for veterans with vision problems that impact their safety and independence. They can assist with:

- VA Eligibility and enrollment
- Review of veteran's benefits
- Referrals to VA Inpatient, Outpatient and In-home Programs for assessments and training
- All adaptive low vision devices recommended during training are provided to veterans as part of their Rehabilitation Program free of charge

Contact the Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinator nearest you:

Pamela Newton
Denver VIST
303-283-5478 or
toll free 888-336-8262

Evalyn Christensen
Pueblo VIST (Southern Colorado)
719-554-5126

Thomas Ziemann
Grand Junction VIST
(Western Slope)
970-263-5080

Margaret Rosso
Cheyenne, WY VIST
(Northern Colorado)
307-778-7550 Ext 7229

For additional information, VA website:
<http://www1.va.gov/blindrehab>

Volunteers — Making the Old New Again

One of the many projects underway at CTBL is the remastering of our older, analog recordings. As with so many other projects, we rely on a team of volunteers to help bring these old recordings into the digital realm. The path from the analog master to the digital talking book is comprised of 3 main steps.

First, we must convert the analog recording into a digital audio format. We have specialized hardware and software that allows us to do this at 12x the rate of normal playback. This means we can digitize a typical 90 minute tape in about 8 minutes. This is a huge time saver as we move through the hundreds of analog recordings in our local collection.

Next, we bring the converted digital audio files into our audio editing software for remastering. Though digital technology affords us an opportunity to breathe new life into these recordings, this can be a time consuming process. A volunteer will listen through a book in its entirety, editing out any distracting noises — pops, clicks, thumps, clunks — they encounter along the way. They also apply filters to remove any hiss or hum, even out volume levels to ensure consistency, and use a variety of audio tools to help polish the overall sound of a recording.

Finally, we take the newly remastered files and create the digital talking book, adding navigation markers and other features that make the book playable in the NLS digital player or BARD mobile app.

Each of these unique steps is necessary to create a working digital version of an analog book, and each is performed by a different team of specially trained volunteers. We wanted to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of this hard working group in making these old recordings new again!

If you are interested in volunteering for CTBL, visit our website at www.myctbl.org and complete the Volunteer Application found on the volunteer page.

Collection News — Suggestions from New Additions

New DVDs with Descriptive Video

Audio descriptions is embedded in each disc. Additional titles available, please contact the library for more information.

Feature Films — DVD's

- MD00238 — All Saints (PG)
- MD00237 — Beauty and the Beast (PG)
- MD00212 — The Book of Henry (PG-13)
- MD00230 — Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie (PG)
- MD00234 — Cars 3* (G)
- MD00223 — The Dark Tower (PG-13)
- MD00233 — Despicable Me 3 (PG)
- MD00211 — Everything, Everything (PG-13)
- MD00221 — The Fate of the Furious (PG-13)
- MD00228 — Going in Style (PG-13)
- MD00235 — Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* (PG-13)
- MD00231 — King Arthur: Legend of the Sword (PG-13)
- MD00239 — Kingsman: The Golden Circle (R)
- MD00224 — Kong: Skull Island (PG-13)
- MD00227 — Logan (R)

***Also available in Blu-ray**

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- MD00218 — The Shack (PG-13)
- MD00220 — Spider-Man: Homecoming* (PG-13)
- MD00222 — War for the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)
- MD00229 — My Cousin Rachel (PG-13)
- MD00218 — The Shack (PG-13)
- MD00226 — Smurfs: The Lost Village (PG)
- MD00220 — Spider-Man: Homecoming* (PG-13)

***Also available in Blu-ray**

Documentaries — DVD (NR = not rated)

- MD00216 — Benjamin Latrobe: America's First Architect (NR)
- MD00217 — Born in China (G)
- MD00215 — Building Alaska (NR)
- MD00213 — Deadliest Battle: Secrets of the Dead (NR)
- MD00232 — An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power (PG)
- MD00214 — The Spill (NR)
- MD00236 — The Vietnam War: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick (Mature content, strong language, and graphic violence.)

Documentaries — Blu-rays

- MB00057 — Bears of the Last Frontier (NR)
- MB00059 — Born in China (G)
- MB00055 — The Fabric of the Cosmos: NOVA Series (NR)
- MB00058 — Making Stuff: NOVA Series (NR)
- MB00056 — What Darwin Never Knew: NOVA Series (NR)

**Compilations of Popular audio book series —
for more information call a reader advisor.**

Junie B. Jones: Story Collection #1 — Barbara Park DO000139

Callahan Brothers Trilogy — JoAnn Ross DO000148

Cheney Duvall, M.D Series — Lynn Morris DO000150

Wagons West Series — Dana Fuller Ross DO000152 & DO000153

Women of the West Series — Janette Oke — DO000154

Lonesome Dove Series — Larry McMurtry — DO000155

Kent Family Chronicles — John Jakes — DO000156

Cat Who Series — Lilian Jackson Braun — DO000158 & DO000159

Love Comes Softly Series — Janette Oke — DO000160

Janet Evanovich — Plum DO000161 & DO000162; Full: DO000163

Charlotte & Thomas Pitt Series — Anne Perry DO000165 to DO000167

Louis L'Amour DO000169, DO000170, DO000171

Leaphorn and Chee Series — Tony Hillerman DO000172 & DO000173

Sandra Brown DO000174 to DO000178

Dick Francis Mysteries — Dick Francis DO000179 to DO000183

Barbara Taylor Bradford DO000164, DO000184 to DO000185

Tom Clancy's Op-Center Series — Tom Clancy DO000186

Capital Crimes — Margaret Truman DO000188 & DO000189

Anne of Green Gables Series — Lucy Maud Montgomery DO000190

House of Winslow Series — Gilbert Morris DO000191 to DO000194

Mitford & Father Tim Series — Jan Karon DO000199 & DO000200

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New Large Print Titles

General Fiction

- PR028130 — Start Without Me by Joshua Max Feldman
- PR028254 — A Hundred Small Lessons by Ashley Hay
- PR028273 — The Ice-Cream Makers by Ernest van der Kwast
- PR028276 — The Ministry of Utmost Happiness by Arundhati Roy
- PR028353 — The Library at the Edge of the World by Felicity Hayes-McCoy
- PR028398 — Paris in the Present Tense by Mark Helprin

Mystery

- PR028111 — Hardcore Twenty-Four: Stephanie Plum #24 by Janet Evanovich
- PR028140 — The Trapped Girl: Tracy Crosswhite #4 by Robert Dugoni
- PR028201 — Two Kinds of Truth: Harry Bosch #22 by Michael Connelly
- PR028258 — Righteous: IQ Series #2 by Joe Ide
- PR028373 — City of Lies: Counterfeit Lady #1 by Victoria Thompson
- PR028423 — Poison: Dismas Hardy #17 by John Lescroart

Romance and Love Stories

- PR028129 — Wyoming Winter: Wyoming Men #7 by Diana Palmer
- PR028241 — Someone to Wed: Westcott #3 by Mary Balogh
- PR028354 — Caught by the Scot by Karen Hawkins
- PR028128 — The Dog Who Came for Christmas by Sue Pethick

Young Adult Fiction & Nonfiction

- PR028204 — Warcross by Marie Lu
- PR028263 — The Boys in the Boat by Daniel PRO28264

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- PR028293 — *Someone to Love* by Melissa De La Cruz
 - PR028303 — *Renegades* by Marissa Meyer
 - PR028400 — *The Hazel Wood* by Melissa Albert
 - PR028153 — *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

Juvenile Fiction

- PR025059 — *The Scaredy Cat: Purrmaids #1* by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen, Ages 6 to 9.
- PR025061 — *A Mysterious Egg: The Dino Files #1* by Stacy McAnulty, Ages 7 to 10.
- PR025063 — *Goldie Blox and the Three Dares: Goldie Blox and the Gearheads* by Stacy McAnulty, Ages 6 to 9.
- PR025068 — *I'm Awake!* by Maxwell Eaton, Ages 5 to 8.
- PR025076 — *Set Sail for Adventure: Puppy Pirates #1-4* by Erin Soderberg, Ages 6 to 9.
- PR025077 — *The Book About Nothing* by Mike Bender, Ages 3 to 7.
- PR025078 — *Wordy Birdy* by Tammi Sauer, Ages 3 to 7.
- PR025079 — *The Forever Garden* by Laurel Snyder, Ages 4 to 8.
- PR028199 — *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris, Ages 8 to 12.

From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books:

A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water

Author: Patricia Nelson Limerick ** Narrator: Doris Ervin

Tracing the origins and growth of the Denver Water Department, this study of water and its unique role and history in the West, as well as in the nation, raises questions about the complex relationship among cities, suburbs, and rural areas, allowing us to consider this precious resource and its past, present, and future. 2012. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC03182**

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Inherit the Bones: Gemma Monroe Mystery #1

Author: Emily Littlejohn ** Narrator: Laverne Rios

Cedar Valley, Colorado cop Gemma Monroe investigates the vicious killing of a young clown from a traveling circus. When the victim's fingerprints provide a surprising identification, Gemma and her colleagues reopen some old cold cases that have long haunted the town. Strong language and some violence. 2016.

Adult Fiction. **DBC03251**

Landskipping: Painters, Ploughmen and Places

Author: Anna Pavord ** Narrator: Cathy Gloeckner

Pavord explores some of Britain's most iconic landscapes in the past, present, and literature. Features an eclectic mix of locations, both ecologically and culturally significant. Pavord annotates her journey with descriptions of the country's natural beauty and brings to life travelers of earlier times who left fascinating accounts of their journeys through the British Isles. 2016. Adult

Non-Fiction. **DBC03260**

A Natural History of Trail Ridge Road: Rocky Mountain National Park's Highway to the Sky

Author: Amy Law ** Narrator: Judy Early

Trail Ridge Road, constructed from 1929-1932, travels through Rocky Mountain National Park and is the country's highest continuous paved road, peaking at over twelve thousand feet and running forty-eight miles. The author takes the reader on a tour across the Continental Divide and through the history of Colorado's most famous byway. 2015. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC03269**

Outlaw Tales of Colorado: True Stories of the Centennial State's Most Infamous Crooks, Culprits, and Cutthroats

Author: Jan Elizabeth Murphy ** Narrator: Lori Kinney

This is a tale of fourteen of the most dramatic events, and the most daring and despicable desperados, in the history of the Centennial State. 2017. Adult

Non-Fiction. **DBC03261**

The Readaholics and the Falcon Fiasco

Author: Laura A. H. DiSilverio ** Narrator: Stacey Donaldson

In Heaven, Colorado, Amy-Faye's event-planning business is thriving, her fellow book club members, the Readaholics, are great, and her parents live only a few blocks away. But lately her hometown has felt a little less heavenly. First, she agrees to plan a wedding without realizing the groom is her ex-boyfriend. Then one of her fellow Readaholics, dies suddenly under mysterious circumstances. 2017. Adult Fiction. **DBC03252**

Undone: A Story of Making Peace With an Unexpected Life

Author: Michele Cushatt ** Narrator: Margo Goodwin

The author's quest to make peace with a complicated life, this memoir is an honest confession of a diagnosis of cancer and the joys and disappointments of motherhood and marriage, ripe with regret over what is and, yet, still hopeful for what could be. With enough humor to ease the rawness of the story. 2017. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC03178**

Voices of the American West

Author: Corinne Platt ** Narrator: Hille Dais

This documentary-style collection profiles a wide range of prominent figures of the West as they engage in candid discussions about the region and its identity. A diverse group of visionary men and women, they may differ in politics but remain united in their belief that the West requires inspired action if it is going to endure challenges posed by political, cultural, and environmental pressures. 2009. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC03263**

ALA Advocates & Supporters on the Path to Federal Appropriations

Author: American Library Association ** Narrator: Tyler Kottman

A description of the infographic, which explains the path of the federal appropriations cycle. It shows when and how ALA advocates and supporters can help. 2018. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC12925**

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.

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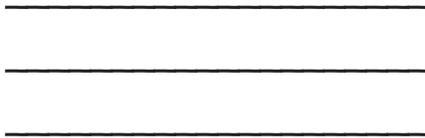
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