



Spring 2020

CTBL News

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Highlighting — Duplication on Demand

Last Fall we announced the change over to a new way to send books to patrons. We know it has been a challenge for some and a wonderful change for others. We appreciate your patience in learning this new way of listening to books.

The benefits of this change are:

- lots of books with no waiting for a book title
- no due dates for audio books
- privacy protection — no one can see what you are reading

You can have as many books on a cartridge as you would like. Please let a reader advisor know if you want this number changed up or down.

Just as a reminder, you keep the mail card. No need to turn it over to send the container back. The card will have the list of the books on the cartridge.

CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2020:
May 25th, July 3rd, July 16th 10 am - 2 pm for the Open House,
and September 7th

From the Director

On March 13th we waved goodbye to Kay Loeber, our reader advisor, and wished her well on her next chapter. On March 31st we welcomed Andrea Loughry as our new Reader Advisor. She volunteered with CTBL for over 10 years working in all areas of the library — the studio, cataloging, rating unrated books and anywhere else where she was needed. Her daughter and husband are both patrons. She has varied library experience even working at the Bodleian Library for several years while living in England.

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



Reminder to Graduates — Service for Life

Congratulations on your graduation! We want you to know that now you have a new chapter in view, your CTBL library service will go along with you. Once you become a patron of CTBL, you have library service for the rest of your life.

Just let us know your new address if you move. There is a library like CTBL in every state and we will transfer your service to your new state. If you are just going to college in another state, CTBL will still provide service.

Patron Open House — Thursday July 16th

Join us for the 12th annual open house — July 16th 10am until 1pm.

Join your fellow patrons for conversation and refreshments, have a tour of the library, meet the staff and hear a presentation at noon.

While we are currently planning on this event, it may be canceled at a later date. Please check with the library or on our website in July.

CTBL Community Reads

Fiction Selection

The Lager Queen of Minnesota — DB095922 & PR029758

Author: J. Ryan Stradal ** Narrator: Judith Ivey

11 hours, 15 minutes ** [Los Angeles Times Bestseller](#)

Two sisters, one farm. A family is split when their father leaves their shared inheritance entirely to Helen, his younger daughter. With the money, she builds a successful brewery.

Despite baking award-winning pies at the local nursing home, her older sister, Edith, struggles to make a living. She can't help wondering what her life would have been like with even a portion of the farm money her sister kept for herself. But when Helen gets in trouble, will Edith help?

Non-Fiction Selection

Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know — DB096647 & PR029812

Author and Narrator: Malcolm Gladwell

Length: 8 hours, 44 minutes ** [New York Times Bestseller](#)

How did Fidel Castro fool the CIA for a generation? Why did Neville Chamberlain think he could trust Adolf Hitler? Why are campus sexual assaults on the rise? Do television sitcoms teach us something about the way we relate to each other that isn't true?

Using examples from history and recent headlines, Gladwell argues that something is very wrong with the tools and strategies we use to make sense of people we don't know. And because we don't know how to talk to strangers, we are inviting conflict and misunderstanding in ways that have a profound effect on our lives and our world.

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Tech Talk — Apps to Aid the Visually Impaired

WayAround — uses an app and the Near Field Communication (NFC) reader on your phone along with tags you create to label objects around your house. For phones that don't have NFC, WayAround sells a scanner that connects with your phone via Bluetooth. The tags are about the size of a postage stamp and can be reused. The tags can contain as much or little information as you decide to enter. For instance on clothing you can enter a description with color, style and anything else you'd like to know. Then you can also add washing instructions and other details. The app is free, but you must purchase the tags separately.

WayAround website: <https://www.wayaround.com/>

Seeing AI — a free app that narrates the world around you. Seeing AI can read short text messages, documents, product barcodes and even handwritten text. The app can also identify people, describe the scene around you, describe a perceived color, and generate a tone that corresponds to the brightness in your surroundings.

Seeing AI website: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/ai/seeing-ai>

Zello — a "walkie-talkie app," which allows users to connect with one other person or up to 1,000 people around the world through a smartphone, tablet or computer. Think of Zello as an audio version of texting and you hear the other person's voice in real-time. Other walkie-talkie apps include HeyTell and Voxer.

Zello website: <https://zello.com>

Wanted — Unused playback machines & finished audio books

If you have a player that you are not using, please send it back to the library so we can pass it on to another patron. Call the library if you need a post-paid mailing label. Please send back old audio books as you finish them.

Volunteers — Celebrate Service!

Every year during April, libraries and non-profit organizations honor the people who give time and energy to support the program's mission. There are programs in Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, and most European countries to celebrate the service given by so many selfless people. This year National Volunteer Appreciation Week has taken on even more significance for many programs that rely on Volunteers. Nothing makes us more aware of people supporting people than when a crisis hits unexpectedly.

This year's theme, "Celebrate Service," reminds us that our Volunteers come to CTBL to help us serve our patrons. We celebrated our Volunteers with small gifts, extra treats during break time, and plenty of laughter, and thanks. We are grateful for each person who came and helped us get our books recorded, copied, cataloged, and sent out. So much happens behind-the-scenes at CTBL it is impossible to list each person and their contributions to our mission.

But, this year, we particularly want to send out a special thanks to the volunteers who made extra time to help us catch up after our building was shut-down for the gas leak. And then, what felt like just a few weeks later we had the COVID-19 virus shut down. We know this was and is frustrating for all but we appreciate your understanding and #doingmypartco.

Let's celebrate our CTBL Volunteers!

Magazine list is available on request.

Collection News — Suggestions from New Additions

New DVDs with Descriptive Video

These videos have audio descriptions embedded in each disc. You can turn on this feature by following the directions starting at the disc's main menu. Additional titles are available, please contact the library for more information.

DVDs

- MD00428 — 101 Dalmatians (G)
- MD00425 — An Acceptable Loss (R)
- MD00423 — The Aftermath (R)
- MD00421 — All is True (PG-13)
- MD00409 — The Best of Enemies (PG-13)
- MD00420 — Hellboy (R)
- MD00413 — Hotel Mumbai (R)
- MD00414 — The Hustle (PG-13)
- MD00411 — Little (PG-13)
- MD00419 — Long Shot (R)
- MD00415 — Ma (R)
- MD00422 — Maiden (PG)
- MD00418 — Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG)
- MD00430 — Ratatouille (G)
- MD00410 — Rocketman (R)
- MD00431 - 437 (6 parts) — The Roosevelts: An Intimate History
- MD00429 — Sleeping Beauty (G)

New Large Print Titles

Bestseller Fiction

- PR029758 — *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal
- PR029918 — *Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout
- PR029897 — *Cilka's Journey* by Heather Morris
- PR029863 — *The Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- PR029927 — *A Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel Allende
- PR029839 — *The World That We Knew* by Alice Hoffman
- PR030065 — *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins
- PR029652 — *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes
- PR029911 — *Normal People: A Novel* by Sally Rooney

Bestseller Non-Fiction

- PR029810 — *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: A Therapist, HER Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed* by Lori Gottlieb
- PR029831 — *Inside Out: A Memoir* by Demi Moore
- PR029713 — *Me: Elton John Official Autobiography* by Elton John
- PR029812 — *Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know* by Malcolm Gladwell
- PR029898 — *Greek to Me: Adventures of the Comma Queen* by Mary Norris

Fiction

- PR029687 — *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe* by Heather Webber
- PR029657 — *Rules for Visiting: A Novel* by Jessica Francis Kane

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- PR029730 — *The Other's Gold* by Elizabeth Ames
- PR029736 — *Everything Inside: Stories* by Edwidge Danticat
- PR029878 — *The Warehouse* by Rob Hart

Historical Fiction

- PR029905 — *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett
- PR029982 — *Africaville* by Jeffrey Colvin
- PR029763 — *A Single Thread* by Tracy Chevalier
- PR029728 — *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

Humorous Fiction

- PR029771 — *You've Been Volunteered: A Class Mom Novel* by Laurie Gelman
- PR029772 — *Honestly, We Meant Well* by Grant Ginder
- PR029896 — *The Great Unexpected* by Dan Mooney
- PR029866 — *The Helpline* by Katherine Collette

Mystery & Detective Fiction

- PR029800 — *Bark of Night. Andy Carpenter #19* by David Rosenfelt
- PR029891 — *To the Land of Long Lost Friends. No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency #20* by Alexander McCall Smith
- PR029696 — *Haunted House Murder* by Leslie Meier
- PR029807 — *Land of Wolves. Walt Longmire #15* by Craig Johnson
- PR029830 — *Girls Like Us* by Cristina Alger

Non-Fiction

- PR029813 — *The Book of Gutsy Women: Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience* by Hillary Rodham Clinton & Chelsea Clinton
- PR029928 — *We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast* by Jonathan Safran Foer
- PR029961 — *Running with Sherman: The Donkey with the Heart of a Hero* by Christopher McDougall

Romance

- PR029781 — *Lulu's Café* by T. I. Lowe
- PR029902 — *The Flatshare* by Beth O'Leary
- PR029789 — *Alaskan Catch* by Sue Pethick
- PR029842 — *Pride, Prejudice, and Other Flavors. The Rajes #1* by Sonali Dev
- PR029908 — *Ellie and the Harpmaker* by Hazel Prior
- PR029762 — *Things You Save in a Fire* by Katherine Center

Westerns

- PR029883 — *Frontier America. Preacher & MacCallister #1* by William W. Johnstone
- PR029956 — *Massacre at Crow Creek Crossing: A Cole Bonner Western* by Charles G. West
- PR029740 — *Cheyenne Pass* by Laurant Paine
- PR029984 — *Yester's Ride* by C. K. Crigger
- PR029912 — *Contention and Other Frontier Stories: A Five Star Anthology* by Hazel Rumney

Want more large print? Call the library for a list of addition new titles.

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Local Author Narrates Book

Soul Food: The Surprising Story of an American Cuisine, One Plate at a Time

Written and narrated by Adrian Miller

Miller delves into the influences, ingredients, and innovations that make up the soul food tradition. Focusing each chapter on the culinary and social history of one dish — such as fried chicken, chitlins, yams, and greens — Miller uncovers how it got on the soul food plate and what it means for African American culture and identity. Miller also discusses how soul food has become incorporated into American culture and explores its connections to identity politics, bad health raps, and healthier alternatives. Includes recipes. 2013. **DBC03253**

Narrator Recommended Audio Book — Colorado Collection

The Knowledge Illusion: Why We Never Think Alone

Authors: Steven Sloman and Philip Fernbach

Narrator: Doris Ervin

In this book cognitive scientists Sloman and Fernbach argue that we survive and thrive despite our mental shortcomings because we live in a rich community of knowledge. The fundamentally communal nature of intelligence and knowledge explains why we often assume we know more than we really do, why political opinions and false beliefs are so hard to change, and why individual-oriented approaches to education and management frequently fail. But our collaborative minds also enable us to do amazing things and our true genius can be found in the ways we create intelligence using the community around us. **DBC13020**

From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books:

Anne Bassett: Colorado's Cattle Queen

Author: Linda Wommack ** Narrator: Andrea Loughry
Biography of Anna Marie Bassett (1878 - 1956), the first white child born in the notorious outlaw region of Colorado known as Brown's Park. She knew outlaws such as Butch Cassidy, the Sundance Kid, and Elza Lay. This account of "Colorado's Cattle Queen" is told largely in her own words and supported by friends and enemies alike. 2017. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC13032**

Mountain Rampage. National Park Mystery; #2

Author: Scott Graham ** Narrator: Joel Hinrichs
In the second installment of the National Park Mystery Series, archaeologist Chuck Bender finds himself in the crosshairs of an unknown killer when he defends his brother-in-law from false accusations of murder in the brutal slaying of a resort worker in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. Some violence. 2015. Adult Fiction. **DBC13059**

Tragedy Plus Time: A Tragi-Comic Memoir

Author: Adam Cayton-Holland ** Narrator: Shawn Hertel
Unsentimental and darkly funny, this is the story of the "Magnificent Cayton-Hollands," a trio of brilliant, acerbic teenagers from Denver, Colorado, who were going to change the world. Adam chose to meet life's realities with stand-up comedy; his older sister, Anna, chose law; while their youngest sister, Lydia, struggled to find her place in the world. As he struggles with disturbing memories of Lydia's death, he realizes there's a difference between losing and losing it. Strong language and some violence. 2018. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC13048**

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Washington's Providence

Author: Chris Lafata ** Narrator: Joel Hinrichs

John Curry has been recruited by a time-travel company to scout the best vantage point for clients to witness the inauguration of the first President of the United States. But, when he arrives in 1789, there is no inauguration and no United States. Few people have even heard of George Washington, and the short-lived American Revolution failed presumably because Washington wasn't alive to lead it. Some violence and some strong language. Adult Fiction. **DBC12927**

A Quick History of Grand Lake: Including Rocky Mountain National Park and the Grand Lake Lodge

Author: Michael M. Geary ** Narrator: Moni Monismith

Located at an elevation of 8,369 feet, Grand Lake is Colorado's largest natural body of water and has been attracting people to its shores for thousands of years. This account focuses on the people and events that have influenced the human history of Grand Lake and its immediate vicinity. 1999. Non-Fiction. **DBC12928**

The Man Who Thought He Owned Water: On the Brink with American Farms, Cities, and Food

Author: Tershia D'Elgin ** Narrator: Patricia Jonietz

The true story of a small family farm in Colorado through the lens of the history of water policy in the state, and the science and law of water resources in the West. Through her family's story, the author addresses the deepening need for urban-rural cooperation, dispels misconceptions, and shares essential background knowledge about farms, food, and water. Non-Fiction. **DBC03282**

I Don't Have Enough Faith to be An Atheist

Author: Norman Geisler ** Narrator: Laura Hatch

The authors argue that Christianity is not only more reasonable than all other belief systems, but is indeed more rational than unbelief itself. They guide readers through arguments for the existence of a creator God, as well as an examination of the source of morality and the reliability of the New Testament accounts concerning Jesus. 2004. Non-Fiction. **DBC12949**

The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies

Author: Jason Fagone ** Narrator: Judy Early

In 1916, at the height of World War I, Elizebeth Smith was asked to apply her language skills to an exciting new venture: code-breaking. For the next forty years, Smith and her husband, groundbreaking cryptologist William Friedman, would play an integral role in American history. Smith used her genius to hunt Nazi spies, steal enemy secrets during both world wars, and help invent a powerful new science that shaped the course of history. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC13010**

Leaving the Wild: The Unnatural History of Dogs, Cats, Cows, and Horses

Author: Gavin Ehringer ** Narrator: Hille Dais

This book explores the ever evolving relationship between humans and domesticated animals. The domestication of animals changed the course of human history. Human values and choices determine an animal's lot in life even before he or she is born, for good and or ill. Some violence. Adult Non-Fiction. **DBC13018**

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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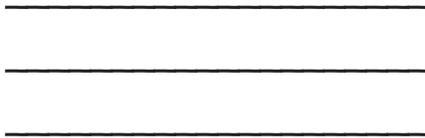
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