



Spring 2006

CTBL News

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Highlighting Summer Reading 2006

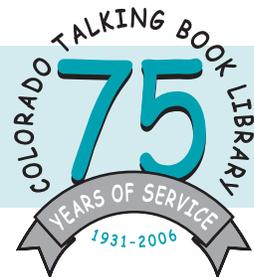
The summer reading program is back at CTBL!

“Paws, Claws, Tales & Scales” is this year's national theme with libraries in many states joining in the fun. We will have suggestions for fun animal and adventure stories for all age groups in Braille, cassette and large print, but there are no limits to what you can read. As always, parents are encouraged to get involved with their children and engage in the exciting world of reading.

Information and registration forms were sent out to students, parents, and teachers. If you would like to participate and you did not receive a packet, please call the library to request one. The program runs from June 14th through Aug 8th.

The Grand Prize Drawing will include the names of participants who read at least 5 hours each week. This winner will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to amazon.com!

CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2006:
May 29th, July 4th, and September 4th



From the Director—

The week of February 27th was a busy one at CTBL. We started the week with a resolution introduced in the Colorado Senate by Senator Moe Keller, commending CTBL for its service to Colorado's residents and declaring the week of Feb 26th CTBL week in Colorado. It was passed unanimously. On Tuesday the Friends of CTBL sponsored a legislative breakfast at the capitol that followed the advocacy phone calls that patrons made to their legislators last fall. The resolution was introduced in the Colorado House by Representative Betty Boyd. Those who attended the breakfast were on the house floor for the unanimous vote and we were introduced. This gave CTBL lots of exposure with our state legislators.

On Friday, March 3rd CTBL celebrated the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Pratt-Smoot Act that established the talking book network. Colorado was one of the original 19 libraries. We had about 150 people present with Colorado's First Lady Frances Owens, State Board of Education represented by Peggy Littleton, and the Commissioner of Education Bill Maloney participating in the festivities.

We had a pre-school class from the Anchor Center for the Blind and the teenage class and Principal Lou Tutt from the Colorado School for the Blind. People came from Boulder and Fort Collins. There were tours through the building and the highlight was the studio tour where people recorded a short piece and received a copy of the recording to take home. A great time was had by all!

Debbi

Outreach

This winter we participated in several events: Boulder Housing Partners, Broomfield Senior Wellness Day, many 9Health Fairs around the state. Debbi also recorded 2 radio interviews.

Debbi and Alex visited with many vision support groups. She also spoke at the Courage to Risk conference in Colorado Springs in February and the Lions Club in Golden in March.

If you would like Debbi to visit a support group, meet with a group or know of an event that CTBL should attend, please contact her.

June Forum sponsored by Center For People With Disabilities

Choices to Stay Active for People 55+ who have low vision or who are blind, their families and friends

Thursday June 8, 2006, 9:00am-1:00pm
StayActive Shoppes, 550 East Thornton Parkway

- Speakers and Refreshments

For information or to RSVP, contact:

- Debra Johnson (303) 442-8662 ext. 125

Reader Advisors—Questions and Answers

Q: I'm interested in ordering books online. Could you please explain the procedure?

A: Ordering books online provides another easy and convenient way to receive your books. From our home page, select "Order books online", from the menu on the left which will bring up two choices. The first choice, "Open Order Online", is for patrons who know exactly which RC, BR, PR numbers they want to order. You will be asked for your user ID and password at the beginning of the order. Simply type in your list of RC numbers and click "Add to Book Basket".

The second choice, "Browse the Collection" enables you to do a basic or advanced search by author, title or subject. You will need a list of subjects and their corresponding code numbers for a subject search. You can download a copy from our website. Once you've chosen your books, add them to the "Book Basket".

With either choice, if you're trying to build up your Request List for books to be sent to you later, you can "Proceed to Checkout" and that will complete your order. No books will be sent. **If you would like your books sent to you immediately, then you must click "Rush This Item" for each item before you "Proceed to Checkout"**. If the book is available, it will be shipped the next business day. If the book is not available, it will go to your reserve list to be sent automatically as soon as it is available.

You can place an unlimited number of books on your request list to be sent later, but there is a limit of twelve per order to be shipped. If you encounter any problems or questions, please call us and a reader advisor will be able to help you. If you do not have a user ID and password and would like one, please call the library to request one.

Resource of Interest—Colorado Lions Camp

Are you looking for some Fun this summer? Consider camp.

All blind/visually impaired youth and adults in Colorado, ages 8 and above, are invited this summer to the Colorado Lions Camp, west of Colorado Springs. The weeks of July 31-Aug 4 and Aug 6-11 are for blind/visually impaired campers. The residential camp provides a variety of outdoor, recreational, and educational experiences. Campers gain independence, build self-confidence, learn new skills, and have fun. Campers are grouped by age with a ratio of 3-4 campers per staff member. A week long camp session costs \$450 per camper. Some camper scholarships are available for campers in financial need.

For more information or to request an application, please visit the Lions Camp website at www.lionscampco.org, call 719-687-2087, or email lionscampco@aol.com.

Tech Talk

Do you know that in addition to the Unabridged program that allows you to download audio books online, you can also download Braille books and magazines? Web-Braille files may be read online or may be downloaded for offline viewing or embossing with a Braille display, Braille-aware notetaker, or Braille embosser. NLS provides this service to network patrons. If you would like to access this service, please request a username and password from CTBL.

Web-Braille provides files for all NLS-produced Braille books, magazines, music scores, books about music, as well as Braille material locally produced by network libraries. Web-Braille book files are in grade 2 Braille ASCII format.

Web-Braille is found by searching the NLS online catalog. Go to <http://www.loc.gov.nls> and click on the search the catalog link at the top of page. A link to each volume of a Web-Braille title will appear in the search results. When a Web-Braille link is selected you will be prompted for your Web-Braille user name and password.

NOTE: Spring Cleaning

Please take this opportunity to look around the house and see if there are books you finished but have not sent back to CTBL yet. If so, please send them along to us so others who may be waiting for them will have the chance to enjoy them. Thanks.

Volunteer News

Every year CTBL celebrates National Volunteer Appreciation Week. This year the celebration was held April 24th-28th. Using the theme, "Volunteers—A Vital Piece of the Puzzle" gave both the Staff and Volunteers an opportunity to see how every job in the library inter-connects and no one is an island. Just as a picture puzzle is not complete until every piece has been carefully put in place, the whole operation of the library runs more smoothly when caring people decide to volunteer with us.

Volunteers are vital to the mailroom where they assist the staff with preparing books to go out in the mail as well as inspecting and rewinding books returned each day.

Books that are damaged are repaired by volunteers who work in the audio duplication and labeling. They perform a valuable service each time they make copies of missing tapes or extra copies of popular books.

The TelecommPioneers repair the talking book machines and have repaired more than 87,000 machines over the past 35 years. A small group of students from the Denver public schools package the repaired machines to send out in the mail.

Teams of three Volunteers record books about Colorado in our new digital studio. They also review the recorded material to check for errors and use sound editing software to improve the overall quality of the recording. Volunteers then transfer those digital

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recordings to cassettes for the patrons to listen to in talking book machines, but they also preserve the original file so the book will be available in the future for playing in the new digital talking book machines.

Volunteers collate, seal and apply the mailing labels on every newsletter whether print, recorded or Brailled, as well as the catalogs, pamphlets and other items provided by the library. They address the letters from the Friends of CTBL send out each November.

Volunteers have donated office furniture, audio equipment, books and materials used by the library and even help clean the building and grounds periodically. They help us build the things we can't buy, repair the things that break, and quietly provide the "little extras" that can make working and using CTBL just a little nicer. We salute all our volunteers—Thank you!

Mailroom News

We would like to request that when patrons have a damaged tape please do not pull the tape out of the plastic cassette and wrap the tape around the fastening arms of the green mailer boxes. This further damages the tape since the tape needs to be cut to get the tape out of the box. Simply put a rubber band around the cassette with the damage. We have a great volunteer who repairs damaged tapes and the less damage to a tape the easier it is to repair it.

Collection News

New large print continue to arrive almost daily. Here are several new audio books added into the Colorado Collection.:

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Words in My Hands:

A Teacher, a Deaf-Blind Man, an Unforgettable Journey

by Diane Chambers

Bert Riedel, an eighty-six year old deaf-blind pianist, cut off from the world since age forty-five, discovers a new life through hand-over-hand sign. This heartwarming narrative about the life-changing power of sign language communication is told by Diane Chambers, Bert's sign language teacher. Diane finds her world transformed as well by her relationship with her unique deaf-blind student.

CC 8003

Searching for Chipeta:

A Ute and Her People

by Vickie Leigh Krudwig

This is the story of Chipeta, a strong and wise woman who played a major role in the history of the Ute Indian tribe and the United States in the nineteenth century. She married Ouray, who was appointed chief of the Ute people by the U.S. government, and together they worked tirelessly to promote peace and negotiate on behalf of their people. The book unveils the real story of the Ute people and how they lost their homelands in Colorado.

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CC 8030

The Cultural Creatives:

How 50 Million People are Changing the World

by Paul H. Ray and Sherry Ruth Anderson

In this landmark book, the authors reveal who the Cultural Creatives are and the fascinating story of their emergence over the last generation. The book provides vivid examples and engaging personal stories to describe their distinctive values and lifestyles.

- New Descriptive Videos:**
- VO 241 Cinderella Man
 - VO 242 Fantastic 4
 - VO 243 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
 - VO 244 Fever Pitch
 - VO 245 40 Year Old Virgin
 - VO 246 Herbie Fully Loaded
 - VO 247 Mr. and Mrs. Smith
 - VO 248 Batman Begins
 - VO 249 The Polar Express

Contributors to The Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library and The Colorado Talking Book Library—

In the last newsletter we inadvertently left off a name from the list, we correct that now. We gratefully acknowledge those who made donations over the last half of 2004 and through July 2005. Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Warner

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 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.

NOTE: Address Changes

Please, please, please remember to alert the library when your address changes. We get many newsletters, letters, and books returned because patrons have moved and we have no forwarding address. Thanks.

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