



Winter 2014

# CTBL News

Colorado Talking Book Library • Denver

## Highlighting— Introducing the iOS app for BARD

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) iOS Mobile app is available through the Apple App Store. The app, which is free, allows readers to download audio and braille books via their NLS BARD accounts. Access to BARD is provided through the Colorado Talking Book Library. BARD contains nearly 50,000 books, magazines and music scores in audio and braille formats, with new selections added daily.

BARD Mobile users can listen to audio books and magazines on their iOS devices. Braille books, magazines, and music scores can also be accessed by patrons using a refreshable Braille display connected to their iPhone, iPad, or iPod.

NLS Director Karen Keninger said, "The BARD Mobile app allows searching, downloading, and reading braille and talking books and magazines on one fully accessible, mainstream device. It's a library in your pocket."

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**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2014:  
January 20th, February 17th, May 26th**

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If you do not already have a BARD account, you will need to fill out an application at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/login//NLS>. Use the Application Instructions link and then select the appropriate application to fill out. Call one of our Reader Advisors if you have questions or need more information.

NLS is currently working on a BARD Mobile app for Android devices that should be ready in mid 2014.

## From the Director

We welcome CTBL's newest reader advisor, Jennifer Hicks who started on September 25, 2013. Jennifer is graduating in January from Emporia State University's Master of Library Science degree program. She also brings experience in customer service and reference from the Lafayette Public Library and the Health Sciences Library at Anschutz Medical Campus. Jennifer has loved books, libraries, and people from a young age. For fun she enjoys Dungeon & Dragons, crochet, and dabbles in hiking and painting.

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[www.myctbl.org](http://www.myctbl.org)

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## New Online Catalog

CTBL is launching a new online book catalog in January. Some of you may already be using the new site to order your books. We've been running both our old and our new catalogs together since mid-December and giving patrons the option of which one they would like to use. However, as of January 21st the old online catalog will no longer be available. If you use the online catalog to order books and haven't seen the new version yet, please log on and get familiar with the site before the old catalog is gone. For those of you who would like to order books from our online catalog but never have, call a Reader Advisor and they can set you up with a username and password to log into the catalog. They can also answer any questions you might have about the new version.

We always welcome comments to improve our online resources. So if you have any problems or feel something on the website needs to change, please contact us at [ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us](mailto:ctbl.info@cde.state.co.us).

## Winter Adult Reading Program—Broaden Your Horizon! Read Locally Produced Books

Our program will begin January 15th and run through March 19th! Registration for "Broaden your Horizon" begins now, and continues throughout the program.

The books on the WARP lists this year are those in SHELF, a download site for locally produced books maintained by the Keystone Library System. These books are produced by volunteers, not the professionals who do the NLS books you are accustomed to,

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so the quality may be variable. However, they will give you access to books that you would not get to read otherwise.

CTBL volunteers record books with a Colorado connection, such as novels with a Colorado setting, books by Colorado authors, and books about Colorado. You will be able to read about current Colorado attractions such as the wonderful Westminster Butterfly Pavilion, or the best small-town dining in Southwest Colorado; and delve in to our history with books with enticing titles such as *Brothels, Bordellos and Bad Girls: Prostitution in Colorado 1860-1930* which discusses how prostitution thrived in Colorado's mining era.

From the other libraries that participate in SHELF, you can read similar books from their regions of the country. Those libraries are:

Braille Institute of America—Southern California

Idaho Talking Book Library

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Missouri's Wolfner Library

Perkins Talking Book and Braille Library

Utah Library for the Blind

Vermont Department of Libraries, Special Services Unit

There are currently over 2,500 books on SHELF that can be downloaded or requested through our online catalog for your reading enjoyment.

We will have ten genres with ten books attached to each genre, so each cartridge sent will have ten books on it. In order to qualify for the grand prize the patron has to read at least nine books. Those patrons' names will go into a drawing for a cartridge and cable loaded with your favorite book/s on it.

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## Tech Talk—Download Reader's Digest

While the magazines produced by the National Library Service (NLS) are now being sent out on digital cartridges, the American Printing House (APH) still mails patrons the cassette version of *Reader's Digest* and *Newsweek*. For financial reasons, APH does not plan to convert these magazines to digital cartridge and will continue to send cassettes for the foreseeable future. However, if you don't want to receive the cassettes and still want these magazines, you can download them from the APH website.

These magazines will play on the digital player you received from CTBL. They just need to be downloaded onto either a flash drive or a blank cartridge. More information is available at <http://tech.aph.org/mags/>.

## Reader Advisory—Unrated Books

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) is partnering with commercial audio publishers to obtain audiobooks so it can make more titles available to patrons in a more timely manner. CTBL patrons will sometimes have access to audio versions of commercially produced books at the same time or shortly after the release of the printed book.

Because NLS will not have access to the print book prior to the release of the audio version, it may not be possible to assign sex, violence, and strong language content descriptors to the catalog records of these titles. Thus, a number of titles acquired from commercial audiobook publishers will be characterized as "unrated."

Please be advised that these books may include content you don't like if you select "unrated" books.

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## Volunteer News—Volunteer Recognition

On December 7th CTBL gathered our friends and family to celebrate the Volunteers who have given their time, talent, and energy to keep our books talking and our patrons reading.

Tyler Kottmann was the Master of Ceremony for the annual holiday brunch held at the Lakewood Country Club. Bob Kurtz of the Telephone Pioneers gave a delightful presentation on the Denver Beep Ball Group who is the sole provider and manufacturer of all Beep Baseball equipment for the United States.

During the awards ceremony, CTBL honored the volunteers who have reached notable milestones in their service. The five-year awardees are: Tabby Bernardo, Edie Conklin, Hille Dais, Norine Domenico, Paul Fernandez, and Elgene Roper.

Rich Urbanowski and Bill Urbanowski were honored for ten years of service to CTBL. Dr. Donald Bennallack, Dean Cook, and Gerald Brown were honored for fifteen years of service.

Bill Turner was honored for his twenty years of service to the machine repair group as a Telephone Pioneer.

Very Special Recognition was given to Bill West for his thirty years of volunteering with the reading of a proclamation from Governor Hickenlooper declaring December 7, 2013 "William F. West Day."

### Guiding the Sighted

Bill first volunteered as a member of the Friends of Colorado Talking Book Library Board in 1983. Soon he was asked to serve on the audition committee for evaluating potential narrators. After retiring from his job with the State of Colorado, he joined the

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in-house volunteers at CTBL and quickly became the “go to” man for many patron related questions and concerns. Bill has offered “Sighted Guide” training for CTBL staff and volunteers. Bill patiently provides insight and guidance to each sighted person he works with, allowing us to better provide support and service to our blind and disabled patrons. Thanks Bill, for 30 wonderful years of being a guide to the sighted.

## Resource of Interest—College Scholarships

The NFB Scholarship Program invites blind students who will attend college in Fall 2014 to apply for a scholarship. The National Federation of the Blind offers 30 awards, worth from \$3,000 up to \$12,000, plus assistance for the 30 winners to attend the July 2014 Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida. For full information and the online application form, go to [www.nfb.org/scholarships](http://www.nfb.org/scholarships). Application deadline: 3-31-14.

## Resource of Interest—Paradox Sports

Paradox Sports improves people's lives by creating physical adaptive sport communities that inspire. They accomplish this through outdoor activities involving rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, water sports, and wilderness adventures, and have a strong veterans program.

Currently there are two adaptive climbing clubs. The Boulder club meets every 2nd Monday of the month and the Denver club meets every 4th Friday. They also have an ice climbing trip coming up in February. If you would like more information, call 720-638-5593 or on the web, <http://tinyurl.com/m5jqf8l>.

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## Resource of Interest

Audio Information Network of Colorado or AINC provides audio programming covering Colorado newspapers and magazines from across the state. This is a free service. If you miss your newspaper, you can contact them to sign up by calling toll-free 1-877-443-2001 or visiting <http://www.aincolorado.org/>.

## Tech Talk—Personal Book Copies

If you would like to have your own personal copy of your favorite Book or Bible, it is now possible. The King James Version is available from NLS. The New King James version and the International Children's Bible are available, thanks to Aurora Ministries.

Here is what you need to do:

- Purchase a cartridge from one of several sources listed below
- Once received, write your name and patron number on it and tell us your book title request or version of the Bible
- Send it to the library to the attention of Teresa Kalber

We will copy your request on to it and send it back to you.

Sources of cartridges:

**Perkins School for the Blind**

<http://bit.ly/9E4JO1> or 617-972-7308

**American Printing House for the Blind**

<http://bit.ly/piYo1M> or 1-800-223-1839

Or check out <http://www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/Digital/bard.htm> for additional sources.

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## What our Reader Advisors are Reading:

Kay enjoys reading books that are fast-paced and have plot twists—especially mystery, suspense, political & legal thrillers, as well as inspirational fiction. Currently she is reading *First Family* by author David Baldacci. The First Lady hires private investigators (and former secret service agents) Sean Maxwell and Michelle King to rescue her abducted niece. With the FBI and Secret Service keeping valuable information from them, will they be able to find her in time? You won't be able to put this book down until the shocking end. **DB069046**

Jenn likes to read a variety of genres; romance, paranormal, science fiction, cozy cooking mysteries, and young adult books! Recently she has finished reading *One Night in Scotland, Hurst amulet; #1* by author Karen Hawkins. The book is a romance, with a spunky female protagonist named Mary, attempting to retrieve an artifact to save her Egyptologist brother. Hawkins has a writing style which whisks you along with the story—and keeps you wanting to get back to the book! **DB073068**

Megan enjoys literary fiction, witty collections of essays, and anything by Stephen King. She recently read *Last Night in Twisted River* by author John Irving. The plot revolves around young Danny Baciagalupo and his widower father Dominic. After Danny accidentally kills someone, the two flee their New Hampshire logging camp and live a wayfaring life, uprooting them each time someone gets glimpses of the skeleton in their closet. Danny grows up to become a writer and uses his colorful past as inspiration for his books. **DB070798**

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## Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

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

**The Signature of All Things** Author: Elizabeth Gilbert  
Spanning much of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the novel follows the fortunes of the extraordinary Whittaker family as led by the enterprising Henry Whittaker—a poor-born Englishman who makes a great fortune in the South American quinine trade, eventually becoming the richest man in Philadelphia. Born in 1800, Henry's brilliant daughter, Alma who inherits both her father's money and his mind. (Adult Fiction) **PR021549**

**The Lowland** Author: The Lowland  
Brothers Subhash and Udayan Mitra pursue vastly different lives—Udayan in rebellion-torn Calcutta, Subhash in a quiet corner of America—until a shattering tragedy compels Subhash to return to India, where he endeavors to heal family wounds. (Adult Fiction) **PR021528**

**Inferno** Author: Dan Brown  
Symbology expert Robert Langdon, from *The Da Vinci Code* (DB 55735), awakens in an Italian hospital suffering from a gunshot wound and horrible hallucinations. When an assassin comes after Langdon, a doctor rescues him—and shows him the unusual biohazard canister she found hidden in his jacket. Violence. **Bestseller 2013**  
(Adult Fiction) **PR021129**

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**Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal** Author: Mary Roach  
Science writer and author of *Stiff* (PR 13433), *Spook* (DB 62108), and *Bonk* (DB 66788) investigates the alimentary canal to explore eating, digestion, and elimination. Uses anecdotes and research to explain the functions of taste, smell, saliva, gas, and mastication.  
[Bestseller 2013](#) (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR021473**

**The Guns at Last Light: The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945; Liberation Trilogy** Author: Rick Atkinson  
It is the twentieth century's unrivaled epic: at a staggering price, the United States and its Allies vanquished Hitler and liberated Europe. In the first two volumes of his bestselling *Liberation Trilogy*, Rick Atkinson recounted how the American-led coalition fought through North Africa and Italy to the threshold of victory. Now he tells the most dramatic story of all—the titanic battle in Western Europe. (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR021156**

**The Magician's Elephant** Author: Kate DiCamillo  
A fortuneteller informs ten-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene that his long lost sister Adele is still alive and that an elephant will lead him to her. Soon thereafter, a magician arrives in the city of Baltese and sets into motion a remarkable chain of events. For grades 4-7, 2009 (Adventure Fiction) **PR018573**

**Code Name Verity** Author: Elizabeth Wein  
During World War II, a British spy plane crashes with best friends Maddie and Verity on board. The Gestapo arrests and tortures Verity for information about her mission. She slowly confesses—but it isn't what her tormenters expect. Violence and some strong

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language. Senior high and older readers, 2012 (Young Adult Fiction)  
**PR021326**

**From the Colorado Collection—Audio Books:**

**Different Strokes: An Intimate Memoir for Stroke Survivors, Families, and Caregivers**

Author: Steven Boorstein \*\* Narrator: Donald Bennallack

Boorstein, himself a stroke survivor, takes us through his experience, from diagnosis and treatment to rehab and recovery. Since no two strokes are alike, he includes the accounts of twenty other survivors and caregivers as they talk about sex after stroke, spousal relationships, and coping with kids. 2011 (Adult Non-Fiction)  
**DC008300**

**Durango**

Author: Gary Hart \*\* Narrator: Donald Beckwith

As a drawn-out battle for water rights looms over the town, one of Durango's most eminent citizens, stoic former politician Daniel Sheridan, is implicated in a shocking transgression, forcing him to clear his name and resolve the contention that has weighed upon his hometown for decades. 2012 (Adult Fiction) **DC008348**

**Colorado Weather Almanac**

Author: Mike Nelson \*\* Narrator: Hille Dais

Emmy-winning meteorologist Nelson gives a "survival guide" to

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Colorado's weather, discussing the causes and forces behind events such as droughts, avalanches, blizzards, tornadoes, and lightning storms. The book discusses Colorado climate basics, the cold and warm seasons, storm chasing, a history of documented Colorado weather, and climate change. 2007 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DC008337**

**The Moai Murders. Lara McClintoch Archaeological Mystery; #9**

Author: Lyn Hamilton \*\* Narrator: Cathy Gloeckner

Used to traveling the globe in search of rare antiquities, antique dealer Lara McClintoch does something completely out of character—she takes a vacation. That's how she finds herself in one of the remotest places on earth, Easter Island, home to the magnificent stone statues called Moai. It is here she also finds herself embroiled in some academic discussions that turn distinctly deadly. 2005 (Adult Fiction) **DC008336**

**Zombies Don't Play Soccer. Bailey School Kids Series; #15**

Authors: Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones \*\*

Narrator: Mimi Newman

The Bailey School soccer team hasn't had a lot of success, but their new coach seems like the woman to help whip them into shape. Coach Graves is a little rough around the edges, but she's good at what she does. That is until a strange old lady turns up at one of their practices. After that, Coach Graves has a vacant look in her eyes, mumbles and groans in response to the kids, and moves like she's back from the dead. Can the kids break the spell and bring their coach back to normal in time for their big game? For grades 2 to 4, 1995 (Fiction) **DC007443**

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## 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.

### 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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## Mailroom News—Playback Machines

Clear space in your closet—if you are not using your old cassette machine, send it back to the library.

When you receive a digital player in the mail, please keep the box. We do not have replacement boxes to send if the digital player needs to be mailed back to the library.

### How to Reach Us:

303-727-9277—metro Denver  
1-800-685-2136—outside Denver  
[www.myctbl.org](http://www.myctbl.org)

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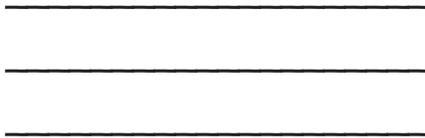
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