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CTBL News

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Highlighting — Uniform English Braille

This month implementation of Unified English Braille begins.



This is the first major change to the Braille code since the 1930s and brings it into the 21st century. The fundamentals are not changing and some contractions will be eliminated. The changes mostly deal with spacing rules; formatting like bolding, italics and underlining; and the translation of symbols such as @ and # which are ubiquitous these days with email and Twitter.

It is believed that most Braille readers will make the transition with minimal effort.

You may request a free personal copy of BANA's UEB Reader or NLS's Frequently Used UEB Symbols by calling a reader advisor.

For more information: <http://www.brailleauthority.org/ueb.html>

**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2016:
January 18th and February 15th**

From the Director

I would like to address the issue of reader advisors and phone style. Unlike many states we do not assign patrons in certain parts of the alphabet to specific reader advisors. So when you call in, whoever is available answers the call. I know some patrons prefer to work with a particular reader advisor. This is perfectly fine.

If you have a favorite RA, please feel free to ask for that specific person. As long as they are not on vacation or sick, they will be ready to help.

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

Debbi
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Leaving on My Own Terms — Update

In July we launched a yearlong exploration into living, dying, grief and legacy. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross stated in **Life Lessons**, "The primary lesson the dying teach us is to live every day to its fullest." This is our guidance as we begin our year of inquiry.

We began with a Before I Die wall at the Patron Open House and for CTBL Reads in September we read "Being Mortal" by Dr. Atul Gawande. In November we had a Death Café hosted by Dr. Karen Wyatt and in December we explored "Out of the Box Funeral Planning" led by Sue Mackey. In March there will be another Death Café and in April you can explore "No Regrets". A bibliography and calendar of events are available on our website. You can call a reader advisor for more information.

CTBL Reads — Proof of Heaven

The next CTBL Reads begins January 11th and runs into February. As part of the "Leaving on my own Terms" program, we will be reading "Proof of Heaven" by Dr. Eben Alexander. A book talk will be scheduled in February.

Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the Afterlife is the account of fifty-four-year-old Harvard-educated neurosurgeon Alexander and his 2008 recovery from a coma induced by bacterial meningitis. Describes his near-death experience — including a feeling of unconditional love and acceptance — that convinced him of the existence of heaven and a personal God. **DB075791** and **PR021047**

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.

Resource of Interest — Bustang

Bustang is the new interregional Express Bus service from the Colorado Department of Transportation. "Connecting commuters to Denver along the busy I-25 and I-70 corridors, Bustang now makes commuting as simple as saddling up to ride Colorado's big purple bus." Routes are Fort Collins to Denver, Colorado Springs to Denver and Glenwood Springs to Denver and include some stops along the route.

"This is no ordinary bus as each Bustang offers the latest in commuter amenities"; including WiFi availability, bathrooms, bike racks, 110V outlets and USB charging stations, reclining high-back seats, 50-passenger capacity, and they are wheelchair accessible.

For more information: <http://ridebustang.com/>

Announcing a New Collection — Descriptive DVD's

We now have a collection of descriptive DVD's available for circulation. We have titles as far back as 2001. We will continue to add to this collection. If you are interested in checking out a DVD, please call a reader advisor.

Audio Description (AD) is the insertion of audio explanations and descriptions of the settings, characters, and action taking place when such information about these visual elements is not offered in the regular audio presentation.

Titles are either DVD or Blu-ray format, so please order the format you need. Not every title is available in each format. Also not every title in a series is described so not available, such as **Iron Man**.

With a few exceptions (such as **Moulin Rouge** and **Up**), you should be able to access the Audio Description track by pressing the "Audio" button repeatedly on your remote until you hear description. This is an easier alternative for users who are blind and can't navigate to the Languages menu. Disney Pixar releases starting with November 2010 let you select AD when you insert the audio.

For more detailed information about this topic:

<http://acb.org/adp/>

Online Databases now available @ www.myCTBL.org

We have been able to add a database package for our patrons to access from their computer. You will need your patron number to access them. Some highlights of the individual databases available are:

Academic Search Premier

Auto Repair Reference Center

Business Source Premier

Consumer Health Complete

Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia

History Reference Center

Legal Information Reference Center

Newspaper Source

NoveList

Points of View Reference

Psychology & Behavior

Regional Business News

Science Reference Center

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>

www.myctbl.org

Volunteer News — The Gift of Volunteers

By the time you read this article the major holidays will be over for another year and we will all be settling in for the long Colorado winter. This is the perfect time to reflect on how our library is supported by a team of people working behind the scenes to get the right books recorded, copied, and ready to be mailed out each day.

The studio and talking book machine repair programs are supported by many people who have made a long-term commitment to CTBL. They have been trained over many sessions by someone with more experience who shares their knowledge. Each recording team commits to recording books that take months or even years to complete. The Pioneer talking book machine repair program has repaired every version of talking book machine since 1960. It is a gift to the National Library Service that has been valued at over \$358,000,000.

The circulation department and mailroom benefit from many volunteers who may work with us for a year or two and then move on to learn other skills in other programs. This team is refreshed by new people joining regularly.

Each time new volunteers join the Outreach and Audio Editing teams they bring new ideas, new skills, and new connections that make the teams stronger. We have students from universities and high schools that may only be able to volunteer for a few weeks. They may only accomplish one project for us. Every person's contribution, whether big or small, helps improve CTBL's service to our patrons.

In December, we honored all our volunteers who, working alongside our staff, have made a difference by giving more than 23,000 hours

of service during the 2014-15 fiscal year. That translates into more than 11 staff positions or can be value at over \$600,000. Many of our volunteers are also generous contributors to the Friends of Colorado Talking Book Library.

New volunteers starting in 2015.

The CTBL Volunteers give their time, their talent, and their resources to make more books available to more people every day. What a great gift to give fellow book-lovers!



Tech Talk — AT Devices for Visually Impaired

OrCam is a portable camera attached to glasses that is connected to a small computer and can fit in your pocket. The wearer places their finger on top of what they'd like to "see" and the built in camera recognizes the motion and reads the text. The information is relayed to the user via a bone conduction speaker so others can't eavesdrop. More information on the product can be found on the Orcam website at: <http://www.orcam.com/>

Also, there are **visual search apps** available that use the camera on a smartphone to take a picture of an item and provide information about that item. Some examples are CamFind and Google Goggles (Android only). Just type in visual search app in either Google Play or the iTunes app store to find apps you can download.

Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

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

As Gouda as Dead. Cheese Shop Mystery; #6

Author: Avery Aames

Providence, Ohio, is celebrating Valentine's Day with weeklong events. Charlotte Bessette is celebrating by finally walking down the aisle with the man of her dreams, handsome artisanal cheese farmer, Jordan Pace. But when a beloved bar owner is discovered murdered on Jordan's farm, he believes they should reschedule their wedding given the grim turn of events. Charlotte is heartsick over the postponement. This killer crossed the wrong woman. No one, but no one, is ruining her wedding plans! 2015 (Adult Fiction) **PR024135**

A Match for Addy. Amish Matchmaker; #1 Author: Emma Miller
Spinster Addy Coblentz fears she'll never marry, so her parents hire the new matchmaker who has moved to their Amish community. But Addy doesn't just want a match. She wants love. While some of her potential suitors are perfectly fine, only one man catches her eye. Gideon Esch is everything Addy's looking for. But he's only a poor hired hand who can never give her family stability. With her future happiness at stake, will Addy follow the rules...or follow her heart? 2015 (Adult Fiction) **PR023943**

“Why is this Night Different from All other Nights?”

All the Wrong Questions; #4 Author: Lemony Snicket

On all other nights, the train departs from Stain'd Station and travels to the city without stopping. But not tonight. You might ask, why is this night different from all other nights? But that's the wrong question. Instead ask, where is this all heading? And what happens at the end of the line? 2015 For grades 3 to 6 and older readers. (Fiction) **PR024146**

The Light of the World: A Memoir Author: Elizabeth Alexander

Poet reflects on her life with her husband, his sudden and unexpected death at the age of fifty, and the ways she coped with the grief of his loss. Examines what attracted her to him, their life together as parents, and the type of man he was. 2015 (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR024002**

Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear Author: Elizabeth Gilbert

The beloved author digs deep into her own generative process to share wisdom and a unique perspective on creativity. Gilbert shows us how to tackle what we most love and face down what we most fear. Whether we seek to write, make art, find new ways to address challenges in our work, or embark on a dream long deferred, Big Magic cracks open a world of wonder and joy. Contains some strong language. 2015 (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR024094**

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The Great War of our Time: The CIA's Fight against Terrorism from Al Qa'ida to ISIS Author: Michael Morell

Former CIA Deputy Director, Morell, who played a critical role in the most important counterterrorism events of the past two decades, recounts key battles won and lost in the fight against terrorism. **Bestseller 2015** (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR023679**

The Long High Noon Author: Loren D. Estleman

Locked in a deadly feud, cowboys Randy Locke and Frank Farmer have spent decades attempting to annihilate each other. With their story well known throughout the country, Frank and Randy are approached with a proposition. With Buffalo Bill's Wild West show a raging success, why not sell tickets to their next duel? Winner take all, in more ways than one. Contains violence. 2015 (Adult Fiction) **PR024033**

The Dad Report: Fathers, Sons, and Baseball Families

Author: Kevin Cook

Baseball honors legacies from cheering the home team to breaking in an old glove handed down from father to son. Award-winning sportswriter Kevin Cook weaves a tapestry of uplifting stories in which fathers and sons, from the sport's superstars to Cook and his own ball-playing father, share the game. 2015 (Adult Non-Fiction) **PR024055**

From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books:

Visionary Kitchen: A Cookbook for Eye Health

Author: Sandra Young ** Narrator: Hille Dais

Sandra Young, optometrist and chef has crafted 150+ mouth-watering, nutrient dense recipes based on recent published science which identifies essential eye nutrients. These low-glycemic impact recipes are designed to meet a wide variety of dietary needs ranging from traditional fare to gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, and dairy-free options. 2013 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC02956**

One Mile at a Time: Cycling through Loss to Renewal

Author: Dwight R. Smith ** Narrator: Don Bennallack

Auto accidents, nine years apart, took the lives of Dwight Smith's two teenage sons. A few years later, heart disease claimed his wife of 39 years. The cumulative impact of these losses spurred Dwight to retire and embark on a healing journey — 13,784 miles alone on a bicycle around the perimeter of the United States. His story is filled with vivid descriptions of forests, prairies, deserts, swamps, and croplands. But his interactions with strangers and friends alike inspired him most, bringing new experiences, new people, and new strength to a man who had lost so much. Contains some strong language. 2004 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC03062**

Panhandle Cowboy

Author: John R. Erikson ** Narrator: Herman Urschel

The author writes about wild cattle, outlaws, horses, good cowboys, roundups, storms, stampedes, wrecks, broken legs and branding

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cattle in the snow, from his own experience as a ranch manager in the sandhills of Oklahoma. The author emphasizes that the cowboy is not past tense. 1981 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC03039**

Katapult. Kat Colorado; #2

Author: Karen Kijewski ** Narrator: Renee Tewell

Kat Colorado's cousin Johnny has been murdered in the parking lot of the Homestead Cafe. This time a killer has struck too close to home... and Kat Colorado is taking it personally. Now Kat's on the prowl trailing a murderer through a dangerous world of shady real estate shenanigans and teenage hookers — uncovering a closetful of sordid family secrets almost certain to get Kat skinned. Violence and strong language. 1990 (Adult Fiction) **DBC03035**

The Buffalo Book: The Full Saga of the American Animal

Author: David A. Dary ** Narrator: Joanne Rudoff

No wild animal has had a more important role in America's history than the buffalo. Dary captures the story and the significance of this great animal. The journals and the memoirs of nineteenth-century explorers and travelers in the American West often told of viewing buffalo massed together as far as the eye could see. This book appropriately covers the subject of the buffalo as extensively as that animal covered the plains. Includes buffalo recipes in Appendix C. 1989 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC00697**

The Jesus Prayer: The Ancient Desert Prayer that Tunes the Heart to God

Author: Frederica Mathewes-Green

Narrator: Louise Lederhos

Frederica Mathewes-Green offers a comprehensive book on the Jesus Prayer — a spiritual jewel for anyone who yearns for a real and continuous presence with Christ. She illuminates the history, theology, and spirituality of Orthodoxy, so that the Prayer can be understood in its native context, and provides practical steps for making it part of your being. 2010 (Adult Non-Fiction) **DBC02947**

Under the Golden Dome: Colorado's State Capitol

Author: Margaret Coel ** Narrator: Marjorie Wallace

Discusses the history of Colorado's gold-crowned capitol building marking the physical features that make it a landmark for the state. 1986 For high school and adult readers. (Non-Fiction) **DBC03044**

Be a Wolf. Adventures of Wishbone; #1

Author: Brad Strickland ** Narrator: Nelson Embleton

This book is inspired by the classic work, Beowulf. This new series of novels is structured like the Wishbone PBS episodes, reproducing the major elements and charm of the show while keeping the story focused on Wishbone, the dog. 1997 For grades 3 to 6 readers. (Fiction) **DBC03045**

Honor's Quest. Rocky Mountain Legacy; #3

Author: Kristen Heitzmann ** Narrator: Laverne Rios

Abigail Farrel is just beginning to adjust to her life as the wife of

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Montgomery Farrel when word comes of the death of Monte's sister, Frances. Though tragic, the funeral allows Abbie her first glimpse of Monte's beloved South and brings into their lives little Jeanette, Monte's orphaned niece. Back home in Colorado, the Farrels' lives are filled with the joyful chaos that a child brings, leaving them unprepared when another tragedy strikes. 1998 For high school and adult readers. (Fiction) DBC02985

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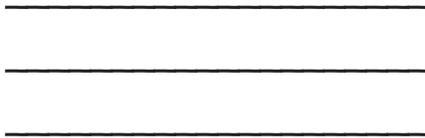


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