Highlighting — The CTBL Collection

We want to highlight the scope of the collections available to patrons. This includes CTBL’s holdings and the NLS holdings on BARD. These numbers are always increasing and for the audio books we have multiple copies. So here is a snapshot of unique titles...

@ CTBL
Digital Books — 24,000
Braille Books — 8,400
Large Print Books — 22,000
Colorado Collection — 590
Descriptive Video — 140

NLS on BARD
Audio Books — 65,000
Colorado Collection — 181
Braille Books — 12,500
Magazines — 121

Magazine list is available on request.

CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2017:
January 16th, February 20th and May 29th
From the Director

As most readers of this newsletter are aware, CTBL is blessed in having a strong Friends of CTBL whose mission is to assist the library and its ability to serve its patrons. The Board is currently seeking interested candidates who are patrons. Meetings are held the third Tuesday night of January, April, July and October from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Attendance in person is required and transportation is not reimbursed. For more information or an application, please email info@friendsofctbl.org or visit http://www.friendsofctbl.org

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

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@DebbiMacLeod

Will you be our Valentine?

The Colorado Talking Book Library is happy to bring you a day filled with love, snacks, crafts, special guests and of course books, books and more books! Special readings by Martha Harmon Pardee and Erik Sandvold, NLS narrators!

This is a family friendly event and kids are more than encouraged to help us celebrate St. Valentine at the library!

What: Valentine’s Day Party
When: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.
Where: Colorado Talking Book Library
        180 Sheridan Blvd, Denver, CO 80226
RSVP: 1-800-685-2136

www.myctbl.org
CTBL Reads — Reading Around the World

We are reading books that have been translated from another language. There is a great Ted Talk about this topic. [http://www.ted.com/talks/ann_morgan_my_year_reading_a_book_from_every_country_in_the_world](http://www.ted.com/talks/ann_morgan_my_year_reading_a_book_from_every_country_in_the_world)

The next CTBL Reads begins January 12th and we will be reading: *French Connection* by Xiao Bai DB083390, translated from Chinese.

A boat from Hong Kong arrives in 1930s Shanghai, carrying an important official. When he is assassinated, his wife escapes in the chaos. Hseuh, a photographer who witnessed the event, is coerced into spying for the authorities and enters an underworld of mobsters, smugglers, anarchists, and assassins. Some violence. 2011.

The book talk is scheduled for February 22nd at 3 p.m.

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.

Postal Delivery Slow Down — Here to Stay

In 2016 the United States Post Office continued its consolidation of processing facilities across the country. This has resulted in longer transit times. For example, material going to and from Southwest Colorado now passes through the facility in Albuquerque, NM. For many of you we have raised your total book numbers to account for this increase in transit time. We don’t want you to be without books. If you want an increase in your book numbers, please call the library.

Resource of Interest — Assistive Technology News

Get Information Resources Online @ www.myCTBL.org

CTBL provides databases that patrons can access from their computer. All you need is your patron number to access them. A highlight of the individual databases available is: Consumer Health Complete — provides convenient access to easily understandable health and medical information. Consumers can search and browse within medical encyclopedias, popular reference books, and magazine articles.

For more information and to explore these databases and how to access them in detail; click Databases in the left menu of the website or http://www2.cde.state.co.us/ctbl/collection/tb-databases.html

Ski for Light International Week 2017

Ski for Light, an all volunteer nonprofit organization, matches blind, visually impaired, and physically impaired cross country skiers with sighted, experienced guides. They ski together on parallel tracks groomed in the snow. The 2017 event is February 5-12, Granby, Colorado, Snow Mountain Ranch. Costs range from $690 to $775 for double occupancy, prices vary depending on occupants per room. For more information: www.sfl.org or call Tim McCorcle at 206-522-5850.

So come Ski, share and learn! You may join others in saying this event may be the experience of a lifetime!

Wanted — Finished reading your books?

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.
Tech Talk — Computer Help

These companies are committed to helping people of all abilities use technology efficiently and effectively.

**Apple** — Apple offers a special phone number to contact for support with the accessibility features on their computers, iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch or Apple TV. The Accessibility Support line is available at 1-877-204-3930. They also have information on their website: https://support.apple.com/accessibility

**Microsoft** — Their Disability Answer Desk (DAD) staff specializes in assisting customers with disabilities as well as providing support using accessibility settings in Microsoft products. Help is available using Microsoft products such as screen magnifiers, speech recognition software, Microsoft-compatible devices and accessibility features. The Answer Desk is available:

Monday – Friday: 5:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (PDT)  
Saturday and Sunday: 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (PDT)

For more information: 1-800-936-5900.  
https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/answerdesk/accessibility

Volunteers — Celebrating Our Volunteers

Each December the Friends of Colorado Talking Book Library hosts a holiday brunch to celebrate the milestones and accomplishments of our volunteers.

This year’s celebration was made more special by honoring Louise Lederhos for 40 years of narrating talking books.

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Karen Keninger, Director of NLS was the keynote speaker and presented Louise with a special award to mark the occasion.

Volunteers who were also honored for reaching a milestone year include:

5-Year Award
Eli Cohen
Joe Coronado
Connie Gallo
Robert and Carol Serkowski
Andrea Waner

10-Year Award
Sue Gibbons
Visvadis Jaunarajs
Donna McCombs
Carol McGarr
Tom Moran
Frank Oldham

15-Year Award
Don and Dorothy Wiens

25-Year Award
Joanne Rudoff
Robert Orton
Dr. Don Bennallack

Congratulations to each of these volunteers who make it possible for us to provide the best service to our patrons every day! Thank you!
Collection News — Suggestions from New Additions

Descriptive Video Featured Titles

These DVDs have descriptive video embedded in each disc. You can turn-on this feature by following directions starting at the disc’s main menu. For additional titles contact the library or visit the CTBL website for a list of DVDs and Blu-Rays.

New Feature Films

• MD00093 — Concussion: Based On A True Story (PG-13)
• MD00094 — Zootopia (PG)
• MD00095 — Ghostbusters: Answer The Call (PG-13)
• MD00096 — X-Men: Apocalypse (PG-13)
• MD00097 — Barber Shop: The Next Cut (PG-13)
• MD00098 — The Jungle Book (PG)
• MD00099 — Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)
• MD00100 — Captain America: Civil War (PG-13)
• MD00101 — The Shallows (PG-13)
• MD00102 — Me Before You (PG-13)
• MD00103 — The Nice Guys (R)
• MD00104 — Money Monster (R)
• MD00105 — Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping (R)
• MD00106 — Maggie’s Plan (R)
• MD00107 — The Meddler (PG-13)

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Documentaries

- MD00053 — He Named Me Malala (PG-13)
- MD00065 — This Emotional Life: In Search of Ourselves... and Happiness (TV-PG)
- MD00066 — Where Did We Come From? (Unrated)
- MD00067 — How Does the Brain Work? (Unrated)
- MD00068 — The Spy Factory: The National Security Agency and 9/11 (Unrated)
- MD00069 — Lord of the Ants (Unrated)
- MD00070 — What Are Dreams? (Unrated)
- MD00071 — Sinking the Supership: The True Story Of the WWII Battleship Yamato (Unrated)
- MD00072 — The Suicide Tourist (Unrated)
- MD00073 — Faces of America (Unrated)
- MD00074 — Abraham and Mary Lincoln: A House Divided (Unrated)
- MD00081 — Becoming Bulletproof (Unrated)

New Large Print Titles

CTBL has over 21,000 large print titles. Be sure to check the online catalogue or call a reader advisor for more titles and genres.

Non-Fiction

- PR024961 — Becoming Wise: An Inquiry Into the Mystery and the Art of Living by Krista Tippett
- PR024948 — Best. State. Ever.: A Florida Man Defends His Homeland by Dave Barry
• PR024915 — God and the Afterlife: The Groundbreaking New Evidence for God and Near-Death Experience by Jeffrey Long
• PR024814 — Grief is a Journey: Finding Your Path Through Loss by Kenneth J. Doka
• PR024768 — Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War by Mary Roach
• PR024795 — I’ve Got Sand In All the Wrong Places by Lisa Scottoline
• PR024770 — Lab Girl by Hope Jahren
• PR024827 — Life by Keith Richards
• PR024945 — Love Warrior: A Memoir by Glennon Doyle Melton
• PR024775 — More Than Rivals: A Championship Game and a Friendship That Moved a Town Beyond Black and White by Ken Abraham
• PR024801 — Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, From Missiles to the Moon to Mars by Nathalia Holt
• PR024802 — Seinfeldia: How a Show about Nothing Changed Everything by Jennifer Keishin Armstrong
• PR024812 — The Path: What Chinese Philosophers Can Teach Us About the Good Life by Michael Puett
• PR024944 — The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories From My Life by John Le Carré
• PR024815 — The Sleep Revolution: Transforming Your Life, One Night at a Time by Arianna Stassinopoulos Huffington
• PR024912 — The True Tails of Baker and Taylor: The Library Cats Who Left Their Pawprints on a Small Town and the World by Jan Louch
• PR024769 — United: Thoughts on Finding Common Ground and Advancing the Common Good by Cory Booker

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General Fiction
• PR024779 — All Summer Long by Dorothea Benton Frank
• PR026036 — Jonathan Unleashed by Meg Rosoff
• PR024794 — Magruder’s Curiosity Cabinet by H. P. Wood

The Neapolitan Novels Series by Elena Ferrante
• My Brilliant Friend — PR024763
• The Story of a New Name — PR024764
• Those Who Leave and Those Who Stay — PR024765
• The Story of the Lost Child — PR024766
• PR024958 — Sweetbitter by Stephanie Danler
• PR024780 — The Mandibles: A Family, 2029-2047 by Lionel Shriver
• PR024885 — Truly Madly Guilty by Liane Moriarty
• PR024849 — Zero K by Don DeLillo

Young Adult and Children
• PR024952 — The Tournament at Gorlan: Ranger’s Apprentice: The Early Years #1 by John Flanagan. Grades 5-8.
• PR024870 — Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys. Grades 9-12.

Legal Fiction
• PR026049 — Damaged: Rosato & Associates #15 by Lisa Scottoline
• PR026017 — Infamy: Butch Karp and Marlene Ciampi #28 by Robert K. Tanenbaum
• PR024823 — Killer Look: Alex Cooper #18 by Linda A. Fairstein
• PR024786 — Lawyer for the Cat: A Sally Baynard Novel by Lee Robinson
• PR024975 — Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult

**Mystery**
• PR024859 — Charcoal Joe: Easy Rawlins #14 by Walter Mosley
• PR024733 — Faux Paw: Magical Cats #7 by Sofie Kelly
• PR026051 — Home by Harlan Coben
• PR024949 — Razor Girl by Carl Hiaasen
• PR024955 — Triple Crown: Jefferson Hinkley #3 by Felix Francis

**Romance and Love Stories**
• PR024751 — Bay of Sighs: Guardians Trilogy #2 by Nora Roberts
• PR024762 — Magic: A Novel by Danielle Steel
• PR024737 — Summer at Little Beach Street Bakery by Jenny Colgan
• PR024887 — The A to Z of You and Me by James Hannah
• PR024825 — Viscount Breckenridge to the Rescue: Cynster Sisters #1 by Stephanie Laurens

**Suspense and Spy Fiction**
• PR026032 — An Honorable Man by Paul Vidich
• PR024892 — Robert Ludlum’s the Bourne Enigma by Eric Lustbader
• PR024805 — The Unfortunate Englishman: Joe Wilderness #2 by John Lawton
• PR024895 — The Black Widow: Gabriel Allon #16 by Daniel Silva
• PR024869 — The Woman in Cabin 10 by Ruth Ware

**Maisie Dobbs Series** by Jacqueline Winspear
  • A Dangerous Place #11 — PR026053
  • Journey to Munich #12 — PR02605

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Western Fiction
• PR026038 — Charlie Red: American Legends Collection
   by Michael Zimmer
• PR024784 — Her Outlaw Heart by Samantha Harte
• PR024994 — Six-Gun Crossroads by Lauran Paine
• PR026025 — Stolen Horses by Bill Brooks
• PR024745 — The Revenant by Michael Punke
• PR024747 — This Violent Land: Smoke Jensen #2
   by William W. Johnstone

From the Colorado Collection — Audio Books:

As Real As It Gets: A Rehab Chaplain Remembers
   Author: Rich Stewart  ** Narrator: Bob Serkowski
Drawn from Rich Stewart’s 24 years as chaplain at Craig Hospital,
this collection of over sixty encounters is his tribute to a
subculture he salutes as “one gritty bunch who, beyond surviving,
are driving on toward thriving.” Adult Non-Fiction. 2007.  DBC03074

As We Forgive Our Debtors: Cooper Family #2
Author: Rachel L. Peterson  ** Narrator: Dee Miller
Join Margie and the Cooper family as they face the joy, the
laughter, and the hardships that come their way. Adult Fiction.
2013.  DBC03055

Cherry Creek Gothic
Author: Sandra Dallas  ** Narrator: Jim Wheelock
Illustrated and annotated volume of Denver’s famous Victorian
buildings. Appeals not only to architecture students, but also to
persons interested in the flamboyant personality of the time.
Adult Non-Fiction. 1971. **DBC03143**

**Children of the Storm: The True Story of the Pleasant Hill School Bus Tragedy**
Author: Ariana Harner ** Narrator: Laverne Rios
On March 26, 1931, confused by the extreme blizzard conditions, the Pleasant Hill School bus driver lost his sense of direction and lodged the bus full of children in a ditch. When rescuers found the vehicle, a day and a half later, the blizzard had taken its deadly toll.
Adult Non-Fiction. 2001. **DBC03140**

**Colorado Heritage 1983 #1 and #2**
Author: Colorado Historical Society ** Narrator: Louise Hausburg
A Colorado scrapbook of the years 1880 to 1949, detailing the life and times in Colorado by decades. Adult Non-Fiction. 2016. **DBC03135**

**Explorers of the Frontier**
Author: Charles W. Sundling ** Narrator: Nelson Embleton
Describes the efforts of such men as Coronado, de Soto, Drake, and in particular, Lewis and Clark to search for what came to be known as the Northwest Passage. Non-fiction Grades K-3. 2000. **DBC03145**

**Fatal Descent: Rocky Mountain Outdoor Adventures Mystery #3**
Author: Beth Groundwater ** Narrator: Peggy Simmons
Experienced outdoor guides, Mandy and Rob know they have to keep their cool after one of their group appears to have become bear bait. With eleven shell-shocked clients and miles of Colorado River

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whitewater ahead, Mandy's nerves threaten to unravel when she learns that Alex's death was not an accident. Descriptions of sex and some strong language. Adult Fiction. 2013. DBC03082

Grand Pursuit: The Story of Economic Genius
Author: Sylvia Nasar  ** Narrator: Hille Dais
The epic story of the making of modern economics, and of how economics rescued mankind from squalor and deprivation by placing its material fate in its own hands. Adult Non-Fiction. 2011. DBC02975

T.D.: Dreams in Motion: The Memoirs of the Denver Broncos' Terrell Davis
Author: Terrell Davis  ** Narrator: Nelson Grabenstetter
Autobiography by Denver Broncos running back Terrell Davis, which is inspirational, as well as light-hearted, funny, and real. Adult Non-Fiction. 1998. DBC03142

Ticket To Hollywood: Asphalt Warrior #2
Author: Gary Reilly  ** Narrator: Mark Hintz
In this second novel about Denver cab driver Brendan Murphy, “Murph” becomes entangled with filmmakers and makes his way to Los Angeles in search of a lost woman whose last known location was his cab. Adult Fiction. 2013. DBC03075

The Map of Heaven: How Science, Religion, and Ordinary People Are Proving the Afterlife
Author: Eben Alexander  ** Narrator: Bob Serkowski
Based on personal experience, stories shared by others, and the latest scientific insights, Dr. Alexander makes the case for heaven
as a genuine place, showing how we have forgotten, but are now at last remembering, who we really are and what our destiny truly is. 2014. Adult Non-Fiction. 2014. **DBC03090**

**Sky Bridge**
Author: Laura Pritchett  **  Narrator: Laverne Rios
A sister's promise to raise a child fathered out of wedlock turns her life upside down as she struggles to protect herself and the baby in the small town where they live. Explicit descriptions of sex, strong language, and violence. Adult Fiction. 2002. **DBC03089**

**Red Lightning**
Author: Laura Pritchett  **  Narrator: Sharon Huckins
Ten years ago, Tess left her newborn daughter with her sister and hightailed it out of what she called NoWhere, Colorado. Now she's returned, Tess must face her past, her dying mother, her sister (Libby, the central character of Pritchett's novel Sky Bridge), and her daughter. A story about the modern American West. Some descriptions of sex, strong language, and violence. Adult Fiction. 2015. **DBC03080**

**Never So Green**
Author: Tim Johnston  **  Narrator: Norine Domenico
In Iowa in the 1970s, twelve-year-old Tex overcomes his self-consciousness about his deformed right hand to take baseball lessons from his stepfather and his tomboy stepsister, who harbors a dark secret. Descriptions of sex and some strong language. Fiction Young Adult. 2002. **DBC03084**

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In the Land of Standing Rocks: Arches and Canyonlands National Parks
Author: Mike Graf ** Narrator: Stacey Donaldson
Adventures with the Parkers #6 takes the family to southeast Utah to see the “Land of Standing Rocks.” They encounter mountain lions, a dive-bombing blue jay, and wicked desert weather along the way, but it’s not until James makes a surprising discovery that they really connect with the region’s colorful history. Fiction Grades 4-7. 2013. DBC03152

The Merchant of Death: Pendragon #1
Author: D. J. MacHale ** Narrator: Joanne Rudoff
Bobby Pendragon must save the world when he is swept off to an alternate dimension known as Denduron, a territory inhabited by strange beings, ruled by a magical tyrant, and plagued by dangerous revolution. Fiction Grades 5-8. 2002. DBC03078

Vanishing Colorado: Rediscovering a Western Landscape
Author: Joe Verrengia ** Narrator: Joanne Rudoff
Traces the paths of John C. Fremont’s western expeditions, and looks at the destruction of flora and fauna in those same areas. Talks to ranchers, developers, policy makers, and scientists about their differing points of view on conservation. Adult Non-Fiction. 2000. DBC03141
From the Colorado Collection — Braille books:

**Braille Titles of Interest**

**Learning Braille**

- BRZ00066 — Braille demonstration kit by National Braille Press
- BRZ00067 — UEB Reader by Braille Authority of North America
- BRZ00075 — Building on Patterns: Primary Braille Literacy Program: First Grade: Unit 7 Student Textbook - UEB by American Printing House for the Blind

**New Print/Braille Children’s Titles**

- BRZ00070 — Arthur Writes a Story by Marc Tolon Brown
- BRZ00073 — Arthur and the Scare-Your-Pants-Off Club by Marc Tolon Brown
- BRZ00074 — Arthur’s Mystery Envelope by Marc Tolon Brown
- BRZ00077 — The Jungle Book: Based on Walt Disney’s Full-Length Animated Classic by Jan Carr
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.

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.
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The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to charitable organizations. If you make purchases through Amazon, try AmazonSmile and designate The Friends of CTBL as a recipient of charitable donations. Several patrons have already done this. Thanks!

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