

VIEWS

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The Future of Talking Books

I am privileged to have been selected as a member of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Library of Congress Digital Long-Term Planning group. The group was established in 2001, and it is comprised of consumer representatives, eight librarians from around the country and several Library of Congress staff. The main objective of this committee is to advise the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in planning for the development of digital technology throughout the network.

We have met twice and plan to meet at least once a year through the next five years. Our time will be devoted to

- Planning the implementation of a "digital talking book system."
- Discuss distribution options such as CD-ROM, Internet, or solid-state memory.
- Identify issues critical to the print disabled community.
- Identify cost effectiveness issues relating to digital talking books.
- And identify machine design issues.

There are still many details that will be discussed and worked out in the near future, but what is certain is that the talking book library program will dramatically change in the next few years. As this group continues to meet, I will keep you informed of the issues and decisions made by this committee as they develop.

Barbara Goral,

Director,
Colorado Talking Book Library

One State, One Book
Snow in August

Many of you are aware that Gov. Bill Owens has named ***Snow in August***, by Pete Hamill, as his selection for the one book all Coloradans should read.

Snow in August is available through **CTBL** in both the recorded cassette (**RC 45815**) and large print (**PR 8041**) formats. The volunteers at **CTBL** have been busy making additional copies of the recorded version of this book for our patrons. Please ask the Reader Advisor to add this title to your request list if you are interested in participating in the **One State, One Book** reading project.

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Congratulations!

Veralyn Fenty, a volunteer and patron at the **Colorado Talking Book Library**, recently received the Thomas Jefferson Volunteer of the Year Award sponsored by the Rocky Mountain News and Scripps/Howard. Veralyne is the president of the **CTBL Friends** board and also volunteers for the Colorado Vision Connection. The Award recognizes unsung heroes, volunteers who inspire others with their dedication and commitment.

This newsletter is also available in Braille, recorded cassette and on our website. If you would prefer to receive it in an alternative format please call the library and let the Reader Advisor know.

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**TASTY READS FOR CTBL
FAMILIES
STARTS IN JUNE
SIGN UP TODAY!**

It's a Colorado Talking Book Library first! A summer program designed to encourage all CTBL families to read and share books. If you are a CTBL kid and you share your books with other family members, or if you are a Talking Book adult and you share stories with your children, you are eligible to participate.

Through the generosity of *Anchor Foods*, all families who read and submit monthly coupons in June, July and August will get coupons for *Poppers*® frozen food products. All families who send in coupons will also be eligible for a drawing of commercially recorded tapes, purchased by the Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library and Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. All participating families will also receive a "family tree," a tree starter kit to plant in your own back yard at the end of the program.

Start the program by sending in the registration you may have received in the same envelope with your Student Survey, or call CTBL at 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136. Then check out the Family Reading link on the CTBL website for specially prepared reading lists and activities you can do as a family. If you do not have a computer, call CTBL and these pages will be mailed to you.

This is the summer to celebrate families and how reading can be a great, shared experience. Don't delay! **Register today!**

**HARRY POTTER SPEAKS!
ERIK SANDVOLD
READS TO FAMILY READERS
AUGUST 10, 2002**

Have you ever wondered how the professional narrators who read our books make the stories come alive? This is your chance to meet Erik Sandvold, the voice of the NLS *Harry Potter* series. Mr. Sandvold has generously agreed to help us celebrate the conclusion of this year's Family Reading Activity with a special reading to be held on August 10, 2002 at CTBL. After the reading, children will have a chance to ask Mr. Sandvold about the way in which he creates the characters he "voices" for the National Library Service. Since seating is limited, reservations are required for this special event. Preference will be given to families who have participated in Family Reading. Call the library for more information at 303-727-9277 or 1-800-685-2136. This program is made possible through the generous support of the *Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library*. We especially thank Mr. Sandvold for agreeing to share his time with us.

Family Reading Sampler

All Colorado Talking Book Library families are invited to take part in Family Reading, this summer. Adults and kids share books together that will inspire discussion and activities that everyone will enjoy. Check out the CTBL website at the Family Reading link. You'll find humorous books, fantasy, pioneer stories, funny fairy tales, and books on ethnic identity. Each list has special questions and projects that relate to the books listed, and are designed for the whole family to try. The program runs all summer, June through August 10. Here are just a few of the books you'll enjoy reading:

RC45249 Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered by Gary Paulsen

An eleven-year-old boy describes the laugh-out-loud antics he has with his distant cousin, Harris, during the summer he spends living on a relative's farm. Grades 6 to 9.

RC37667 Baseball in April and Other Stories by Gary Soto

Eleven short stories about young Mexican-Americans growing up in Los Angeles, and dealing with dilemmas faced by all young people. Grades 5-8.

RC24399 Bold Journey: West with Lewis and Clark by Charles Bohner

Private Hugh McNeal relates his experiences accompanying Captains Lewis and Clark on the 1804 to 1806 expedition. Grades 3 to 6.

RC50071 In Care of Cassie Tucker
By Ivy Ruckman

The excitement of the approaching 20th Century is compounded by the news that orphaned cousin Evan is moving in with the Tuckers on their Nebraska farm. But Cassie, eleven, has mixed feelings when the boy gets her bedroom and refuses to join Preacher Tucker's family in prayer. For grades 4-7

RC46606/ PR10309 The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson.

Odge Gribble, a young hag, accompanies an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre, on their mission through a magical tunnel from the island of London to rescue their King and Queen's son who had been stolen as an infant. Grades 3 to 6.

RC21758 The Wish Giver
By Bill Brittain

When a strange man comes to a church social promising that he can give people exactly what they ask for, three people make wishes that come true in unexpected ways. Grades 5 to 8.

RC49681 The Hoboken Chicken Emergency by Daniel Manus Pinkwater

Unable to find a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner, Arthur comes home with a 260-pound chicken. Grades 3 to 6.

RC38734 Jennifer Murdley's Toad
By Bruce Coville

Jennifer, a fifth grader, discovers that a kiss from the talking toad she purchased in a magic shop will give her more than warts. Grades 4 to 6.

Ask the Reader Advisor

Q. What is the difference between requesting a book and reserving a book?

A. The difference between request and reserve is, primarily, how quickly books are sent to you. A book on **request** is placed on a computer list for your future reading needs. If the computer selects books for you automatically, it will search your request list for available titles. If you only get books when you call in, you will have to ask the Reader Advisor if books on your list have become available. **Reserve** books are sent out as soon as they become available in the system; this list is limited to twelve books at a time. If you have twelve books on your list, and want to add a book that is a higher priority, ask to have one reserve book moved to your request list, and then we can add your more pressing choice.

Q. When I send in a list of books that I'd like to order, why don't I always receive them?

A. When you send us a list of books, please specify that you would like those books sent to you, immediately. Otherwise, we assume that you want the titles added to your request list. This applies to order forms that accompany the catalogs, as well as lists that you create.

Checklist for Better Service

- ✓ **Always notify the library of address, phone number and name changes.**
- ✓ **Before returning books, rewind each cassette tape.**
- ✓ **Place a rubber band around damaged tapes and mark the return card.**
- ✓ **Include your complete name with all booklists, requests, and letters.**

Announcement

In the next few months, the library will be sending out our annual evaluation survey to a select number of patrons of the library. If you receive the survey please fill out the form and send it back to the library within a month. This survey helps us to determine what changes need to be made at the library to improve services to you our customers. As always, please feel free to call or write with any suggestion you may have.

» ❧ *Thank You* ❧ «

CTBL would like to express our appreciation to Dori Hutson for her recent donation of 20 original pen and ink drawings of many Colorado landmarks. These exquisite drawings have been mounted for display in the conference room of Colorado Talking Book Library.

Ms. Hutson devoted her life to art, sandwiching a career as a department store fashion artist and a greeting card designer between raising her four children. When she moved to the mountains, she began to focus on the scenery of Colorado as her main artistic model. Ms. Hutson spent sixty years of her life producing art until her vision loss interfered with her work.

Colorado Produced Magazines

Currently the Volunteer Studios of **CTBL** record three popular local magazines. You may sign up to receive these free publications through the Reader Advisor at **CTBL**.

Colorado Heritage- The flagship publication of the Colorado Historical Society, Colorado Heritage brings the drama and excitement of Colorado's past to Society members through stories that link history to art, architecture, sports, music, technology, archaeology, and folklore; explores historical events from the earliest days of the fur trade to the end of the twentieth century; and engages readers in small-town prairie life as well as large-city crime and politics. A highly readable quarterly, Colorado Heritage is Colorado's premier historical magazine.

Narrated by Louise Hausburg

Colorado Outdoors- Published by the Colorado Division of Wildlife, is jam-packed with information you want about Colorado and its hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing opportunities. The how-to and where-to tips we offer come from the state's wildlife experts, and you just can't get this information anywhere else. **Colorado Outdoors** does not accept any advertising, so there are no ads to distract you from the features. The 32-page magazine is printed six times a year.

Narrated by Timothy Englert

ColoradoBiz- the leading monthly magazine to cover business statewide, provides business insight as colorful as Colorado to over 60,000 readers each month. Our readers are made up of true decision makers at businesses across the state.

Narrated by Jay Jacobson

National Federation of the Blind

NEWSLINE®

NFB-NEWSLINE® transfers the archived text of newspapers into synthesized speech, which eligible patrons may access from any touch-tone phone.

Patrons of this newly expanded free library service will now dial the toll-free number, **1-888-882-1629**, to access this service. From the *Wall Street Journal* to *USA Today*, the *Milwaukee Journal* to the *Los Angeles Times*, **NFB-NEWSLINE®** offers a choice of over 50 daily and Sunday papers.

To be eligible, library patrons must be blind or visually impaired, and have subscribed to this free service through an **NFB-NEWSLINE®** application.

To request an application for this service please contact the **National Federation of the Blind** at **(410) 659-9314 ext. 356** or on the Web site, **www.nfb.org**

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Web News

If you have not visited the CTBL web site, there are now more reasons than ever to take a look. CTBL now has a new version of its **Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC)** that has many exciting new features. For example, you can now view your Request List, verify which books you have now, and see which titles you have already had. Just go to: www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl

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(303) 786-7777 in Denver/ Boulder
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or on the web at: www.rrsr.org

Colorado Adventures

Recently recorded books that are indispensable for everyone who enjoys adventures in Colorado (even if they are only "armchair adventurers"):

CC 7552 The Great Gates: The Story of the Rocky Mountain Passes

By Marshall Sprague

CC 7628 Colorado Liquid History & Tavern Guide

By Tom Noel

CC 7640 A Climbing Guide to Colorado Fourteeners

By Borneman & Lampert

CC 7672 Margaret's Magnificent Colorado Adventure

By Julie Danneburg

CC 7700 The Colorado Book

by Gehres, Dallas & others

CC 7725 Colorado Almanac

by Tom Noel

CC 7727 Canine Colorado

by Cindy Hirschfeld

MOVIES AT HOME



Here are a few described movies you may want to borrow from CTBL:

VO 111 The Jungle Book

VO 113 Babe

VO 115 Dirty Dancing

VO 132 Hope Floats

VO 137 Primary Colors

VO 145 Meet the Parents

VO 146 Toy Story 2

VO 147 Matrix

✂ How to Reach Us

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Calendar

*CTBL will be closed on the
following days:*

May 27, 2002
Memorial Day

July 4, 2002
Independence Day

September 2, 2002
Labor Day

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