

VIEWS

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CTBL Moves Forward

2001 has come and gone and, unbelievably, it's 2002. While world events held our attention in the past year, **Colorado Talking Book Library** still had many accomplishments to point to with pride. Here's a quick review:

- The **CTBL** web page has been expanded to include information about **CTBL's** descriptive video collection. We have also added the "Children's Corner," information for and about children's programs and books offered through **CTBL**. Check out our "Staff Recommendation" site with book suggestions we think you would enjoy. We have also added information about magazines you may wish to order from **CTBL**. Finally, we added sound to the site as a bonus.
- The *Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library* purchased a Bookmaker Braille Express embosser for the library. We are now able to offer you copies of the descriptive video lists in Braille. **CTBL** is also offering the newsletter in Braille format. Please call the library and we will offer limited Braille, when requested, for our patrons.
- We continue to get new descriptive videos at the library as well as new large print titles and Braille titles. You may access all of our listings on the website. Call **CTBL** to get a pin number for easy access.
- This past year **CTBL** was asked by our software vendor to work with them to make some improvements on the on-line public access catalog which some of you use to order books. We hope that the improvements we suggested will assist you in making your on-line ordering easier.
- Our descriptive video list is now available on cassette, in large print and also in Braille.

We thank you for your support of money, candy, and baked goods, for your constant words of praise and your suggestions to make library service better. The staff would like to wish each of you a happy and healthy 2002.

ANNOUNCING A NEW SERVICE

In the past, Patrons of **CTBL** have had the **VIEWS** newsletter available to them in large print or on cassette. The same options have been available for the descriptive video list and other **CTBL** publications. We are now pleased to make available to our Braille readers **CTBL** publications in Braille thanks to the recent acquisition of a Braille Express Interpoint Embosser. Now you can get **CTBL** information in the format that works best for you. If you would like to receive **VIEWS**, book and video listings, or other **CTBL**-produced information in Braille, contact Alex Hernandez at the library.

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Welcome

The new voice at **Colorado Talking Book Library** is Reader Advisor **Tonya Jilling**.

Tonya will be happy to assist you with your reading choices. We hope that you will get to know her and welcome her to our telephone staff.



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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.

NEW PROGRAM AT CTBL FAMILY READING IN THE SUMMER

Summer reading will have a different face this year. We want everyone in the **CTBL** family to read, and to bring their brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, and significant young people in their lives.

In June, **CTBL** will sponsor the first ever *Family Reading Program*. It will be open to **any family served by Colorado Talking Book Library** and will run for the months of June and July 2002. There will be book lists and activities for families to share, family-centered prizes, and a drawing for special gift certificates for families or extended families (grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends, and others) who complete the program.

Because this is a new concept, we would like to get an idea of how many **CTBL** families would like to participate in the program. If you think you are interested in *Family Reading*, please call **Lois Gross** at **303-727-9277** or **1-800-685-2136** before March 30. Your feedback is important so that we know how many families will be participating and how many rewards to have available and how to structure this exciting new program.

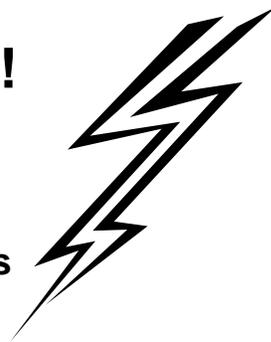
Congratulations to the Telephone Pioneers of America

Celebrating 40 years of Service to the National Library Service and the Talking Book Library through their Talking Book machine repair program.

If you or someone you know would like to learn how help keep our talking books "talking" please call the Volunteer Coordinator at CTBL

FAMILY READING NEWS FLASH!!!

Anchor Frozen Foods has stepped up to the plate to help with **CTBL's Family Reading Program**. Families that participate in the program will be rewarded with coupons for free frozen food *Poppers*®, redeemable at local supermarkets. We sincerely thank **Anchor Foods** and the **Frozen Food Association** for helping us to reward families that read together.



Think Family Reading!

Think Fun!

We're in a Family Reading state of mind. Here are some titles to share and prepare you for the **CTBL Family Reading Program** coming in **June and July 2002**.

RC 47143 The Most Wonderful Books

Fifty-seven authors share stories of their favorite children's books and the significance of lifelong reading.

RC 30836 Once Upon a Time: Celebrating the Magic of Children's Books

A Collection of reminiscences, anecdotes and stories by well-known authors about the joys of books and the experiences of reading. Grades 3 to 6 and older readers.

RC 46638 The Bookstore Mouse by Peggy Christian

Cervantes is a mouse that lives in a bookstore. His biggest problem is the bookstore cat, Milo, who is trying to trap him. But Cervantes can read and Milo can't, so Cervantes has a big advantage. Grades 3 to 6.

RC 46474 Words I Wish I Wrote by Robert Fulghum

Popular, inspirational author pays tribute to writers whose works have inspired his life.

RC 47143 The Most Wonderful Books by Michael Dorris

Short essays by fifty-seven authors who reflect on how books – from comics to classics – changed their lives.

RC 47722 How Reading Changed My Life by Anna Quindlen

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and avid bookworm contemplates the history, value, and pleasures of reading.

RC 47435 Summer Reading is Killing Me by Jon Scieska

Fred, Sam and Joe each has to read four books during the summer. When Joe loses the list, the boys find themselves in the middle of a summer reading disaster. Grades 3 to 6.

RC 45177 The Library Card by Jerry Spinelli

Four stories in which a child's life is changed by the magic of a library card and the power of books. Grades 5 to 8.

RC 42455 The Library by Sarah Stewart

Elizabeth loves books so much that she collects them by the hundreds. Then, one day, disaster hits; there is no more room in her house for even one more book. Grades K to 3.

RC 21828 The Read Aloud Handbook by Jim Trelease

Advises when and how to start family read-aloud sessions and what elements make a book appropriate for this shared experience.

Ask the Reader Advisor

Q. I have a sister who lives in North Dakota. Do they have this service in that state?

A. Every state has Talking Book service available. Call **CTBL** and we can provide you with contact information for other libraries in the national network.

Q. I receive *Talking Book Topics* every two months in cassette form, but I have someone living with me who can read a printed format. Can I change the way I am receiving these?

A. Yes, you can call us and tell us your preference for *Talking Book Topics* in either print or on tape.

Q. The computer automatically sends me two books per week, but sometimes during a holiday week, I don't receive any. Why is that?

A. Usually the computer sends out the weekly and monthly books in uninterrupted fashion. Holidays, however, may cause the computer to skip your regular day. If you do not receive your books within three working days, call **CTBL**. And as always, you can order extra books before a holiday.

Please Remember:

NLS allows one machine per Patron, if you have multiple machines please send them back immediately. If you need packaging material for your extra cassette machine or record players, please contact the library.

INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE

The **National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped** publishes a series of *Reference Circulars* that contain useful information on services and equipment that are available through a variety of sources.

Recently we received an updated publication of: ***Assistive Devices for Use with Personal Computers***. You may request a print copy of this circular from the Reader Advisor at **CTBL** or on our web-site click on the link to **NLS Reference Circulars** Other Circulars worth checking out include:

- ***Sports, Outdoor Recreation, and Games for Visually and Physically Impaired Individuals***
- ***Guide to Spoken Recordings: Popular Literature***
- ***Reading Materials in Large Print: A Resource Guide***
- ***Learning Disabilities: Organizations and Resources***

Congratulations!

The *Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library* held the annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch on December 2, 2001 at the Lakewood Country Club. Nearly 200 people were in attendance. We would like to acknowledge these volunteers who were honored for their years of service and dedication:

25 years

Louise Lederhos

20 years

Bill Bombeck

Ed Van Houten

Ernie Clark

15 years

Phil Brides

Janet Hall

Nort Nielsen

Neal McComic

Loretta McComic

Dick Iversen

Enzio Cassinis

Wayne Corley

10 years

Renee Tewell

Joanne Rudoff

Mickey James

5 years

Lou André

Kathleen Pelley

Robert Olson

Elisabeth Maus

Barbara Flowers

Roberta Conway

Marjorie Braisted

The Lakewood Cultural Center

470 South Allison Pkwy
(Alameda & Wadsworth)

presents

The World in Denver

Jan.14 -March 29

Featuring

**PHOTOGRAPHIC
PORTRAITS**

By Bob Weinberg

&

**TACTILE STONE RELIEF
SCULPTURE**

By Ann Cunningham

This exhibition is an impressive collection of photographs by Bob Weinberg from his journalistic assignments in the Denver Metro area over the past several decades. Because of a retinal eye disease, he is now legally blind. Therefore, the exhibit will feature educational information about vision impairment and will be accessible to the visually impaired.

For more information, please call **Elizabeth Morton** at **(303) 987-7844**.

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IMAX

All performances at the **Denver Museum of Nature & Science IMAX Theatre** are described. Please ask museum staff for the necessary earphones for these performances:

Shackleton's Antarctic Journey

Through Feb. 28th

Everest

Through Feb. 28th

Kilimanjaro: To the Roof of Africa

March 8th-August 29th

Journey Into Amazing Caves

June 7th - August 29th

Call **(303) 322-7009** for additional information on these performances

AUDIO DESCRIBED PERFORMANCES

Schedule of performances
In the Denver Metro Area

Where the Wild Things Are (*Buell*)

March 9th Ballet at 2:00 (tour at noon)

303/893-4100

Almost Heaven (*Stage*)

Mar 30th at 1:30 **303/893-4100**

Jitney (*Space*)

April 6th at 1:30 **303/893-4100**

A New Play (*Ricketson*)

April 13th at 1:30 **303/893-4100**

Suniata: Lion King (*Arvada Center*)

April 23rd at Noon **303/431-3939**

Midsummer's Night Dream (*Buell*)

April 28th Ballet at 2:00 (tour at noon)

303/893-4100

Hansel and Gretel (*Boettcher*)

May 5th at 2:00pm **303/893-4100**

Eugene Onegin (*Boettcher*)

May 12th at 2:00 **303/893-4100**

TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES

Through a partnership with DVS and the US Department of Education, Turner Classic Movies (TCM) cable channel presents classic movies with description. These films are broadcast with descriptions whenever they appear on the TCM channel. Please check your local listings. To obtain the TCM cable channel contact your local cable provider. You can get a complete listing of movies described on the TCM cable channel by calling 1-800-333-1203 or on the internet at: dvs.wgbh.org

NEW!!

We have recently added new movies to our DVS collection. Check these out!

VO 149 Shane

VO 151 To Kill a Mockingbird

VO 153 Our Town

VO 160 Bells of St. Mary's

VO 161 Father's Little Dividend

VO 164 Call of the Wild

VO 167 Life With Father

VO 169 Charade

✂ 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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and
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