

VIEWS

Colorado Talking Book Library Newsletter

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Whew! We Made It Through Another Year

In the past year the library circulated 358,249 items, to 13,189 people throughout the state. The items include cassette, large print, and Braille books as well as descriptive videos. And, I haven't even mentioned the thousands of cassette machines and catalogs that were mailed this year. We know that **CTBL** service is provided in every county in Colorado, and the service is sincerely appreciated by the majority of those who receive it. Almost every day we receive a call or note thanking us for this service.

As many of you know, the ***Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library*** send out a yearly appeal for donations so they can assist the library in meeting some of the cost that are not funded by the state or federal government. The donations received by **CTBL** and the ***Friends*** have made it possible for the library to continue excellent service to you, our patrons. **We thank you for your support.** We hope that you will continue to support this program in the future. As of December 20, 2002, the ***Friends*** have received a total of \$32,748. We will be asking the ***Friends*** to help us with over \$100,000 in costs for items such as; 500,000 mailing cards to send out the books, yearly computer maintenance charges, large print book and descriptive video purchases for adults and children, support of the summer reading program for our younger readers, purchase new digital equipment for the recording studio at the library, and staffing one of the readers advisory positions at the library. Private donations and bequests to the ***Friends of CTBL*** play a big part in the quality of service the library can provide.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has sent our staff a "token" of their appreciation. All the cookies, candy, flowers, pizza, and fruit, are greatly appreciated. We are not a large group, but have a monstrous appetite, and wish to express our appreciation for your kindness.

The entire staff and Friends Board, hope you and your loved ones will have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2003.

Barbara Goral,

Director,
Colorado Talking Book Library

“Book Club to Go” Now On-Line

Get a group of book-loving friends together to discuss a book. Use the books listed on the **CTBL** website and you'll know that the titles are available in talking book so everyone in the group can participate. You can also use the discussion questions to start talking about the book, although your discussion can go anywhere at all. If you call **CTBL**, or e-mail us the information, we'll send coupons for Anchor Frozen products that you can use as snacks for your first meeting, one per member (so be sure to tell us how many people have joined). When you finish your first book discussion, and tell us about it, we'll send you pins to show everyone that your group is composed of “Star Readers.” Now you are ready to begin.

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Welcome

*We'd like to welcome our newest Readers' Advisor to the fold – and the phones. Meet **Leslie Krumbholz** who joined the Readers' Advisory team in November. She'll be answering your book calls in addition to Dennis and Tonya, and we know that you'll welcome her. The addition of the third Readers' Advisor means that your calls will be answered more quickly and efficiently. Additionally, Leslie is a real “book person,” having worked for book stores around the country, including Denver's own Tattered Cover. Leslie is learning the job with great speed and we know you'll enjoy her pleasant personality on the phone.*

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- William J. Moloney, Commissioner
- Nancy Bolt, Deputy State Librarian
- Barbara Goral, Supervisor

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.

VISIT THE EXPANDED KIDS' WEBSITE

Kids' now have a bigger place on the **CTBL** website. The Children's Corner has been newly expanded to include internet links to fun and informative activities, expanded booklists, and a special book that young readers can listen to and talk about or review for publication on the webpage.

Visit the Children's Corner, today, for lots of new and exciting activities and great talking book recommendations.



The Friends of Colorado Talking Book Library recently celebrated the many volunteers who contribute time and energy to keep our library running. We especially want to recognize those dedicated individuals who have contributed so many years of service:

Twenty Years

**Margaret Hertzog
Elizabeth Burke**

Fifteen Years

**Nelson Embleton
Ted Schmidt**

Ten Years

Jack Cheever

Frank Duff

Dean Haynes

Mac McInerney

Bob Orton

John Taylor

Elmer Tilstra

Five Years

Jeanne Amen

Timothy Englert

Veralyne Fenty

Charissa Hammer

Tom Holland

Jackie Kilfoyle

David Knutson

Bernard Krause

Tony Mattern

Thomas McLaughlin

Moni Monismith

Ashley Rankin

CALL US BEFORE YOU SEND PERSONAL BRAILLE BOOKS

We have had several unsolicited shipments of Braille books sent to **CTBL** by patrons. While we understand your good intentions, our space for Braille is limited and we have to be selective about the titles we choose. Please call and ask whether we can use your books before you send them to us. We will return any books that come without prior approval.

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.

Children's Book Award Nominees

Available in Talking Book and Braille

The following books have been nominated for the Colorado Children's Book Awards. Not all books are available in every format, so check the prefix on the number to see if the book is available in cassette (RC), Braille (BR), or large print (PR). Visit the **CTBL** website for other booklists of award-winning books:

RC050907/BR013626/PR010043

The Bad Beginning

by Lemony Snickett Grades 4 to 7
The first in the series of misadventures of the Baudelaire children, magnets for misfortune, who are sent to live with a repulsive relative.

RC050679/PR011092/BR012917

Because of Winn-Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo Grades 3 to 6
India Opal and her father move to a small Florida town, where Opal is befriended by the town's librarian and a big friendly dog.

BR014022 The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins

by Barbara Kerley Grades 2 to 4
Braille only. True story of the British artist who built the first life-size models of dinosaurs for exhibit in England.

RC052589/ BR013641

Down the Yukon, by Will Hobbs
Sweethearts Jason and Jamie leave Dawson City in a race down the Yukon to Nome where new gold deposits have been discovered. Junior/ Senior High.

RC052960 Esperanza Rising

by Pam Munoz Ryan Grades 6 to 9
When her father dies, Esperanza and her mother must leave their privileged life in Mexico to become migrant workers in California.

BR014025 A Fine, Fine School

by Sharon Creech Grades K to 3
Braille only. A school principal who thinks every day should be a school day is convinced by his students that free time is good, too.

BR014020 Goin' Someplace Special

by Patricia McKissack Grades K to 3
Braille only. Tricia Ann, a young African American girl, takes her first trip to a segregated city and draws on her grandmother's wisdom to help her cope with the prejudice she encounters.

BR013096 The Hickory Chair

by Lisa Rowe Faustino Grades K to 3
Braille only. A young blind boy remembers his grandmother with love when he is given her chair after she dies.

RC052345 Nory Ryan's Song

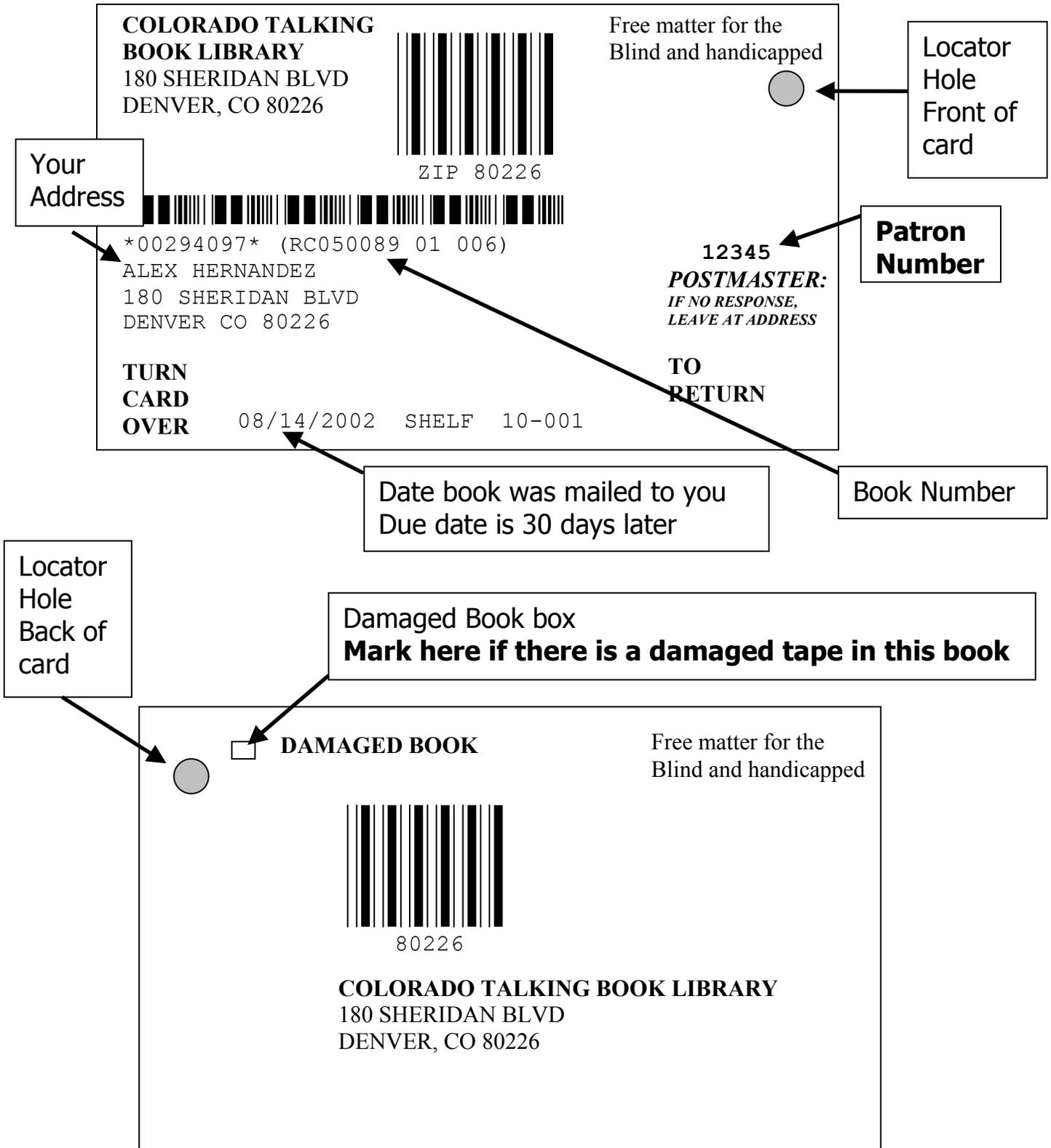
by Patricia Giff Grades 4 to 7
In famine-ravaged Ireland, Nory dreams of taking her family to faraway Brooklyn. Meanwhile, she learns the uses of herbs and how to be an herbalist.

RC050416 Snail Mail No More

by Paula Danziger Grades 5 to 8
Tara Starr and Elizabeth are e-mail buddies and they share news of boyfriends, Tara's new sister, and Elizabeth's alcoholic father, over the internet.

CTBL Mailing Card

Every book we send you comes with a mailing card that looks like the illustration below. We have identified the key information on each side that may be useful when you call the library with questions about a specific book.



SKI Colorado

Our patrons may be interested in the wonderful opportunities available in Colorado for people of all abilities to enjoy skiing as well as many other winter sports. We have listed here a small number of the many resorts and programs with adaptive equipment and trained guides for participating in many winter sports.

Adaptive Sports Center (ASC) of Crested Butte provides year-round recreation activities for people with disabilities and their families. Adaptive instruction and equipment are available for alpine skiing and snowboarding as well as the Nordic program. **Toll Free (866) 349-2296** www.adaptivesports.org

Adaptive Sports Association of Durango ASA is proud of their instructors who are specifically trained for instruction with individuals with blindness or various visual impairments. **Phone (970) 259-0374** www.asadurango.org

Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) Skiing is a sport that can be enjoyed by everyone! At the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center (BOEC) the excitement of skiing is available to people with any disability. **Phone: (970) 453-6422** www.boec.org

Challenge Aspen offers a variety of recreational programs to fit a diversity of needs and interests. They offer summer, winter and special events for both adults and children. **Phone: (970) 923-0578** www.challengeaspen.com

Eldora Special Recreation Program (ESRP) The Eldora Mountain Resort has been home to the **ESRP** since 1975. The ESRP provides therapeutic winter recreation opportunities designed for individuals who require adaptive equipment or special instruction. **Phone: (303) 258-1166** www.esrp.com

Telluride Adaptive Ski Program can develop life skills for people with disabilities and their families by providing affordable, quality sports & recreational experiences. **Phone: (970) 728-7537** www.skitasp.org

Visually Impaired and Blind Skiers of the Colorado Springs Community (VIBeS) is an all-volunteer organization devoted to enhancing the physical and mental health of the blind and visually impaired in our community. Each year, VIBeS offers recreational and physical fitness activities to nearly 100 individuals with low or no vision. **Phone: (719) 593-1982**

Winter Park has been home to the **National Sports Center for the Disabled** ski programs since 1970. But perhaps the most important assets are the intangible ones- the genuine friendliness and warmth of the people who live and work in Winter Park, and the unspoiled beauty of the Fraser Valley. **Phone: (970) 726-1540** or **(303) 316-1540** www.nscd.org

Audio Described Performances

Stones in His Pocket	Jan 25th 2:00
Denver Auditorium	(303) 640-2862
Bernice/Butterfly	Jan 25th 1:30
Ricketson Theater.....	(303) 446-4852
Romeo & Juliet	Jan 25th 2:00
Mini Theater- Ft. Collins.....	(970) 484-5237
Lost in Yonkers	Feb 2nd 2:00
Schwader Theater.....	(303) 316-6363
Loves Labor's Lost	Feb 8th 1:30
Stage /DCPA	(303) 446-4852
Fosse!	Feb 20th 7:30
Lincoln Center- Ft. Collins.....	(970) 221-6735
On Golden Pond	Feb 21st 8:00
Union Colony C. C.- Greeley..	(970) 350-9460
The Man Who Came to Dinner	Feb 22nd 2:00
Arvada Center.....	(303) 431-3939/3113
Romeo & Juliet	Feb 22nd 2:00
Denver Auditorium.....	(303) 837-8818/19
Lucia di Lammermoor	Feb 23rd 2:00
Buell/DCPA	(303) 778-0215
Saturday Night Fever	Mar 9th 2:00
Buell/DCPA.....	(303) 640-5044
Laughter on 23rd Floor	Mar 15th 2:00
Mini Theater (Ft. Collins).....	(970) 484-5237
Copenhagen	Mar 22nd 1:30
Ricketson/DCPA.....	(303) 446-4852
Three Sisters	Mar 29th 1:30
Space/DCPA.....	(303) 446-4852
Two Pianos, Four Hands	April 5th 1:30
Stage/DCPA	(303) 446-4852
Alice in Wonderland	April 21st 6:30
Union Colony C. C.- Greeley	(970) 350-9460

Patrons who are interested in a more complete listing of all the described performances for 2003 are invited to call **VSA Arts** at **303-777-0797** or www.co.vsarts.org and request to be added to their mailing list.

BRILLE READERS ARE LEADERS CONTEST

NFB (National Federation of the Blind) has announced their 20th Annual Contest for Blind Youth. Blind school-aged children from kindergarten through the twelfth grade are eligible to enter. The purpose of the contest is to encourage blind children to read more Braille.

For more information
contact:

Barbara Cheadle, National
Organization of Parents of
Blind Children
(410) 659-9314 ext.360
BCheadle@nfb.org

New Descriptive Videos

- VO 166** His Girl Friday
- VO 167** Life with Father
- VO 168** The Pied Piper of Hamelin
- VO 169** Charade
- VO 170** For the Moment
- VO 171** The Hobbit

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✂ **How to Reach Us**

Mailing address:

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180 Sheridan Blvd.
Denver, CO 80226

Phone: **(303) 727-9277**

1(800) 685-2136 outside Metro Denver

On the Internet

www.cde.state.co.us/ctbl

Calendar

CTBL will be closed on the following days:

January 20, 2003
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 17, 2003
President's Day

May 26, 2003
Memorial Day

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for the Blind
and
Handicapped

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