



Talking Book Services

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MEDIA SERVICES

- Recorded & Braille magazines
- Large Print Books
- Talking Books: Cassettes
- Books in Braille
- Descriptive Videos
- WEB-Braille

READING SELECTIONS

- Fiction and Nonfiction
- Adult & Children's Books
- General Interest Magazines
- Online Catalog

HOURS

Monday-Friday
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Keeping in Tune with the TBS Advisory Council

The TBS Advisory Council met on October 15, 2008. We were pleased to have as our guest Judith Dixon, Consumer Relations Officer from the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

Judy Dixon met with the Advisory Council to give an update on the progress of the digital transition, demonstrate the new player, and to suggest how the Advisory Council can assist the State Library in this new and exciting time.

Dixon said, "It is important for an Advisory Council to stay focused on why you are here and what is an appropriate role for your group...Talking Book Libraries now more than ever will need the Advisory Council's support and advice as we transition into this new format."

The Advisory Council is a sounding board for library planning, priorities, policies, program efforts and service concerns. They are a group of concerned, dedicated people that generously give of their time to serve. Marty McKenzie is the chairperson for the council.

The Advisory Council meets quarterly and the next scheduled meeting is slated for January 2009.



DIGITAL TRANSITION UPDATE



In the Spring of 2009, Talking Book Services will begin the process of transitioning from the 4-track cassette tapes to the digital format. Bear in mind that Talking Books on cassette will continue to be made available for the near future. It is recommended that patrons have both the digital talking book machine as well as a cassette book machine initially, as many of the existing cassette books will not be available digitally.

First preference in receiving the digital players will be to veterans and then to those patrons 100 years of age or older. Talking Books Services is currently compiling a list of patrons who are interested in receiving a digital player. Please contact Talking Books at (800)-922-7818 or email tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov to have your name added to the distribution list. Those who have already called and inquired about the digital player are on the list. Initially NLS will be distributing the players to each network library in limited quantities; therefore getting the new player into the hands of all patrons interested will take time.

All patrons must be in good standing with the library in order to receive the new digital player. Good standing is defined as: returns library materials on time; asks for renewals when more time is needed; returns machines when repairs are needed; responds to overdue notices by either returning the materials or informing us of an error in our records; and informs the library of address and telephone number changes. If you have questions about your account status, contact the library.

What You Said.....

"Excellent! The service is great! I couldn't ask for anything better. You people are great!" - Robert Le Duc - Murrells Inlet

"You are my lifeline. I don't know what I'd do without you." Carmen B. Groome - Orangeburg

"The service is terrific! I just love you people." Barbara Durham - Easley

"I don't know how I would survive without Talking Books." Terry Knox - Murrells Inlet

"The best thing that ever happened to a blind person. I can't praise the service enough." Sandra Bowers - Greenville

"I appreciate the Talking Book Library for those unable to use regular library service." Rita Williams - Moncks Corner

FOR LARGE PRINT READERS

- LP 20176** Deaver, Jeffery. **The Broken Window: A Lincoln Rhyme Novel.** Lincoln Rhyme and his detective partner, Amelia Sachs, take on a psychotic mastermind who uses data mining to select and hunt down his victims.
- LP 20195** Jakes, T.D. **Before You Do: Making Decisions You Won't Regret.** Pastor and best-selling author turns his attention and teachings to the topic of relationships issues that need resolving.
- LP 20221** Kershaw, Alex. **Escape from the Deep: The Epic Story of a Legendary Submarine and her Courageous Crew.** Details the sinking of the U.S. Navy submarine Tang in the Pacific theater of World War II, the ordeal of its surviving crew members, and their capture by the Japanese.
- LP 20179** Macomber, Debbie. **8 Sandpiper Way: A Cedar Cove Novel.** Emily Flemming suspects that her pastor husband is having an affair and may also be stealing a parishioner's jewelry. Meanwhile, widowed sheriff Troy Davis's former high school girlfriend Faith returns to town.
- LP 20168** McFadden, Maryann. **The Richest Season.** Neglected corporate wife Joanna Harrison leaves New Jersey and travels to Pawley's Island, S.C., where she meets Grace, an elderly artist who needs a live-in companion.
- LP 20216** McGraw, Phil. **Real Life: Preparing for the 7 Most Challenging Days of Your Life.** Dr. Phil McGraw helps prepare readers to confront what he believes are the seven of the most common crisis: loss; fear; adaptability breakdown; physical health; mental health; addiction; and existential crisis.
- LP 20188** Meltzer, Brad. **The Book of Lies.** While helping homeless people, Cal Harper suddenly finds his long-lost father, who has just been shot. Soon Cal is running from a killer who seeks a mysterious relic linked to the creator of Superman—and to Cain and Abel.
- LP 20227** Young, William p. **The Shack.** Mack Phillips's daughter Missy disappears during a family vacation in Oregon. Now Mack receives a cryptic letter—apparently from God—inviting him back to the remote shack where Missy may have been murdered.

New Books from the Recording Booth

Three books were recently recorded by our volunteers. Please call the library to request the newest additions to the S.C. Collection.

CBC 485 Freedom's Child: The Life of a Confederate General's Black Daughter by Carrie Allen McCray

In 1875, Malinda Rice, a black teenager working in the household of retired Virginia brigadier general John R. Jones, gave birth to his daughter, Mary. The married general bucked Southern tradition by not only publicly acknowledging Mary but also financing her college education. The author, Malinda's granddaughter, unearths her family's long-buried secrets in a quest to understand her mother's rich tumultuous life. Narrated by Marjorie Hammock.

CBC 487 Baroness of Hobcaw: The Life of Belle W. Baruch by Mary E. Miller

Belle W. Baruch (1899-1964), was the daughter of Wall Street tycoon Bernard Baruch. This book details her life in the South Carolina Lowcountry, New York, and Europe where she traveled extensively and socialized with many famous politicians, entertainers and entrepreneurs. Unapologetic for her athleticism and interests in traditionally masculine pursuits, she is known today for the wildlife conservation and biological research center on the South Carolina coast that bears her family name. Narrated by Patricia Voelker.

CBC 488 Deep in the Heart: A Memoir of Love and Longing by Sheila Morris

The author's story of growing up in the 1950s in small-town Texas in a colorful and loving family while nursing a dark and aching secret: she will never grow up to be the daughter and granddaughter her family wants her to be. Narrated by Sheila Morris.



2009 Braille calendars now available!

We are happy to offer free Braille calendars thanks to the generosity of The American Fund for Blind Children and Adults. Please call 1-800-922-7818 to request a 2009 Braille calendar.

Make the Most of Your Money



- RC 63417** Brock, Fred. **Health Care on Less than You Think: The New York Times Guide to Getting Affordable Coverage.** Former financial editor assesses employer-based plans, coverage outside of work, supplemental dental and eye policies, health savings accounts, prescription drug plans, Medicare, and long-term care insurance.
- RC 64597** Herigstad, Sally. **Help! I Can't Pay My Bills: Surviving a Financial Crisis.** CPA offers financial advice on managing money and getting out of debt by cutting expenses, prioritizing debts, reaching financial goals, and staying on a budget.
- RC 63415** Lankford, Kimberly. **The Insurance Maze: How You Can Save Money on Insurance—and Still Get the Coverage You Need.** Advice from Insurance columnist for Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine on selecting appropriate insurance—health, homeowners, auto, life, disability, or long-term care.
- RC 62516** Latko, David W. **Financial Strategies for Today's Widow: Coping with the Economic Challenges of Losing a Spouse.** Financial counselor's guide to developing a lifelong security plan for widowed women. Covers selling a home, establishing credit, handling taxes, choosing insurance, accessing assets, managing day-to-day expenses, and avoiding scams.
- RC 60800** Lipsman, Ron. **You Can Do the Math: Overcome Your Math Phobia and Make Better Financial Decisions.** Professor offers an introduction to the mathematics of personal finance, such as buying or leasing a car, owning or renting a home, insurance, credit cards, college and retirement funds, taxes and inflation, stock market investments, and compound interest.
- RC 64860** Smith, Ron. **Scambusters! More than Sixty Ways Seniors Get Swindled and How They Can Prevent It.** Concise manual on recognizing fraudulent activity involving banking and credit, nursing homes, health care, online pharmacies, insurance, investments, the Internet, car repairs, charitable donations, shopping, and telemarketing.
- RC 60539** Sutton, Garret. **The ABC's of Getting Out of Debt: Turn Bad Debt into Good Debt and Bad Credit into Good Credit.** Author describes the difference between good debt and bad debt, explains credit scores and reports, and suggests ways to repair one's finances.



Magazines Just for Kids

The following children's magazines are available at no charge. Please call the library at 1-800-922-7818 to request any of these.

On cassette:

Cricket: The Magazine for Children (NGW3) - monthly

National Geographic Kids - (NGW3) - monthly

Spider: The Magazine for Children (SPD3) - monthly

Sports Illustrated for Kids (SPK3) - monthly

In Braille:

Boys' Life (BLY1) - monthly (plus special issue)

Muse (MUE1) - 10 issues/year

Spider: The Magazine for Children (SPD1) - monthly

Stone Soup: The Magazine by Young Writers and Artists (STO1)

5 issues per year



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Holiday Closings

The S.C. State Library will be closed for the following holidays:



Christmas

December 24, 25 and 26, 2008

New Year's Day

January 1, 2009

Martin Luther King's Day

January 19, 2009

President's Day

February 16, 2009

The Talking Book Services staff wish you all a safe and very happy holiday season!