

## ABOUT TALKING BOOK SERVICES



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## FIRST BRAILLE CHALLENGE HUGE SUCCESS!

TBS was delighted to be the host of the first statewide Braille Challenge. The Braille Challenge is an academic competition. This two-stage contest is designed to motivate blind students to emphasize their study of Braille. We were very excited about having parents, teachers, volunteers and, most of all, students here at the library. The event was well attended and will become an annual event that will be hosted here at SCSL.

We have a winner! Brianna Murray, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade violin major at The Charleston School of the Arts, has qualified for the National Braille Challenge Finals in Los Angeles, California. She is the only student in South Carolina to ever make it to the Braille Finals and this is her third time qualifying. Only 12 students in her age group from all 50 states and Canada were selected to participate in the finals based upon preliminary testing. In California, she will go through a battery of tests including interpreting Braille graphs and charts, Braille reading speed and comprehension, dictation, speed and accuracy, and proof-reading Braille text.

This is a tremendous honor for Brianna, Charleston County Schools and South Carolina. She will be representing the Charleston County School District and South Carolina in a national arena. Brianna is an outstanding student and because of Brianna's participation in the Braille Challenge, the South Carolina Regional Braille Challenge was organized. Congratulations to Brianna and good luck!

For more information about the Braille Challenge, contact Kathryn Ouzts, South Carolina Regional Braille Challenge Chairman, [Kathryn\\_Ouzts@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:Kathryn_Ouzts@charleston.k12.sc.us) or 843-345-5787.

# HAVING MY SAY

Pamela N. Davenport  
Director, TBS

There is enthusiastic interest among library patrons in our new digital books. The books are recorded on computers and placed onto small computer chips that are imbedded into thick plastic. This new technology offers clearer sound quality and easy-to-use options.



With the arrival of both a standard and an advanced digital talking-book machine, South Carolina is ready to take on the digital transition. We are currently looking at a Digital Player Distribution and Loan Policy with the assistance of the Talking Book Services Advisory Council.

Veterans of the United States Armed Forces will be granted first priority to receive the new digital players in keeping with federal law and with the guidelines established by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). Letters have been sent to all veterans and we have received positive responses. After all veterans receive a digital player, Talking Book Services (TBS) will loan the new digital players to active library users who are in good standing with the library, in the order they are requested.

If you wish to borrow a digital player and have not already requested to be put on the waiting list, please contact the library. A library user in good standing returns materials on time or asks for renewals when more time is need. He or she responds to letters about overdue materials, either by returning the materials or by contacting the library about a mistake in the records. A patron in good standing does not have a large number of overdue or lost items on their record and they return machines to the library for repairs when needed.

Also, please hold onto your current cassette player. It should prove to be useful for several more years. Most of the TBS collection is recorded on cassette tapes, and NLS will continue to make magazines on cassette for the time being. Even after patrons start listening to digital books, they may still want to receive titles that are only available on cassette tape.

Before the end of 2010, the library hopes to have approximately 20,000 titles in the new Digital Book (DB) format. This compares to over 60,000 in the Recorded Cassette (RC) format. Initially, a patron will be limited to a maximum of 3 digital books at a time. As the collection grows, this number may increase.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve you, our wonderful TBS patrons. Continue to enjoy your summer.

# FOR LARGE PRINT READERS

- LP 20406** Baldacci, David. **First Family.** When the niece of First Lady Jane Cox is abducted, Jane asks former Secret Service agents Sean King and Michelle Maxwell, now private investigators, to help search.
- LP 20374** Barker, Bob. **Priceless Memories.** Barker reminisces about his fifty years on television--as host of shows *The Price Is Right*, *Truth or Consequences*, and *the Miss USA* pageant.
- LP 20420** Connelly, Michael. **The Scarecrow.** *Los Angeles Times* reporter Jack McEvoy wants a big story for his last two weeks on the job. He stumbles upon a high-tech serial-killer case.
- LP 20390** Macomber, Debbie. **Summer on Blossom Street.** Upbeat cancer survivor Lydia starts a "Knit to Quit" group in their Blossom Street yarn store, bringing in an assortment of customers for weekly self-help sessions.
- LP 20418** Moore, Mary Tyler. **Growing Up Again: Life, Loves, and Oh Yeah, Diabetes.** The former sitcom actress recounts her experiences with juvenile diabetes, which was diagnosed during a miscarriage.
- LP 20366** Osteen, Victoria. **Love Your Life: Living Happy, Healthy, and Whole.** Copastor of Houston's Lakewood Church offers a spiritual guide to coping with the modern world.
- LP 20386** Sandford, John. **Wicked Prey.** Lucas Davenport learns that the Republican convention has attracted a sniper to St. Paul. Meanwhile, thieves plan to steal millions in illegal cash from lobbyists.
- LP 20370** Snyderman, Nancy. **Medical Myths That Can Kill You: And the 101 Truths That Will Save, Extend, and Improve Your Life.** Physician and NBC News chief medical editor dispels seven common myths regarding health, medical care, and longevity.
- LP 20397** Steel, Danielle. **Honor Thyself.** Fifty-year-old actress Carole Barber travels to Paris to do research for a book she is writing. After a terrorist attack, Carole suffers from amnesia.

# 2009 User Satisfaction Survey

Survey forms were mailed to all registered readers. Readers responded by phone, and by regular mail. Reader advisors contacted those needing service adjustments. They also responded to those wanting information about other services offered and provided information about the digital transition. Thank you for participating in our survey. We value your opinion. Below are the results.

## **Talking Book Library Service**

88% Excellent  
11% Good  
1% Fair

## **Other Libraries Used**

38% Public Library  
60 % Only TBS  
2 % School Libraries

## **Title Selection**

27% Excellent  
34% Very Good  
20% Good  
16% Not Applicable  
3% Fair

## **Reason for using TBS**

83% Pleasure  
10% Other  
4% School  
3% Magazines

## **Books Ordered from Online Catalog**

84% - Yes  
16% - No

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## **What You Said....**

I'm thrilled about Talking Book Services. It has given me my life back.

*Annie F. Clark - Anderson, SC*

Talking Books is just an inspiration. I couldn't do without them.

*Lenora Robertson - Rock Hill, SC*

The Talking Book Services program is a true blessing. It fills my empty time.

*Ted G. Benham - Greenville, SC*

**The Library will be closed the following days:** September 7; November 11, 26 and 27; December 24, 25 and 28.

# Summer Reads



- RC 66882** Child, Lee. **Nothing to Lose: A Jack Reacher Novel.** Hitchhiking through Colorado, ex-military cop Jack Reacher comes upon the unfriendly town of Despair and investigates a mysterious factory and missing young men.
- RC 66604** Frank, Dorothea Benton. **Bulls Island.** After twenty years in Manhattan, Elizabeth “Betts” McGee returns home to South Carolina on business, wanting to reconnect with her family while guarding old secrets.
- RC 67712** Gosselin, Kate. **Multiple Blessings: Surviving to Thriving with Twins and Sextuplets.** Kate Gosselin, from the reality television show *Jon and Kate Plus 8*, describes having sextuplets after previous fertility treatment resulted in twin girls.
- RC 67858** Grisham, John. **The Associate.** Yale law-school graduate Kyle McAvoy is blackmailed into working at a Wall Street firm that is handling a multibillion dollar lawsuit involving a Pentagon contract.
- RC 67508** Johnson, Kaylene. **Sarah: How a Hockey Mom Turned the Political Establishment Upside Down.** Chronicles the political career of Sarah Palin, from her 1992 election to the Wasilla, Alaska, city council to her term as Alaska’s first female governor.
- RC 67516** Myron, Vicki. **Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World.** Spencer, Iowa, public library director describes finding a kitten in the book drop in 1988 and how the feline became an increasingly famous mascot over the next nineteen years.
- RC 67526** Shaffer, Mary Ann. **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society.** London, 1946. Writer Juliet Ashton corresponds with other members of a literary society created as a front during the Nazi occupation of the British channel island Guernsey.
- RC 66666** Spelling, Tori. **Stori Telling.** Daughter of producer Aaron Spelling describes her affluent upbringing, acting in Beverly Hills, 90210, leaving her brand-new husband for a married costar, and poking fun at her tabloid image in a reality television show.

# Best Wishes to Barbara Windham



After almost 25 years of state government service, 10 spent working as a Reader Advisor for Talking Book Services, Barbara Windham retired April 30.

Barbara's friendly and cheerful voice was recognized by many patrons, even though she never met many of you personally. With a genuine desire to help all talking book readers, she always kept an eye out for a much desired title, searched for needed resources, and gave extra time to someone who just needed to talk. Barbara sincerely cared for her patrons and would go the extra

mile for them all.

During a recent visit with her former co-workers she said "I'm very good at retirement!" She's been enjoying visiting her neighbors, relaxing with good books and working many hours to make her yard look beautiful. This summer, she will take a month long trip across the country to visit Tennessee, Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Montana and North Dakota. She's always wanted to visit the Grand Canyon and is excited that she will fulfill that dream.

Barbara was a dedicated employee, always wanting the best for the patrons, TBS and the State Library. The entire staff wishes her all the best as she begins her retirement.

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## **I Love My Talking Books by Lisa M. Petty**

Talking Books are a great resource

With many topics to choose from you're sure to stay on course

You can take it with you wherever you go and you're sure to stay in the know

With many many books and magazines sure to be a delight

Even in the darkest hours of the night

There is so much to listen to and to learn

You're sure to find something to while away the hours

And still have time to confer with the flowers and consult with the rain

With a friendly knowable staff to consult with you can't go wrong

Even in the darkest hours it will keep you strong it keeps me going from dusk to dawn.



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## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### Free Braille Books

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Each year Seedlings Braille Books for Children offers two free books from their catalog to any blind child in the United States. For more details call **1-800-777-8552** or visit the **website: [www.seedlings.org](http://www.seedlings.org)**

### Recordings for Recovery

"Summer Fun in the Sun" with music from Recordings for Recovery (R4R). R4R is a music library with music for everyone. Over 1200 titles with 26 categories of music, short stories and sound effects are offered. Make R4R your personal music library for "Summer Fun in the Sun". Call **800-798-1192** or visit the website at: **[www.r4r.org](http://www.r4r.org)** for more information about the program.

### NLS Music Section

The National Library Service maintains a collection of over 30,000 large print and Braille music scores, texts and instructional recordings on cassette about music and musicians. For a complete list of Music Section materials visit **[www.loc.gov/nls/catalog](http://www.loc.gov/nls/catalog)** or call **1-800-424-8567**.