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# CTBL News

Colorado Talking Book Library • Denver

## Highlighting—SHELF at CTBL

CTBL is thrilled to announce that SHELF is up and running. Basically it is BARD for locally recorded books. At last count there were 42 states doing local recording of books including Colorado. We have been working on a way to have them accessible to patrons via download. Thanks to a grant the Perkins Library in Massachusetts received, the development of SHELF was paid for and Keystone—our library system vendor—developed the project to seamlessly work with KLAS. The Friends of CTBL pays the annual subscription fee.

Via SHELF you can access books recorded at CTBL and from many other states. Currently books from Idaho, Massachusetts, and Missouri are available in our database. Over time we hope other states will join as well, expanding access to this collection.

So how do you access this collection of books? First you sign into the online catalog using your patron ID# and your password. Then you can search the catalog or click the "CTBL SHELF" link on the left side of the screen to browse the books. Once you find a book that interests you, scroll to the bottom of the screen, find the "download" link and click it. From then on all the same steps you use

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with BARD will apply. You will have to unzip the file and transfer to a cartridge to listen to the book.

We hope you will enjoy this expansion of book access. Remember that states record books of local interest so if you have been interested in learning more about Idaho or Massachusetts or authors who live in those states, now you can find books to satisfy those interests.

## From the Director

Over 20% of our patrons discover CTBL's services through friends and family. They can then rediscover the joy of reading. I would encourage you to "spread the word" about CTBL to your friends and acquaintances. It may surprise you that they know someone who could use the service. I think CTBL and the NLS network is one of the best kept secrets. As you know, it is a great service and your tax dollars at work. Let's not keep the secret to ourselves. Help spread the word!

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## Advocacy for CTBL

Given the current economic climate and the state's budget situation, the Board of the Friends invite you to call your state legislator to tell them about the Colorado Talking Book Library and let them know how much the library's services mean to you. If you need their name or phone number, the reader advisors can give that information to you when you call the library. Please do not send letters to CTBL.

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## Reader Advisors—Ordering On-Demand Books

With the new digital books, we have also introduced a new ordering process. For most of the digital books in the Colorado Collection, we make copies of the books as needed when ordered. This new category is called "on-demand." If you order through the website, you will see "On Demand" in the availability column in your search results. To ensure you receive one of these books, you will need to check the box next to "Rush This Item" on the book basket screen.

This will place a reserve on the book and start the process for us to make a copy of the book. For any books already in your request list, you will need to check the box in the "Rush Request" column to receive the book. Some of these books are also available for download through SHELF (see page 1).

If you are the first person requesting a copy of a particular book, it could take up to 4 weeks for you to receive the book. You will be notified of a delay longer than 4 weeks, with an expected time frame for completion of the book.

For those who don't order online, just let a Reader Advisor know the book you'd like to receive and they will make sure you get a copy.

## Guidepost Magazine

Through an arrangement set up by Nebraska, we are able to receive a digital copy of the magazine. It is now available for local duplication. If you would like to receive a copy on cartridge, please call a reader advisor. Guidepost provides "true stories of hope and inspiration and practical ways to live a happier and more meaningful life."

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## Tech Talk—Firmware Upgrade

The first question many of you probably have is, "What is firmware?" Firmware is the operating instructions stored on many electronic devices. It is the small program that operates the device. The digital talking book player you received from the Colorado Talking Book Library is operated through the firmware stored on the player. Every so often the firmware for the players is updated to fix any problems and to enhance the operation of the player. The most recent version of the digital player firmware was released on October 24, 2011.

There are several ways to receive the updated firmware for your player:

- For BARD users, you can download the firmware upgrade from the BARD main page. In the Additional Links section is a link to the latest version of the software.
- If you receive the audio edition of our newsletter, CTBL includes the upgrade on the cartridge with the newsletter.
- For any patrons not signed up for BARD or the audio edition of the newsletter, CTBL is circulating cartridges with the upgrade on them. When you receive this cartridge, simply put it in the player and the upgrade will happen automatically. Once you have done this, please return the cartridge to the library so we can send it to other patrons

Any new books produced after October 2011 will contain the firmware upgrade.

When you receive a cartridge with the upgrade on it, your player will automatically start the upgrade once the cartridge is inserted. Your player will announce, "Updating your player's software." When you hear this—do **NOT** turn off the player or remove the cartridge.

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The player will beep while the upgrade is installing and restart itself after the upgrade has been completed. The upgrade takes less than a minute to install. A player will only read the upgrade file once and then ignore it on any subsequent books or cartridges containing the file.

## Mailroom News—Changes to Mailing Cards

Patrons who receive digital books in the blue container may have noticed an additional green card behind the regular mail card. This card asks patrons to make sure there is a cartridge in the box and that the number on the cartridge matches the number on the box before mailing back to CTBL.

When turning the mailing card over, please be sure that you are turning over the top card only so that the return address will show.

The mailing card has a hole punch in it and should always be on top with the hole in the top left position.

Without the mail card showing the book takes much longer to get to CTBL and checked in to you.

## Upcoming Event of Interest

- **Maintain Your Independence with Low-Vision**  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
740 Gunnison Ave. in **Grand Junction**

Hear expert speakers, including Dr. Diana Reeves of Denver, on low-vision conditions, treatments, and coping options. Sponsored by the Center for Independence and the American Council of the Blind. For more information, call 970-241-0315 and leave your contact information.

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## Resource of Interest

One popular magazine that is requested often is "The Economist." Now it is available from NLS on BARD.

NLS reports: "The Economist is made available to NLS patrons by the kind permission of The Economist Newspaper Limited, and contains the full contents of the print edition, recorded by professional broadcasters in London, England. Except for the addition of standard NLS opening announcements, the publication is presented unaltered.

The Economist is part of a pilot project to increase the availability of magazines to patrons. Subscriptions to The Economist will not be offered on cassette, but the magazine will be available on physical media when the magazine program has transitioned to cartridge."

## Volunteer News—Appreciating Our Volunteers

The Lakewood Country Club was the site of CTBL's annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. The banquet room was filled to capacity once again as we kicked off the holiday season by celebrating the special accomplishments of our volunteers.

We honored nine people who have volunteered at CTBL for five years. The **five-year** awardees are: Donna Calvaresi, Sue Gibbons, Visvaldis Jaunaraajs, Stanley Larson, Jan Lattuca, Donna McCombs, Carol McGarr, Tom Moran, and Frank Oldham.

The five Volunteers who were honored for **ten years** of service to CTBL are Bob Henderson, Norm Jones, David Nielsen, Don and Dorothy Wiens.

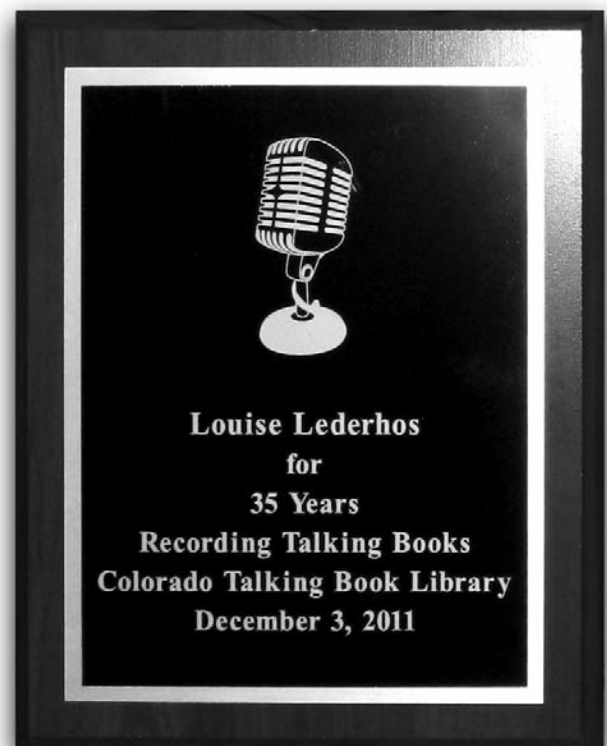
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Three people were honored for **fifteen years** of serving CTBL patrons. They are Barbara Flowers, Robert Olson, and Larry Saltzman.

Mickey James and Joanne Rudoff were honored by receiving their **Twenty-Year Awards**.

Very **Special Recognition** was given to two Pioneers from the machine repair crews. They are Wayne Corley and Norton Nielsen who have worked on the Talking Book Machine Repair project in conjunction with the Pioneers, a volunteer network of retirees from the telecommunications industry.

The climax of the awards presentation was honoring Louise Lederhos for her **thirty-five years** of recording talking books at CTBL. She was given an archival quality gold CD of her "Greatest Hits-Volume 1"—a selection of her recordings over the last thirty-five years as chosen by patrons of the library. She was also presented with a plaque honoring her achievement. The plaque will be installed in the CTBL Hall of Fame.



**CTBL will be closed on the following days in 2012:  
January 2 and 16, February 20, and May 28**

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## Collection News— Suggestions from New Additions

Suggestions from the hundreds of Large Print books  
(Please note, these titles are not in audio format):

**PR018968 Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption** Author: Laura Hillenbrand

Author of "Seabiscuit" details the life of Louis Zamperini (b. 1917), an Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, who survived a plane crash and forty-seven days adrift at sea only to become a POW in Japan. Relates Louis's later religious awakening under Billy Graham's ministry. Violence. 2010. (Memoir)

**PR019101 Cross fire. Alex Cross; #17** Author: James Patterson  
Detective Alex Cross proposes to his lover Bree Stone just before Cross's nemesis, serial killer Kyle Craig, returns to D.C. and threatens their lives. Meanwhile an unknown sniper murders a corrupt congressman and a lobbyist and targets other crooked insiders. Violence, strong language, and some descriptions of sex. (Fiction) [Bestseller 2010](#)

**PR019635 My Song: A Memoir** Author: Harry Belafonte  
Harry Belafonte is not just one of the greatest entertainers of our time; he has led one of the great American lives of the last century. Now, this extraordinary icon tells us the story of that life, giving us its full breadth, letting us share in the struggles, the tragedies, and, most of all, the inspiring triumphs. 2011. (Memoir)

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**PR019636 The Son of Neptune. Heroes of Olympus; #2**

Author: Rick Riordan

Demigod Percy Jackson, still with no memory, and his new friends from Camp Jupiter, Hazel and Frank, go on a quest to free Death, but their bigger task is to unite the Greek and Roman camps so that the Prophecy of Seven can be fulfilled. For grades 6-9. 2011. (Fiction)

**Suggestions from the Colorado Collection:**

**DC8272 Doing My Part**

Author: Teresa R. Funke \*\* Narrator: Dee Miller

Based on a true story. Fourteen-year-old Helen Marshall takes a summer job at a war factory when her mother is hurt and unable to work. She discovers that not everyone appreciates her enthusiasm as she confronts a lazy boss and two older women who try to slow her down. Along the way, Helen learns the true sacrifices of war and that some grown-up decisions have life-or-death consequences. For grades 4-7.

**DC8254 Boxing for Cuba: An Immigrant's Story of Despair, Endurance & Redemption**

Author: Guillermo Vincente Vidal \*\* Narrator: Maurice Devany

"The whims of politics are at the fore of Guillermo Vincente Vidal's memoir, in which young boys become men in the shadow of revolution and personal turmoil. Vidal writes about his family's participation in events that forever altered U.S.-Cuban relations after an effort to free children from the threat of Communist rule sparked Operation Peter Pan. From chance encounters with Fidel Castro and Robert F. Kennedy to life in a dismal Catholic orphanage in Colorado, Vidal perseveres to embrace life as a proud and successful Cuban American. His account is a poignant story of forgiveness and the joy of returning home."—P. [4] of cover.

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### From the Colorado Collection (continued):

#### **DC8249 Evolution, Creationism, and Other Modern Myths: A Critical Inquiry**

Author: Vine Deloria \*\* Narrator: Stephanie Briggs

A critical assessment of the theories of evolution and creationism, using the tension between adherents to each theory in Kansas in the late 1990s as a focal point. Incorporates non-Western and Native American ideas as well as the theory of intelligent design to provide a framework for thinking about our origins.

#### **DC8234 Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America**

Author: Helen Thorpe \*\* Narrator: Nancy Crandall

Marisela, Yadira, Elissa, and Clara are four Mexican immigrant girls living in Denver, looking forward to their senior prom. Each is a bright, ambitious, excellent student. They are all good friends. Elissa and Clara are legal residents of the United States; Marisela and Yadira are not. This is the true story of how immigration status can affect friendships and entire cultures. [Winner of the Colorado Book Award.](#)

#### **DC8242 American Nature Writing**

Author: Multiple authors \*\* Narrator: Hille Dais

A collection of original and previously published essays, fiction, and poetry by women on nature themes. Includes "Chamberlain" by Emma Brown; "Redwood Forests" by Verna Johnston; "Shadows in Flight: Encounters with Bats" by Christine A Peterson; and 15 other works.

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# Contributions to The Friends of the Colorado Talking Book Library and The Colorado Talking Book Library

An additional way to contribute to either the Friends or to CTBL is through a charitable bequest as part of a will or through life insurance. You do not have to rewrite your current document but can add a written amendment called a codicil. Such a bequest only becomes irrevocable at your death. Giving to the library helps support the programs and service we provide to our patrons and helps to secure the future.

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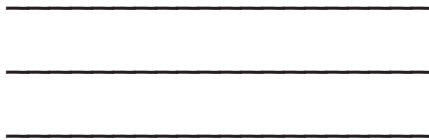
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