

“Please accept my thanks for the endless hours of pleasure the books have given me.”

WHAT IS THE COLORADO TALKING BOOK LIBRARY?

Colorado Talking Book Library is more than a library where Braille, large print and recorded books are made available. It is a very special library whose goal is to ensure that Colorado’s blind and disabled population can experience the richness of the reading world... a world that most people take for granted.

WHO CAN USE THE COLORADO TALKING BOOK LIBRARY?

Any resident of Colorado who meets one of the following criteria:

- **Legally Blind** - vision in the better eye is 20/200 or worse with correction
- **Visually Disabled** - unable to read standard print with optical correction
- **Physically Disabled** - unable to handle print books or turn pages
- **Reading Disabled** – having an organic dysfunction causing inability to read standard print

A FREE SERVICE

The services provided by Colorado Talking Book Library are always free of charge.



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TALKING BOOK MACHINE REPAIR PROGRAM

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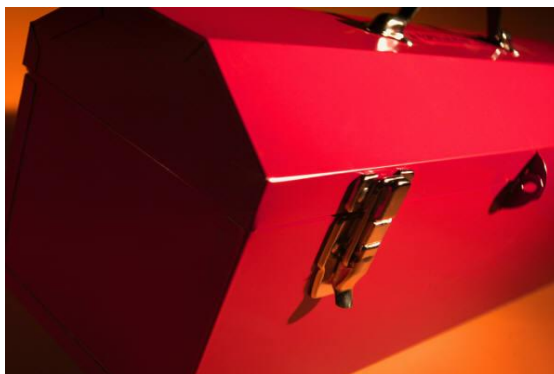
Colorado Talking Book Library is looking for volunteers to help keep our books “talking”. Each Talking Book Machine issued to a patron of the library is serviced at the workshop in Denver. A team of volunteers is responsible for repairing and maintaining damaged Talking Book Machines and returning Machines back to library patrons.

Volunteers are provided with a well-equipped work room where they inspect and repair the machines. Technical manuals and parts lists are available along with specialized tools and parts that are provided by the library.

For each session, orientation, training, and assistance are provided by the group leader, other volunteers and staff.

WHO CAN JOIN THE MACHINE REPAIR PROGRAM?

The Talking Book Machine Repair Program is open to anyone who enjoys doing minor electrical repairs or is interested in learning how to do simple repairs in a safe and fun atmosphere. No experience is necessary! The goal of the program is not only getting machines repaired, but also volunteer training, team-work, involvement, and satisfaction.



ABOUT THE PIONEERS

The Pioneers have partnered with the National Library Service through the Volunteer Repair Project since 1960. Pioneers use their knowledge and technical abilities to repair audio playback machines. The Pioneers repair approximately 70,000 machines a year and to date have maintained more than 2.1 million players, a contribution valued at more than \$80 million.

“Volunteering at the Colorado Talking Books Library is great! The time I spend at the library isn't wasted. I am doing needed work in a friendly atmosphere.”

WHAT IS A TALKING BOOK MACHINE?

A Talking Book Machine is a cassette player designed to play cassette tapes that are either commercially produced tapes or in the specialized format (4-track 15/16 ips speed) of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

WHEN DO THE MACHINE REPAIR GROUPS MEET?

Wednesday & Thursday mornings two groups of volunteers meet under the guidance of the Pioneers. A customized work schedule can be arranged as interested groups or individuals are trained.

AN AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM

The Colorado Talking Book Library Machine Repair Program has won several awards including:

- JC Penney Golden Rule Award
- Colorado Library Association Distinguished Service Award
- Library of Congress Commendation for Service
- Denver Teachers' Helen Phelps Award

HOW TO JOIN

If you are interested in helping with this volunteer project, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at:

303.727.9277

