

TALKING BOOK / SPECIAL NEEDS LIBRARY



Tax Information

The I.R.S. has released a brochure (Publication 3966) briefly listing all of the publications and forms regarding tax benefits and credits that disabled individuals and parents of a child with a disability may find useful when filing their taxes. Much of the information in the brochure can be found

in Publication 907, *Tax Highlights for Persons with Disabilities*. To request these forms and publications, call 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-TAX-FORM) or visit their website at www.irs.gov. Depending on your income, you may qualify for free tax preparation under the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. For more information on this program, call 1-800-829-1040. The I.R.S. also offers accessible tax products such as tax forms in Braille format, "talking tax forms" that are .pdf forms that work with MSAA compliant screen readers and HTML instructions and publications that also work with screen readers.

Publications that you might need:

- Pub. 501—Standard deduction for the legally blind
- Pub. 525—Disability related payments excluded from gross income
- Pub. 529—Disability that limits function as an employee
- Pub. 524—Credit for the elderly or disabled
- Pub. 502—Deductions for home improvements and additions that are added primarily for medical care



New Books

FICTION

RC061920 • *Windswept house: a Vatican novel* by *Malachi Martin*

A Satanic alliance conspires to infiltrate the papacy and establish a new world order. American brothers Paul and Christian Gladstone, heirs to their family's fortune and Windswept House, become pawns in the struggle. Lawyer Paul succumbs to greed while Christian, a priest, sides with the embattled pope.

RC061662 • *Sunstroke* by *Jesse Kellerman*

Divorced, workaholic West Hollywood secretary Gloria Mendez receives a disturbing voicemail from her boss, Carl Perreira, who is vacationing in Mexico--then discovers he died in a car crash. Gloria goes to retrieve Carl's body but soon questions whether he is really dead.

RC061416 • *Seven ways from sundown* by *Clair Huffaker*

Young greenhorn Seven Smith has only been a ranger nine days when he's sent out to capture fugitive outlaw Jim Flood. With Jim in custody, the two men develop a strange friendship, but Sundown still has to turn him in.

RC061649 • *Sisterchicks down under!* by *Robin Jones Gunn*

When her husband travels to Australia on business, California native Kathleen Salerno goes along. She finds herself in a flip-flopped world with nothing to do until she wanders into the Chocolate Fish and meets fellow Californian Jill Radovich. They quickly form a Sisterchick bond strengthened by their religious beliefs.



"There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favorite book." - Marcel Proust



NONFICTION

RC062133 • John Lennon: All I want is the truth by *Elizabeth Partridge*

Portrait of legendary singer-songwriter John Lennon, from his birth in 1940 Great Britain to his murder forty years later in New York City. Explores his career, alcohol and drug addiction, two marriages and relationship with fellow Beatles band members.

RC061988 • Raid on the sun: inside Israel's secret campaign that denied Saddam the bomb by *Rodger W. Claire*

Account of Israel's 1981 air raid on Iraq's Osirak nuclear complex near Baghdad. Reconstructs the planning and execution of a precise bombing

strike designed to eliminate a French-built reactor before it could go "hot." Based on military records and interviews with Israeli officials and the mission's eight pilots.

RC061717 • In other words: a language lover's guide to the most intriguing words around the world by *Christopher Moore*

Linguist looks at "untranslatable" words from numerous languages around the globe. Moore examines European, Nordic, Middle Eastern, African, Asian, ancient and classical, indigenous, and creole and pidgin languages and explains what each selected word means and how it is used.

"Common sense should tell us that reading is the ultimate weapon — destroying ignorance, poverty and despair before they can destroy us. A nation that doesn't read much doesn't know much. And a nation that doesn't know much is more likely to make poor choices in the home, the marketplace, the jury box and the voting booth...The challenge, therefore, is to convince future generations of children that carrying a book is more rewarding than carrying guns" - Jim Trelease

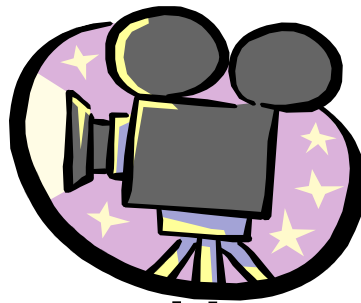
New Descriptive Videos

DV011799 • King Kong

Set in the 1930s, an actress finds compassion with the large ape. The commercial exploitation of the animal ultimately leads to catastrophe for everyone involved.

DV011804 • The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Four London children are sent to a professor's country home for protection during World War II. There they find a magic wardrobe which leads to a mystical land called Narnia, which is ruled by an evil witch. To defeat the Witch, they must join forces with Aslan, the lion God of Narnia.



DV011797 • Jarhead

Based on former Marine Anthony Swofford's best-selling book about his experiences in Desert Storm. Action takes place on a blazing desert in a country they don't understand, against an enemy they can't see, for a cause they don't fully understand.

DV011772 • The Incredibles

Animated. The patriarch of a dysfunctional superhero family is forced into retirement by too many liability lawsuits. Desperate to see action again, he is easily tricked into a trap from which only his family can rescue him.

Talking Book Club

Talking Book Club is a book club for visually impaired individuals. They meet at 10 am on the 4th Friday of every month at ILAB (Independent Living for the Adult Blind) at the FCCJ downtown campus to discuss a monthly

selected book. A few books they have discussed have been The Da Vinci Code, Tuesdays with Morrie, Life of Pi, Cold Mountain, Shadow Divers and other popular selections. Call **633-8220** for more information.

A Few Words About...

Books in Series

A common concern with our customers is that they often have to read books in a series out of sequential order. Currently, the version of the database that we use to service our customers does not allow us to reserve books in a series so that they may be delivered in sequential order. There are generally two types of books in a series: one that follows a protracted, main storyline and one that seems to follow a certain character or characters. It is often the series of books that follow a single, main storyline or a developing theme that must be read in sequential order or else the reader will miss critical information to the story. Series of books that follow a certain character or characters can sometimes be read out

of sequential order because each book represents a different event in a character's life. Not that you wouldn't miss anything from not reading the early volumes in the series but it is not absolutely critical. Writers such as James Lee Burke, Lilian Jackson Braun, J.D. Robb and others tend to write books that do not have to be read sequentially. If you feel as though you have received a book that is part of a series that must be read from the beginning, please call us at **904-630-1999** to see if we can send you the previous titles. Keep in mind that some of the early titles in a series may be quite old and difficult to get acquire because of damage or loss.

Insight Online

The Jacksonville Talking Book Library's Newsletter *The Insight* can now be viewed online at our homepage:

<http://jpl.coj.net/library/tbl.html>

It can be viewed in the same format as

the printed version of the newsletter as well as a text-only version intended to be read by adaptive technology screen reading software such as ZoomText, OpenBook, JAWS, Kurzweil, etc.

Winter 2007 Survey Results

The Talking Book / Special Needs Library conducted a customer survey as part of our Winter 2007 newsletter. In the weeks following its distribution the responses came pouring in. We would like to thank everyone who took part in our survey. Some customers wrote notes on their completed surveys but since they were mailed anonymously we were unable to resolve these issues. Please call us at **630-1999** if you have any questions or concerns.

1. Has the Talking Book Library staff been courteous, prompt and helpful when you called or visited the library?

100% YES

2. How often do you contact the Talking Book Library for assistance?

69% MONTHLY 4% WEEKLY
27% NEVER

3. Are you satisfied with the number of books that you receive?

79% YES 18% TOO MANY
3% TOO FEW

4. When the library selects your books based upon your reading preferences, are you satisfied with the choices?

58% USUALLY
35% SOMETIMES
7% RARELY

5. Have you ever received a descriptive video?

21% YES 79% NO

6. How long have you been a customer of the Talking Book Library?

15% LESS THAN 1 YEAR
34% 1 TO 3 YEARS
39% 3 TO 10 YEARS
12% MORE THAN 10 YEARS

7. How would you rate the quality of the *Insight* newsletter?

62% VERY GOOD 35% GOOD
3% FAIR

8. How would you rate your overall Talking Book Library service?

78% VERY GOOD 22% GOOD

ARE YOU READY FOR A PICNIC?

Come join us for the NFB Blind Community Picnic

Food

Trivia Team Challenge

with Brandon Tomasello

Bingo

Field Events

& Music

When: May 12, 2007

Where: Cuba Hunter Park

830 Bedford Rd

Jacksonville, FL 32207

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

This free event is open to the blind, visually impaired and their families. The deadline for registration is April 21, 2007. Please call 904-367-8673 to request a registration.



Did You Know?

In the 19th century, piano tuners in Britain and France were frequently blind. Actually, blind piano tuners are so common that people in England are surprised to meet one who isn't. Claude Montal is often given credit as the first blind piano tuner. At first,

people were skeptical of his ability until he proved that he was quite skilled in the necessary mechanical tasks. His reputation and skill eventually led him to become a teacher of the craft.

WJCT Radio Reading Service

WJCT Radio Reading Service is available to anyone who is eligible for Talking Books. It brings the Florida Times Union into your home as well as other excellent programs you won't currently get any other way. WJCT RRS broadcasts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. RRS also offers readings

of national newspapers, magazines and other special interest programming. Be sure to tune in Tuesday mornings at 10:45 am to hear Jerry Reynolds, Talking Book Library manager, discuss current events in the local visually disabled community as well as highlights of new books.

Reader's Digest

Many of our customers call us asking to subscribe to a Talking Book version of Reader's Digest magazine. Currently, neither the state of Florida nor the National Library Service are able to offer this publication through Talking Book service. Instead, customers can call the American Printing House for the Blind at **1-800-223-1839** for a free one-year subscription to this publication on Talking Book cassette.

New Magazines Available

- Better Homes and Gardens
- Black Enterprise
- Esquire



Phones for Life & Jitterbug

Have you ever been in a situation where you needed to call someone for help but didn't have access to a phone? Are most cell phones too complicated for you to use? Phones for Life and Jitterbug are two companies that can help solve your communication difficulties. Phones for Life offers cell phones with free minutes for dialing a person's emergency contacts. In order to qualify for a phone you must be either at least 60 years old or have a serious physical disability. Call toll-free at 1-888-211-9722 for more information.

Jitterbug is similar to Phones for Life in that their service is geared

towards senior citizens and the disabled. They offer two phones: one with large buttons and displays that can be used to call anywhere and one with only programmed emergency numbers. Their service is easy to understand and as low as \$10 a month. Call toll-free at 1-800-918-8543 for more information.

Spring Schedule 2007

Holidays & Closings

April 26 • Staff Development Day

May 28 • Memorial Day

Talking Book Library Staff

Jerry Reynolds, Manager

Chris Eaton, Librarian

Juan Thomas, Library Assistant

Mary Brady, Page

Tim Meusel, Tape Inspector



THE INSIGHT

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Hours:
Monday — Friday
9am — 5pm

Free Matter for the
Blind and Physically
Handicapped

We're on the Web!

<http://www.klas.com/flbtbl>

Men's Health Booklist

RC060377 • American Cancer Society's complete guide to prostate cancer. 2005

by David G. Bostwick

RC056586 • The Harvard Medical School guide to men's health. 2002

by Harvey B. Simon

RC055127 • Facing your fifties: every man's reference guide to mid-life health. 2002

by Gordon Ehlers

RC061954 • Voicemail: what husbands really think about their marriages, sex, housework, and commitment. 2006

by Neil Chethik

RC060691 • Snoring and sleep apnea: sleep well, feel better. 2000

by Ralph A. Pascualy