

## TALKING BOOK / SPECIAL NEEDS LIBRARY

### Increased Transportation to Jacksonville Public Libraries

Eldersource's Elder Mobility Task Force is conducting a mobility and transportation forum in August that will explore transportation options for the area's senior citizens and people with disabilities. The Talking Book Library is advocating for increased transportation for our customers above and beyond what is currently offered. Many of our customers depend on JTA Connexion for their transportation needs. The Elder Mobility Task Force is trying to increase your options from many different organizations, whether it be a taxi service or some other type of transportation provider, to assist in the transportation of our customers to public libraries for free or at a minimal charge. There are many obstacles facing the implementation of this plan, one being

the insurance liability. You can help support increased transportation to public libraries for senior citizens and people with disabilities by contacting the Jacksonville City Council, Mayor John Peyton's office, your local and state representatives, and Governor Charlie Crist's office. Voice your concerns about the limited mobility in Jacksonville for those who need it most.

Jacksonville City Council

**630-1377**

Mayor John Peyton's office

**630-1786**

Governor Charlie Crist's office

**850-488-4441**

# New Books

## FICTION

**RC062362 • Watchdog**

*by Laurien Berenson*

Sleuthy single mom Melanie Travis wants nothing to do with her brother Frank's latest money-making scheme to convert an old store into a coffee bar. When Frank's partner, wealthy developer Marcus Rattigan, turns up dead, Melanie draws on her dog show connections to clear Frank's name.

**RC062099 • Carolina isle**

*by Jude Deveraux*

Sara, a working-class New Yorker, and Ariel, a privileged North Carolina belle, are look-alike cousins and pen pals who change identities and companions. Ariel covets Sara's boss while Sara adores Ariel's friend David. When the women investigate an island resort, danger abounds and old secrets surface.

**RC062300 • Misfortune's daughters**  
*by Joan Collins*

Shipping heiresses Atlanta and Venetia Stephanopolis dabble in drugs and men after their mother's mysterious death. Their father's announcement that he'll leave his estate to whoever first bears a son spurs a fierce rivalry and discloses a family legacy of betrayal and lies.

**RC063408 • Grief**

*by Andrew Holleran*

Devastated when his elderly mother passes away, a middle-aged gay professor takes a temporary job in Washington, D.C. In the room he rents in a townhouse, he discovers the letters of the grieving Mary Todd Lincoln—and he mourns with his landlord the loss of friends to AIDS.

**"A novel is never anything, but a philosophy put into images."**

**- Albert Camus**

# NONFICTION

**RC062610 . Truth and beauty: a friendship** by *Ann Patchett*

Author reminisces about her long-term friendship with Lucy Grealy, whom she met in college at Sarah Lawrence and who wrote "Autobiography of a Face" describing her battle with facial cancer. Patchett describes their relationship until Grealy's 2002 death from a heroin overdose.

**RC061494 . Unforgivable blackness: the rise and fall of Jack Johnson** by *Geoffrey C. Ward*

Traces the life of Jack Johnson (1878-1946), the first African American heavyweight world boxing champion. Discusses, within the social context of the time, Johnson's individuality, three marriages to white women, competitions, and trouble with the law.

**RC062092 . Game of shadows: Barry Bonds, BALCO, and the steroids scandal that rocked professional sports**

by *Mark Fainaru-Wada*

Journalists from the San Francisco Chronicle highlight the role of the Bay Area Lab Cooperative (BALCO)-a nutritional supplement company-in supplying professional athletes with banned substances.

**RC061237 . One matchless time: a life of William Faulkner** by *Jay Parini*

Biographer analyzes the life of Nobel Prize-winning southern novelist William Faulkner (1897-1962). Traces his childhood in Oxford, Mississippi, and emphasizes the integral roles of region and family background in Faulkner's literary masterpieces.

**"It is my aim, and every effort bent, that the sum and history of my life, which in the same sentence is my obit and epitaph too, shall be them both: He made the books and he died." - William Faulkner**

# Reading for Children & Young Adults

**RC062898 • Whale rescue: changing the future for endangered wildlife**

*by Erich Hoyt*

Discusses different varieties of whales, explaining their habitats, behavior, and habits. Surveys the history of whaling, the threat of extinction, and the work of conservationists. For grades 4-7.

**RC062532 • George did it**  
*by Suzanne Jurmain*

Explains that George Washington did not want to be the first president of the new country. Discusses why he was unsure at first and then later accepted the position. Describes his trip to New York--the nation's original capitol--and his swearing-in ceremony. For grades 2-4.



**Let Us Do the Reading  
For You!**

**RC062067 • The Mark of the horse lord** *by Dan Bloom*

Scotland, during the Roman Empire. Bearing an uncanny resemblance to the blinded and deposed King of the Scots, former gladiator and slave Phaedrus impersonates the Horse Lord to regain control of the Scottish kingdom from the Picts. For junior and senior high readers. Phoenix Award 1985.

**RC062264 • Heat** *by Mike Lupica*

Star pitcher Michael Arroyo is banned from Little League baseball because rival coaches don't believe he's only twelve years old. An orphan whose birth certificate is back in Cuba, Michael is on the run from social services because he fears separation from his seventeen-year-old brother, Carlos. For grades 5-8.

**A book is like a garden  
carried in the pocket.  
~ Chinese proverb ~**

# New Descriptive DVDs

In the past few months the Talking Books Library has acquired many new descriptive DVDs. The following is a list of some of our new titles.

DW070130 — The Third Man

DW070170 — United 93

DW070171 — The Cooler

DW070129 — Cinderella Man

DW070133 — The River Niger

DW070158 — The Art of War

DW070160 — Brotherhood of the Wolf

DW070154 — Navajo Joe

DW070174 — The Snow Walker

DW070184 — The 39 Steps



DW070162 — Night of the Living Dead

DW070148 — The Swiss Conspiracy

DW070139 — Man with the Golden Arm

DW070201 — Screemers

DW070081 — The Girl with a Pearl Earring

DW070144 — Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas

DW070145 — The Great Robot Race

DW070098 — Mystery of the Megaflood

DW070104 — Bird Flu: how safe are we?

## 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 Kite Runner*, *My Sister's Keeper*, *Life of Pi*, *Cold Mountain*, *Shadow Divers* and other popular selections. Call **633-8220** for more information.



# Overdrive

## Digital Audio Books

The Jacksonville Public Library now offers digital audio book downloads for its customers who have a valid library card and access to a computer with broadband internet connection. The service, called **Overdrive**, can be accessed from the library's webpage at [jpl.coj.net](http://jpl.coj.net). The collection features many recent bestsellers as well as a wide array of fiction genres and nonfiction subjects. Books can be searched for by author, title and keyword or just browsed in separate categories. The Overdrive website is accessible by screen reading and/or magnification programs.

In order to listen to a digital audio book that has been downloaded, customers first need to download Overdrive's media console. There are some minimum system requirements needed in order to use the Overdrive media console that must be

considered. Once downloaded, books can be accessed on a personal computer, burned onto CDs or stored on a portable device such as an mp3 player. Overdrive digital audio books cannot be downloaded to iPods or Mac computers. Each book downloaded has its own loan period that will expire and afterwards need to be deleted from your hard drive. The features of the Overdrive media console includes variable playing speed, a skip back 15 seconds option, ability to resume from the farthest played point, a bookmark and the other basic features associated with digital audio playback.

In many cases Talking Book Library customers do not have a valid Jacksonville Public Library card. If you would like to try Overdrive and do not have a library card please call us at **630-1999** and Talking Books staff will arrange for you to receive a card and establish a PIN number.

## A Few Words About...

# Magazines on cassette

Many of our customers receive magazines on cassette from CMLS and local publications from Daytona Beach. If you've never received a magazine on cassette then you are missing out on a wide variety of titles that can be delivered to your mailbox. Titles include: The Atlantic Monthly, Asimov's Science Fiction, Bon Appetit, Consumer Reports, Discover, Ebony, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Money, National Geographic, People, Playboy, Rolling Stone, and Sports Illustrated, just to name a few. Most magazines are issued weekly or monthly.

A concern that a few of our customers have had is regarding the consistency of delivery. A customer subscribed to magazines on cassette can expect a lag

time between the production and delivery of a title on cassette and its print edition. Often times this is only a few days but can be a few weeks. On a few rare occasions there have been quality of recording issues. In such an occasion we advise our customers to contact the Talking Books Library at **630-1999** in order to receive a replacement copy. Customers also need to know that there is sometimes a considerable waiting period between initial subscription to a magazine title and delivery of their first issue. This waiting period can often be a month or two. Please call our office at **630-1999** if you have any questions or would like to begin a magazine subscription.

## 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.

## Did You Know?

The Paralympic Winter Games are Winter Olympics style games for individuals with a physical or mental disability. The Paralympic games are held in conjunction with the Olympic games in the same host city. There are currently three classes in the Paralympic

Alpine Skiing competition, one including individuals who are totally blind and those with varying degrees of vision loss. Blind and visually impaired alpine skiers use a guide to help them traverse the slopes in a race against their fellow competitors.

## 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.

## Featured Magazine Titles

- Asimov's Science Fiction
- Ebony
- Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine

# Customer Information: US Armed Service Veterans & E-mail addresses

The Talking Book Library needs your assistance in compiling extra information for our customer records. If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces we ask you to call our office at **630-1999** so that we can make the necessary notification to your record. It could be that such information was included in your application and has been entered but it doesn't hurt to make sure. Many of our customers will be contacted by Talking Books Library staff to ask if they are veterans and if they have an active e-mail address. It is important that we identify all of our customers who are veterans because they are eligible to be

the first recipients of the digital Talking Books machine when they become available.

We would like to record our customer's e-mail addresses in order to send them periodic announcements of changes and/or additions to our service. Thanks for your help.

## Summer Schedule 2007

### Holidays & Closings

**July 4 • Independence Day**

**September 3 • Labor 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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9am — 5pm

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## Women's Health Booklist

RC060721 • A guide to survivorship for women with ovarian cancer. 2005

*by F. J. Montz*

RC060589 • Baby laughs: the naked truth about the first year of mommyhood. 2005

*by Jenny McCarthy*

RC063105 • Saving graces: finding solace and strength from friends and strangers. 2006

*by Elizabeth Edwards*

RC060439 • Our bodies, ourselves: a new edition for a new era. 2006

*by the Boston Women's Healthbook Collective*

RC061347 • Sex and the seasoned woman: pursuing the passionate life. 2006

*by Gail Sheehy*