

THE INSIGHT

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TALKING BOOK / SPECIAL NEEDS LIBRARY

Database conversion complete

The staff of the Talking Book / Special Needs Library would like to thank all of our customers for being patient with us during our time of limited service and adjustment to the new database. As of now everything seems okay but we have had some customers reporting some minor issues to us over the past few weeks. If you've noticed that your service has changed or stopped for no reason please call us at **630-1999** so that we can review your record and make changes or corrections where necessary.

Hadley School for the Blind free distance learning courses

The Hadley School for the Blind in suburban Chicago is an accredited institution that offers tuition-free programs to the blind, their families and service providers. Hadley's course catalog lists more than 90 courses across many interest areas including courses that can assist individuals with independent living. Course materials are offered on standard audio cassette or in large print and arrive through the mail or

over the Internet. Communication with instructors takes place via mail, phone, fax and email. Hadley has year-round open enrollment in four program areas: Adult Continuing Education, High School, Family Education and Professional Education. If you would like more information contact them toll-free at **1-800-323-4238** or visit their website at **www.hadley-school.org**.

New Books

FICTION

RC063637 • Scandal in Fair Haven
by Carolyn G. Hart

Widowed sleuth Henrietta O'Dwyer Collins, *Henrie O*, is vacationing in Fair Haven, Tennessee, when police accuse her friend's nephew, Craig Matthews, of killing his socialite wife. In Craig's defense, *Henrie O* uncovers links to local scandal, a student's recent suicide, and another murder.

RC063255 • Magic Hour
by Kristin Hannah

Police chief Ellen Barton summons her estranged sister, L.A. child psychiatrist Dr. Julia Cates, to their Pacific Northwest hometown to help a feral six-year-old child found wandering the streets. Julia becomes both therapist and foster parent while trying to uncover the child's past and secure her future.

RC062603 • Killer Instinct
by Joseph Finder

Massachusetts electronics salesman Jason Steadman's career takes off after he helps ex-Special Forces soldier Kurt Semko get a job in the firm's security office. While Jason's ambitious wife, Kate, is happy about the newfound success, Jason worries that his colleagues' sudden misfortunes are not accidental.

RC062624 • The Gilded Chamber: a novel of Queen Esther
by Rebecca Kohn

Fictionalized portrait of biblical Esther, who, orphaned, goes to live with her cousin Mordechai, an official in the Persian Empire. Concealing her Jewish heritage, she becomes King Xerxes' concubine, then queen. When Xerxes decrees that Jews be slaughtered, Esther courageously intervenes.

"Of all the diversions of life, there is none so proper to fill up its empty spaces as the reading of useful and entertaining authors."

~ Joseph Addison ~

NONFICTION

RC063417 • Health care on less than you think: the New York Times guide to getting affordable coverage
by Fred Brock

Former editor for the New York Times investigates the availability of affordable health-care insurance. Assesses employer-based plans, coverage outside of work, supplemental dental and eye policies, health savings accounts, prescription drug plans, Medicare, long-term care insurance, and other options. Offers advice on protecting finances against medical costs.

RC063698 • D-days in the Pacific
by Donald L. Miller

Historian revises Henry Steele Commager's The Story of the Second World War written in 1945. This companion volume to the History Channel series concentrates on the battles in the Pacific. Highlights the stresses and brutalities endured by soldiers on both sides.

RC063589 • Sailing with Noah: stories from the world of zoos
by Jeffrey P. Bonner

Anthropologist and president of the Saint Louis Zoo provides a personal behind-the-scenes examination of modern zoological parks. Bonner discusses conservation and education programs and politics and cooperation among zoos. Stresses the need for zoos to take the lead in saving wild animals and their habitats.

RC063601 • Buried by the Times: the Holocaust and America's most important newspaper
by Laurel Jeff

Journalist criticizes the New York Times coverage of the plight of European Jews from 1933 to 1945. Analyzes press standards, office policies, and external pressures that relegated Holocaust news to secondary status, and examines ways media underreporting affected American public opinion and belated awareness of Nazi crimes.

Reading for Children & Young Adults

RC063005 • Teen spirit: one world, many paths; your guide to spirituality and religion

by Paul B. Raushenbush

Pastor answers young peoples' questions about religion to help promote interfaith understanding. Focuses on the basic teachings and traditions of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism, discussing each religion's viewpoint on various topics such as tattooing, piercing, premarital sex, drugs, and alcohol. For senior high and older readers.

RC064140 • The deaf musicians *by Pete Seeger*

Jazz pianist Lee is asked to leave his band when he loses his hearing. At sign language class, Lee meets Max who plays the sax. Riding the subway together, they form a new band with a big audience. For grades K-3 and older readers. Schneider Family Book Award.

RC063812 • The boy in the striped pajamas: a fable

by John Boyne

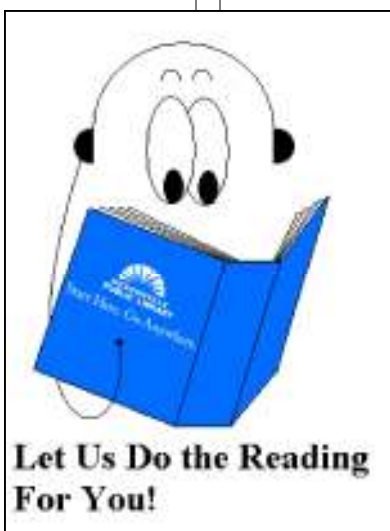
World War II. Nine-year-old Bruno is dismayed to leave his three best friends when his family moves from their Berlin home to a remote country house. He struggles to understand why he can't be friends with the boy behind the wire fence. For grades 6-9 and older readers.

RC063864 • The higher power of Lucky

by Susan Patron

Hard Pan, California: population forty-three.

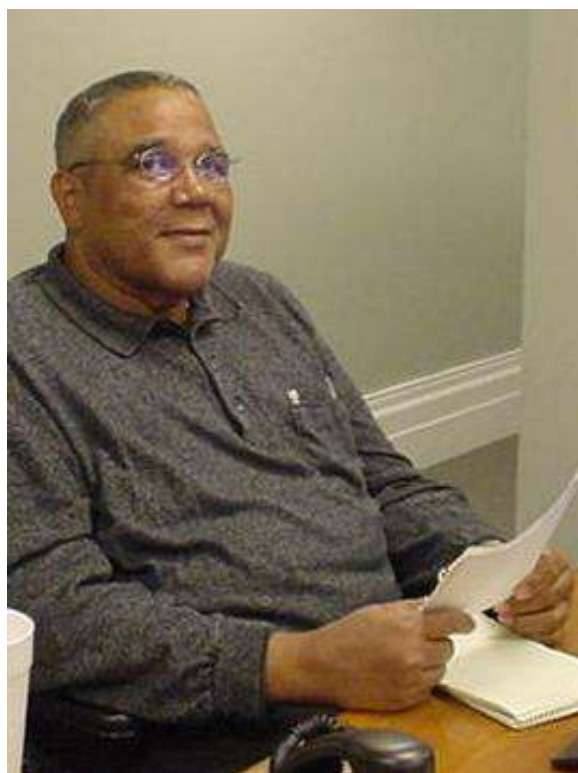
Convinced that her guardian, Brigitte, wants to return to France, ten-year-old Lucky Trimble runs away during a sandstorm with her dog, HMS Beagle. Lucky encounters her five-year-old neighbor Miles, and the three of them have an adventure. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal.



Say Hello to Solomon

If you've called the Talking Book Library in the past year you've probably spoken to one of our volunteers, Mr. Solomon Oliver. Solomon has been volunteering over 500 hours of his time to the Talking Book Library since January and has been a great help to us. We initially brought him in to help us with the volume of phone calls we receive throughout the day, many of them being misdirected calls intended for other city offices or the Main Library in general. Not only did he quickly figure out how to handle our phone lines but also fixed both of our tape rewinders, our tape recorder, and has been assisting our onsite Talking Book repair club, the Telecom Pioneers, in repairing Talking Book players. He also helps us inspect returned

Talking Book cassettes when needed. He's done all of this as well as other odds-and-ends with enthusiasm and competence. So next time you call take a minute to say "Hi" to Solomon.



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*, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and other popular selections. Call **633-8220** for more information.

VictorReader Stream

Before the Talking Book digital conversion in 2008 our customers will have the option of downloading digital Talking Books from the National Library Service. However, unlike the Overdrive downloadable digital audiobooks available through the Jacksonville Public Library, these NLS digital talking books will not be able to be read using a computer program, an MP3 player, or burned onto a CD. It will be necessary to have a device such as the VictorReader Stream from Humanware. About the size of a pack of playing cards, the VictorReader Stream not only has the ability to play downloaded NLS digital talking books but can also play downloaded books in other formats and music in MP3 format. This battery powered device provides 15 hours of playtime with a charger that only needs a few hours to replenish the battery. Equipped with advanced DAISY format book features the VictorReader Stream can easily navigate through a book using a numeric

keypad arranged like that on a telephone. Audio output can either be through stereo headphones, secondary speakers, or the device itself. NLS digital talking books, music MP3s, recorded voice messages, e-text files, and other recordings are all stored on a removable SD card. An accessory can also be purchased that will allow use of the NLS digital talking books upon their release. For more information call HumanWare at **1-800-722-3393**.



A Few Words About...Bibles

Many of our customers call the library hoping to receive a Bible in one of its many different forms. The problem here is that many of our Bibles come in multi volume sets and are not always available as a complete set. Another concern is that customers tend to keep Bibles longer than they would other titles so that they can read it on a daily basis thus making fewer available for circulation. If you are interested in receiving a Bible on standard audio cassette that you can keep there are options for you. The Aurora Ministries in Bradenton, Florida offers Free Audio Bibles for the Blind to those who are blind or cannot hold a book to read it. They offer the New King James Version, the King James Version and the International Children's Bible in almost 70 languages. In addition to being avail-

able on cassette you may receive, instead, a version in CD/MP3 format. To receive a copy of one of these Bibles you need to complete an application and contact the Talking Book Library at **630-1999** where a staff member can certify your eligibility. In addition to the Bibles available through the Aurora Ministries Talking Book customers can also receive The Large-Print Book of Common Prayer and Prayers & Psalms for Today on CD to be viewed on a computer. This book is formatted in standard size pages with 18-point font. To order a CD, send a self-addressed, stamped 6x9 inch envelope with three 41 cent stamps (four if you use a padded envelope) to Ann Dahlen, 1900 6th. Ave. Apt. 513, Island, IL 61201.

Insight Online

The Jacksonville Talking Book Library's Newsletter *The Insight* can now be viewed online at our homepage: <http://jpl.coj.net/lib/talkingbooks.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?

Ronnie Milsap is widely known as Country music's first blind superstar. Only George Strait and Conway Twitty have had more number one songs. Beginning in the 1970s he was present in the top 10 Country Music Charts for 15 straight years. Milsap was born with a congenital defect that left him blind. As a young man he attended the North Carolina school for the Blind in

Raleigh where at the age of 7 his instructors noticed his musical talents. In his early years, Milsap can be heard playing the piano on the Elvis Presley hit "Kentucky Rain" and singing harmony on Presley's hit "Don't Cry Daddy." His recording career has spanned 5 decades up to his 2006 hit "You Don't Know My Love."

Donations and Memorials

The Talking Book Library would like to thank everyone who has helped us this year through their generous donations as well as those whose final wishes included helping us to better serve users of Talking Books Library service in Jacksonville. All gifts and memorial donations to the Talking Books Library are tax-deductible and will be used to

acquire materials for circulation as well as supplies to help us better serve our customers. Acknowledgments are sent to all donors. For memorial donations, please remember to include the name of the person for whom the memorial is made and the name and address of those to be notified.

If you like...W.E.B. Griffin

You'll like...

Tom Clancy

Jack Higgins

Dale Brown

Stephen Coonts

Clive Cussler

Douglas J. Preston

Harold Coyle



Season's Greetings



The staff of the Talking Book / Special Needs Library
of the Jacksonville Public Library
wishes all of our customers, volunteers,
and friends throughout the state
a joyful holiday season and a happy new year.



Winter Schedule 2007—08

Holidays & Closings

December 24 & 25 • Christmas

January 1 • New Year's Day

January 21 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 18 • President's Day



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Gastrointestinal Health Booklist

RC064011 • One Hundred
Questions and Answers about
Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative
Colitis: A Lahey Clinic Guide.
2006

by Andrew S. Warner

RC056196 • Healing Heartburn.
2002

by Lawrence J. Cheskin

RC060419 • The doctor's guide to
gastrointestinal health: preventing
and treating acid reflux, ulcers, ir-
ritable bowel syndrome, diverticu-
litis, celiac disease, colon cancer,
pancreatitis, cirrhosis, hernias, and
more. 2005

by Paul Miskovitz

RC054715 • Colon and rectal cancer:
a patient's guide to treatment.
2001

by Paul Ruggieri