

THE INSIGHT

Fall 2007

TALKING BOOK / SPECIAL NEEDS LIBRARY

Limited Service During Database Conversion

Beginning in late September into early November the Talking Book Library will be making the transition to a newer version of our database. This transition will involve many days of training for the Talking Book Library's staff and very limited service to our customers from Thursday November 1st through Monday November 5th. Throughout the entire month of October the Talking Book Library staff will be participating in daily training webinars and may not be as readily available to answer your phone calls. We ask that you please be patient with us during this time. During the

three days that the actual database conversion will be taking place the Talking Book Library staff will not be able to provide same day service to our customers. We will not be sending out our daily mail delivery nor will we be able to send out books or videos when our customers call to request them. We will only be able to take note of any requests or change in service and apply those as soon as the conversion is complete. If there are any books that you have been waiting to order or anything about your service that you would like to change we ask you to do so before November 1st.

Database Conversion Calendar

Monday October 1 — beginning of staff training

Thursday November 1 — limited service to Talking Book customers

Tuesday November 6 — return to normal service

New Books

FICTION

**RC062580 • Wedding ring:
Shenandoah album**
by Emilie Richards

High school English teacher Tessa MacRae helps her mother and grandmother clean out the family homestead in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. While restoring a tattered heirloom wedding ring quilt, Tessa mends generational bonds, contemplates her failing marriage, and confronts her grief over her daughter's death.

RC062503 • Cold case
by Linda Barnes

Adam Mayhew hires Boston cop-turned-private investigator Carlotta Carlyle to find out whether teen prodigy Thea Janis, who presumably committed suicide twenty-four years ago, could have written a new manuscript. While researching Thea's disappearance, Carlotta uncovers Adam's true identity and the dark secrets of Thea's prominent family.

RC062604 • Hey, good looking
by Fern Michaels

Darby's world is shattered by the death of her childhood friend, Russell, and the fact that his final wishes were ignored. With the help of Russell's brother and her three colorful aunts, Darby creates a new life out of her loss.

RC062562 • Nothing but trouble
by Michael McGarrity

His retirement pending, Santa Fe police chief Kevin Kerney takes a working vacation to serve as technical advisor for a western movie. He also helps U.S. Customs agents investigate immigrant smuggling and cares for his three-year-old son while his career-army wife, Sara, travels overseas on special assignment.

**"The biggest critics of my books are
people who have never read them."
- Jackie Collins**



NONFICTION

RC063519 • The Senator and the Socialite: The True Story of America's First Black Dynasty
by Lawrence Otis Graham

Biography of Blanche Kelso Bruce, a former slave who became the first African American elected to a full term in the U.S. Senate. Highlights Bruce's rise to fame, discusses his marriage, and describes his descendents and their downfall. Details social and political turmoil during their lifetimes.

RC063461 • Imperial Life in the Emerald City: Inside Iraq's Green Zone

by Rajiv Chandrasekaran

Washington Post reporter profiles the U.S. Coalition Provisional Authority headquartered in Saddam Hussein's former palace in Baghdad. Criticizes the American officials in charge, beginning with L. Paul Bremer in 2003, and attributes the costly mistakes after the military victory to their the lack of experience.

RC063040 • Blood of the Prophets: Brigham Young and the Massacre at Mountain Meadows
by Will Bagley

Salt Lake City journalist discusses the massacre of more than one hundred wagon train emigrants from Arkansas on September 11, 1857, in southern Utah. Details the attack by local Mormon settlers and Southern Paiute warriors and explores the possible involvement of territorial governor Brigham Young.

RC063033 • Sex, the measure of all things: a life of Alfred C. Kinsey

by Jonathan Gathorne-Hardy

Analyzes the study of human sexuality conducted by bisexual entomologist Alfred Kinsey at Indiana University beginning in the 1930s. Discusses Kinsey's personal and scientific background and his publication of *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* and a later female study.



Reading for Children & Young Adults

RC062865 • Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: partners by *Erica Silverman*

Cowgirl Kate's horse Cocoa wants to wear cowboy boots, not horseshoes, and play hide-and-seek by his rules. Cocoa also helps Cowgirl Kate practice roping and shows her, in his own way, that they are partners. Easy chapter book for grades K-3.

RC062841 • A dangerous engine: Benjamin Franklin, from scientist to diplomat by *Joan Dash*

Biography of Benjamin Franklin depicts his constant curiosity and love of science. Features Franklin's scientific interests, inventions, experiments with electricity, and role as a founding father of the United States. Discusses Franklin's skills as a diplomat in France and his contributions to the American Revolution. For grades 5-8.

"I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library"

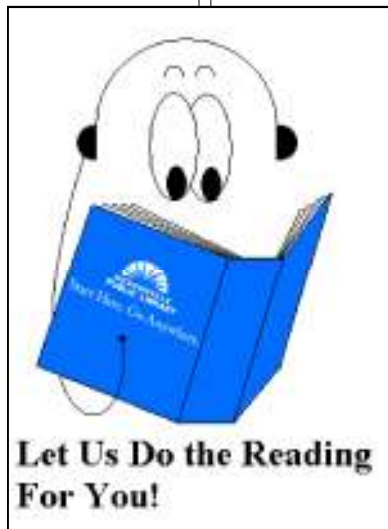
- Jorge Luis Borges

RC062929 • Monsterology by *Arthur Slade*

Humorous profiles of fifteen monsters, including Dracula, Medusa, Loki, Frankenstein's creature, Sasquatch, Baba Yaga, Quasimodo, and the Grim Reaper. Presents physical characteristics, likes and dislikes, "cool" facts that are sometimes gross, literary traditions, and short interviews. For grades 5-8.

RC063213 • Just listen by *Sarah Dessen*

Perennial nice girl Annabel is ostracized after vicious Sophie catches Annabel with Sophie's boyfriend. Music-obsessed Owen befriends Annabel and encourages her to be true to herself. But Annabel's family problems prevent her from telling the truth until a crisis occurs. Some strong language. For senior high readers.



New Subject Codes

Those of you who receive books based upon your reading interests are probably familiar with our subject codes. You were either asked to give us a list of your reading preferences upon registration or a list was compiled afterwards. Over time our listing of subject codes has become much more specific in order to cater to our customer's specific tastes. Many new subject codes have been added in the past months. The following is a brief list of new subject codes.

- Disaster
- Etiquette
- Exploration
- Food and Food History
- Harlequin Romance

- Independent Living Skills
- Knitting and Needlework
- Legal Suspense
- Language Study
- Magic Tricks and Magicians
- Cozy Mystery
- Medical Mystery
- Pets and Small Animal Care
- Political Fiction
- Popular Psychology (Self Help)
- Religious Fiction
- Christian Romance
- Western Romance
- School Stories
- Workshops, Tools and Household Repairs

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. In October the ILAB Talking Book Club will be discussing this year's Jax Reads book, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. 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. 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...KLAS version 7

KLAS (which stands for Keystone Library Automation System) version 7 is the updated version of the database that the Talking Book / Special Needs Library will begin using in November. There are updated features of this database that will improve its use among the Talking Book Library staff and improve service to our customers. For instance, KLAS version 7 will give us the ability to send books in series out to our customers in the chronological order of the series. This new feature should end the confusion that many of our customers have when they receive books in a series that they cannot enjoy because they haven't read the previous titles. There will also be improved efficiency for users searching our online catalog for book titles or authors. Another useful feature of the

new database version is the "resend" option that will allow our staff to resend a book or books to a customer with a few clicks of the mouse. The biggest benefit of KLAS version 7 is its improved usability for our staff. Version 7's graphical user interface will allow staff to have the displays of multiple modules open at the same time so that they can easily switch back and forth without having to re-input information. Staff will have a much easier time finding book titles for our customers due to more advanced search options. While KLAS version 5 (our current database) has served us well for many years the time has come for us to make the change to a new and improved database.

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

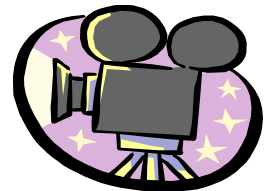
the printed version of the newsletter as well as a text-only version intended to be read by adaptive technology screen reading software such as ZoomText, OpenBook, JAWS, Kurzweil, etc.

Did You Know?

On November 10, 2005 Scott Duncan and Pamela Habek became the first legally blind people to sail across the Pacific Ocean on their way around the globe. They crossed the Pacific Ocean on a 32-foot cutter in just over one year covering more than 9000 miles. Aboard their boat they were aided by

a speech synthesized Global Positioning System, special telescopes, as well as magnification devices that helped them to read their nautical maps and charts. Their progress can be viewed at the website www.blindsailing.com, where they have posted log-blog entries of their travels.

Afternoon at the Closed Captioned Movies



Beginning last July the Talking Book / Special Needs Library has been hosting a program called "Afternoon at the Closed Captioned Movies" for the deaf, hearing impaired, their friends and family. On one Saturday in each of the past months a feature film in closed captioning has been shown in the Jacksonville Public Library's Main library

branch. While these films will probably not be of any interest to the visually impaired and blind, those customers who are registered for Talking Book service because of a physical disability may enjoy them if they have trouble hearing. However if you would like us to consider a descriptive video film series please contact us.

If you like...Stephen King

You'll like...

Dean Koontz

Peter Straub

Clive Barker

Anne Rice

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro

Robert R. McCammon

John Saul



Service to Duval County schools and students

At the beginning of the 2007 school year the Talking Book library staff have been contacting those Duval County schools that are registered for Talking Book service in order to evaluate their level of service for the new school year. We asked to know how many working Talking Book players that the school currently has, if they need replacement players, if they've been receiving our book catalogs, and other such questions. We would also like Duval County educators of special needs students to know that we have a growing collection of documentaries and other educational

descriptive videos available for classroom showing. We also offer magazines for children on Talking Book cassette such as Cricket, National Geographic Kids, Spider, Sports Illustrated, and Teen People. If you would like your school to subscribe to these magazines or make changes to your school's Talking Book service please call **630-1999**.

Fall Schedule 2007

Holidays & Closings

November 12 • Veteran's Day

November 22 & 23 • Thanksgiving

Talking Book Library Staff

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Mary Brady, Page

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Alternative Medicine Booklist

RC050092 • The best alternative
medicine: what works? what does
not? 2000

by Kenneth R. Pelletier

RC033525 • The doctor's book of
home remedies: thousands of tips
and techniques anyone can use to
heal everyday health problems.
1990

by Debora Tkac

RC047403 • Homeopathic self-care:
the quick and easy guide for the
whole family. 1996

by Robert Ullman

RC048003 • The complete book of
ayurvedic home remedies. 1998

by Vasant D. Lad

RC048564 • American Indian healing
arts: herbs, rituals, and remedies
for every season of life. 1999

by E. Barrie Kavasch