



Summer 2021 Talking Times Newsletter

That All May Read

Rhode Island Regional Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

Talking Books Library

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Coronavirus Update

Whew...We are almost there! This COVID crisis has taken a toll on all of us, especially our members. Hopefully, you have received the vaccine or will be receiving it soon. If you have not received the vaccine and are not sure when you might receive it, contact the RI Department of Health at (401)222-8022 or visit <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>. You may also email the department of health with questions at RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov. The Talking Books Library staff will continue to provide services as usual and will keep members apprised via our website and blog of any changes to our services. We will also continue to provide information about other services and resources that may be of interest to our members.

Summer Reading - Virtual Event for All

Join the annual Summer Reading Program at your local public library. Kids and teens who meet their summer reading goals can earn prizes and other incentives. But why let kids and teens have all the fun? Summer reading is a family affair when you sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Program, too. The 2021 Summer Reading Theme is "Tales and Tails." Virtual programming will continue through the summer

and as temperatures rise, so will opportunities for outdoor, in-person activities. The Summer Reading Program runs from June through August and is free, though registration may be required at some libraries. Call or visit your local public library for more information and to register.

In the Summer, the Song Sings Itself - Summer Reading

The Answer Is: Reflections on My Life by Alex Trebek (DB 99678)

Longtime host of the TV game show Jeopardy! shares stories of his life and career. Alongside anecdotes about the show and its contestants, he discusses marriage, parenthood, spirituality, education, philanthropy, and his own battle with cancer. Unrated. Autobiography. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

The House We Grew Up In by Lisa Jewell (DB 81292)

After Lorelei Bird's death, her family slowly gathers to clear out the house she filled from hoarding and relive memories of their times together, including one fateful Easter that broke them all. Each must come to terms with how they lived their lives. Family Story. Strong language. 2013.

A Promised Land by Barack Obama (DB100966)

The first volume of Barack Obama's presidential memoirs, recounting his journey from youth to president of the United States of America. He discusses his early aspirations, the trajectory of his political career, landmark moments of his first term, and reflections on American politics. Unrated. Politics. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

Melania and Me: The Rise and Fall of My Friendship with the First Lady by Stephanie Wolcott (DB100957)

The author discusses the long history of her friendship with Melania Trump that predated her marriage to the president. She then recounts the events and accusations that led to the disintegration of their relationship. Includes behind-the-scenes insights of the Melania's tenure as First Lady. Unrated. Government. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah (DB102287)

Texas, 1921. Elsa Wolcott has few prospects before her as she's considered too old to marry. Then she meets Rafe Martinelli. Thirteen years later, everything on the Martinelli farm is dying--including their marriage. Elsa must decide to fight for the land of her heart or head to California. Unrated. Romance. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

Successful Aging: A Neuroscientist Explores the Power and Potential of Our Lives by Daniel Levitin (DB 98872)

Examines the science behind aging joyously and explores how culture can be adapted to take full advantage of older people's wisdom and experience. Explains what aging really means, using research from developmental neuroscience and the psychology of individual differences. Reveals resilience strategies and practical, cognitive enhancing tricks. Unrated. Health. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

NLS Music Section

The NLS music collection includes braille and large-print musical scores, recorded instructional materials, and recorded materials about music and musicians. Any person eligible for NLS service is also eligible for NLS music services. However, while patrons receive most NLS services through their local Talking Books Library, music materials are circulated directly to patrons from the NLS headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Services must be requested through the office as noted below. To receive music materials from NLS, eligible patrons may contact the NLS Music Section via email at nlsm@loc.gov, phone at 800-424-8567 ext. 2, fax at 202-707-0712, or postal mail at: Music Section, The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20542. The Music Section has produced a number of catalogs listing available material, which can be requested along with other Music Section publications. To request catalogs, please complete the music publication order form at <https://tinyurl.com/nlsmusic>.

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Talking Book Topics Online – Why Wait for Mail

If you have access to a computer or device connected to the internet, you may view the current Talking Books Topics Catalogs, (TBT) by going to <https://tinyurl.com/tbtopic>. Your mailed catalog will still arrive as usual.

View Your Account with Reading History

It has come to our attention that many of our members did not know they could view their personal account, reading history and search for titles in the online catalog by going to <https://ritbl.klas.com>. Every member has a login, which uses the member ID number as their username and their 4-digit year of birth as their password. If you do not know your username, please call the Talking Books Library and we will provide that to you with easy to follow instructions, so that you can search for titles and view all of your account information.

Keep Books Coming: Request List Only vs. Auto Select Service

If you have chosen Request List services, please be aware that no materials will go out to you if you do not have requests in your account, or you do not call to ask for materials. Also, if you place requests in the system via the online catalog, and there are no available copies on the shelf for a particular title, your request may sit for a long period waiting for a copy to become available. Auto Select service allows our system to send materials out to you on a regular schedule, based on the preferences you have listed in your account, for example, romance, westerns, mystery and detective, etc. or author names, for example, John Grisham, Nora Roberts. Auto Select will keep books coming to you based on how many you read per week, as long as you do not reach your maximum number out on your account. The maximum number is usually set to 15 for new members and can be adjusted to meet the needs of each member. Please remember to return items when you are done reading so that you can be sure not to reach your maximum out. If you find that books have stopped coming, please call the TBL staff at (401)574-9310 to see if you need an adjustment. The lending period is 8

weeks but can be extended if you need more time. Please enjoy your reading with no worries. Note: If you do not borrow any material for a year or more, your account may be suspended. Call the Talking Books staff if you need to have your account reactivated.

Moving to or from an Assisted Living, Rehabilitation Center, Nursing Home, Hospital, etc.?

If you are leaving a facility and going to another address, please be sure to take any equipment and audiobooks with you and provide your change of address and new telephone number to the Talking Books staff by calling 401-574-9310. We will update your account to be sure that your materials go to the right place. If you no longer wish to be in the program, also call us so that we can change your account information and assist you in the return of any equipment or books.

Digital Talking Book Players

If you have more than 1 player machine, please return the additional player(s) so that they may be repaired, cleaned and reissued. If you need a box to pack the machine for return, please call us at 401-574-9310 and we will mail one out to you.

Talking Books Book Discussion Group

We have recently begun a virtual book discussion group, and our first 2 discussions took place on January 27th and April 27th. It was great to speak with and listen to our members share their feelings and ideas about books. Our discussion group takes place quarterly, and the next session is July 27th at 2:00 via phone line or online through Zoom. To register, send an email to talking.books@olis.ri.gov or call

(401)574-9310. To view the schedule and book titles, go to

<https://olis.ri.gov/tbl/discussion.php>.

Rhode Island Collection

We have finally begun recording titles for the Rhode Island Collection.

The Doctor Broad: A Mafia Love Story by Barbara Roberts and **Killer**

Show: The Station Night Club Fire, America's Deadliest Rock

Concert by John Barylick will be available soon. Read Talking Books

News online at <https://lorinet.info/tbp/> to learn when these books

become available. If there is a title or book relating to Rhode Island or

written by a RI author that you would like to read, but it is not in our

collection, please let us know. We will review your recommendation and

can add the title to our list of books to be recorded.

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Talking Books Library, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Your

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The Talking Books Library Staff wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

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September 6, 2021 - Labor Day
October 11, 2021 - Columbus Day



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