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Greetings Readers!

Alas, summer is coming to an end and colored leaves are being spotted here and there along the highways. Soon, cool temperatures will arrive and it may be tempting to find a good book to get comfy with and enjoy.

Hopefully, you're receiving the type of books you like. If not, please give me a call or email and we can make changes to your Profile Authors or Profile Subjects lists. Do you know that you can also select the type of narrators you prefer? You can choose between male and female narrators and those without accents.

Some of you are receiving your first audio recording of this newsletter. A survey sent to all of you this spring gave you the opportunity to request our UP Newsletter in audio format. If you did not request it then, you can do it now. Give me a call or return the form on the back page.

Happy Reading!

Lynn Buckland-Brown,

Reader Advisor

Choice Magazine

Choice Magazine Listening (CML) is a free audio magazine for adults with impaired vision or other disability. Four times a year, listeners can download or receive by mail 12 hours of great stories and articles chosen from 100 of the finest magazines, absolutely free of charge. CML's editors select articles, stories and poems from magazines such as National Geographic, Harper's, Time, The Atlantic, Scientific American, Sports Illustrated, and The New Yorker. All CML's selections are wonderfully read by some of America's top audiobook narrators. If you would enjoy this free service, please call 1-888-724-6423 or visit www.choicemagazinelistening.org

Great Lakes Talking Books to Record Book by Local Author

Our library has been bequeathed a generous amount of money. Based on the results of a survey we did this summer, our patrons would like more audio books about Northern Michigan and by Michigan authors. We will be using this gift of money to record our first book this fall, if everything goes as planned. Stay tuned for more information as we move forward with this project.

"I Can't Find the Case or Book!"

Don't worry! We all lose things from time to time. Just call me and I'll send you another case, or mark the book lost. Also, please help us out by making sure you've put your digital books in the right mailing container before you send them back.

BARD Application Upload

For those of you that download books yourself from BARD, new versions of BARD Mobile apps for iOS and Android were released. The new iOS version requires iOS 8 or later. Its user guide has been updated and can be found at:

<http://nlsbard.loc.gov/apidocs/BARDMobile.userguide.iOS.1.2.html>

The new Android version requires Android 4.2 or later. Its user guide, when ready, will be available at:

http://nlsbardpractice.loc.gov/LOC_02/BARDAndroidUserGuide.html

New Michigan Non-Fiction Books

DBC11164 - *Feather Brained: My Bumbling Quest to Become a Birder and Find a Rare Bird On My Own* by Bob Tarte The author offers readers a droll look at the pleasures and pitfalls of birding, introduces a colorful cast of fellow birders from across the US, and travels to some of the premier birding sites in the Midwest. This funny, heartfelt memoir will appeal to birders of all skill levels as well as to anyone who knows and loves a birder. 2017 Michigan Notable Book 2016 (7h 28m)

DBC11182 - *Blue Water, Red Metal & Green Gold: the Color of Michigan's Past*, by Larry B. Massie This book contains a collection of Michigan topics including mining, lumber, agriculture, and maritime history. 2014. (7h 51m)

DBC11181 - *Under the Radar Michigan: the First 50* by Tom Daldin, read by Michael P. Donovan. The host and producers of *Under the Radar Michigan*, a PBS television series, provide the travel destinations of their first 50 episodes. Highlights restaurants, museums, attractions, festivals, historic locations, art galleries, and businesses in Michigan. 2015. (12h 53m)

Let Us Know How We're Doing

Please let us know if you'd like to make any changes in your services. There is a simple checklist on the back page. Either call us or mail the checklist to the address listed below it.

General Information on the Talking Books Program

Some of this information may be new to you, or you may have forgotten how to, for example, return a broken machine. Here is some general information that may answer some of the most frequently asked questions that I'm asked when patrons call me.

Great Lakes Talking Books is a reader advisory and outreach center for patrons of the Braille and Talking Books Library who reside in the Upper Peninsula and Crawford and Alpena counties. It provides audio books and magazines, machines to listen to them with, headphones, Braille books, and descriptive DVDs. They are all sent free of charge through the U.S. Mail.

The library begins your service by mailing a Talking Book player, unless a patron wants to download his/her own books from BARD, a small selection of Talking Books, and a large print catalog called "Talking Book Topics."

Braille and Talking Books materials can be sent in several different ways. Most new users are set to "send/return" usage, which means when an item is returned, another item will be sent. Other service types available include weekly or monthly delivery. Please call a reader advisor (ext. 0) at Great Lakes Talking Books if you would like to change delivery frequency or number of books sent each time.

The library can make special arrangements for delivery to an alternate address if you travel or take extended vacations.

If you move or change phone numbers, please let the library know immediately. If you remain in our coverage area, service will continue at your new address. If you move out of the library's coverage area, your records will be transferred to a library near your new home. If you move to another state or country, we will transfer you to their library. This program is a national and international program.

If you cancel library service, books, movies, players and other equipment, must be returned. If you've lost or thrown out the box for the Talking Book machine, we can mail you another one.

BRAILLE & TALKING BOOKS SERVICE

Every two months, you will receive a large print catalog called "Talking Book Topics." The catalog describes the most recent additions to the Talking Book collection, and contains an order form. If you would prefer to receive the catalog as an audio cartridge, please contact our library. Please note that order forms are mailed separately from audio versions of the catalog. To return the audio Talking Books Topics, simply put the red case containing the cartridge in the mail. Your information is in the bar code on the side or the case. Do not put it back in the brown box or put a return address on it. The next edition of the audio Talking Books Topics will not be sent until the prior edition has been returned. If you are a Braille reader, you will also receive Braille Book Review catalog in Braille.

If you would like to change the format of your catalog, please contact the library.

Completed order forms can be mailed free of charge by following directions provided on the order forms. Braille and Talking Books can also be ordered by emailing tb@greatlakestalkingbooks.org or calling the library at 906-228-7697, extension 0.

If you would like to read a book which is not listed in the catalog, please call or email your reader advisor to find out if the book has been recorded or printed in Braille.

You can also search the entire catalog of audio books by going to the “Talking Books Catalog” link at our website.

You can order books by author, title, or the book number you find in the catalog. If the book you request is not currently available, your request will be saved so the book can be sent to you when available. In addition, the library can automatically send books on your favorite subjects.

Book cartridges and Braille books are due two months after mailing. Please return each book when finished or if you don't care for it, so another reader can enjoy it.

Please do not put notes inside containers. Notes are often lost in transit. It is best to call your reader advisor, personally, so she can deal with your issue right away.

If you receive a defective book, please place a string or rubber band around the faulty book cartridge. Then place the cartridge inside the box to return. If you would like a replacement copy of the book, please call the library. The library does not automatically send replacements for defective books.

The library offers magazine subscriptions. A list of subscriptions can be found in Talking Book Topics or Braille Book Review catalogs.

TALKING BOOK PLAYERS

- The player is on loan and may be kept as long as you continue to borrow books from this library.
- If a player needs repair, please do not attempt to repair it yourself. Sometimes it needs a new battery, but it has to be replaced by the technician in Lansing. Let the library know you need a replacement player, and one will be sent to you.
- After you receive the replacement player, return your nonworking player to the library as soon as possible. If you need a replacement mailing container, please let the library know.
- There is no charge to borrow or repair players. Players can be mailed anywhere as “Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped.”
- If you prefer to listen to books on your mobile device, an app called “BARD mobile” is available through Apple's App Store and Google Play. You must apply to BARD first, however. You can find the BARD Application at the Great Lakes Talking Books website.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

I'd like to receive this newsletter on audio cartridge.

I'm getting too many books.

I'm not getting enough books.

I don't like the books I'm getting.

I'd like to talk with someone, please call me.

I'd like to cancel my book service.

Other issues or comments:

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