



Dear Patrons,

Spring is upon us and summer is right around the corner! It's been busy here at Great Lakes Talking Books and Outreach Center. I've been gathering information on new books, magazines, and equipment which is now available for you to use and enjoy.

Please call me at 1-800-562-8985 *in Michigan* if you need my assistance. I'm at my desk Mondays from 11:30am-5:00pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00am-2:30pm. Nick may be able to assist you on other days and times.

Our toll free 1-800-562-8985, extension 0, phone number is for *Michigan* calls only. Out-of-state calls will no longer go through. If you are traveling, please call us at 906-228-7670,

The Great Lakes Talking Books website is a great place to search our audio book library or link to resources:

<http://uproc.lib.mi.us/gltb>

Happy Reading!

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Guideposts Magazine Now Available in Audio Format

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Borrow, Renew, Return

Every year, Michigan Talking Book Libraries lend thousands of braille and audio books to our patrons. We encourage you to read at your own pace, but please remember that each item does have a loan period and will become overdue. There may be other patrons waiting for a particular book. If you wish to keep a book for a longer period of time, please contact me, and I will be happy to renew it.

Audio and Braille Books: 6 Weeks

Magazines: Weekly- 3 weeks Monthly- 7 weeks

New High-Volume Talking Book Machine NOW AVAILABLE

The National Library Service (NLS) has developed a high-volume version of the digital talking-book machine, which is paired with a headset and is available as a standard or advanced model. It has been programmed to have an amplified volume up to 120 dB. It can only be issued by the NLS and will bear a warning label, as it may harm hearing if not used appropriately. To receive this player and headset, a patron must provide certification of hearing impairment by a physician or audiologist. Applications are available from www.loc.gov/nls/pdf/hvp.pdf and can be returned to the NLS equipment control officer by email at nls-eco@loc.gov or fax at (202) 707-0712. I would also be happy to send you an application in the mail or answer questions about it.

New Book Suggestions

See Me by Nicholas Sparks DB 82717 **Description:** Trying to turn over a new leaf and leave his violent past behind, Colin Hancock doesn't have time for a relationship. That changes when he meets Maria Sanchez, a successful lawyer who is running from her own dark history. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015. **Romance**

Breakdown (Alex Delaware novel Volume: 31) by Jonathan Kellerman DB 83585 **Description:** Psychologist Alex Delaware first met actress Zelda Chase when evaluating her five-year-old son, Ovid. Years later, Alex sees Zelda, who was involuntarily committed. Shortly after Zelda's release, she is found dead, and Ovid is missing. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016. **Suspense Fiction**

Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right by Jane Mayer DB 83381 **Description:** Using interviews, public records, private papers, and court proceedings, the author attempts to trace the trail of the money spent by a network of wealthy individuals bankrolling a plan to alter the American political system. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016. **Government and Politics**

The Name of God is Mercy by Pope Francis DB 83513 **Description:** Through a conversation with a Vatican reporter, Pope Francis (born 1936) expounds on his belief that "mercy is the first attribute of God." Uses supporting examples from his own early years as well as experiences doing pastoral work. Discusses why the Catholic Church's doors should remain open to everyone. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016. **Religion**

Rocket Boys: A Memoir by Homer Hickman DB 47833 **Description:** This is a memoir of a young man who grew up in a coal-mining town in West Virginia, but with the encouragement of his high school science teacher, won medals in the 1960 National Science Fair and became a NASA engineer after graduating from Virginia Tech.

“A book is a device to ignite the imagination.” -Alan Bennett

Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning may unearth forgotten items, especially unused cassette players and cassette tapes. Readers may keep their playback devices as long as they are using our services. However, audiobook equipment like the cassette players and digital players are Federal Government property and must be returned when not in use. If you are not sure how to return a player, please call me. I can send you a free shipping label and a box, if necessary.

Why Am I Not Receiving More Books- Or Get Books I Don't Like?

- **Number of Books-** Call and we'll increase or decrease the number of books you get
- **Overdue Items:** If you receive an overdue letter in the mail and you have already mailed back the item, please contact us and we'll have it removed from your "Now Has" list. Overdue items fill up a spot in your quota of books.
- **Few Subject Interests-** Add more subjects to your profile
- **Tell us what you DO like or Do Not like.** We'll change your author, subject, or narrator profile.
- **Exclusions:** There are various levels of sex, violence, and strong language exclusions. If you find "some" acceptable, please let us know. Excluding violence excludes many westerns or mysteries.
- **Unrated, commercial titles:** NLS is continuing to add commercially produced books. They're unrated. If you receive such a book and do not like the subject matter, we can exclude the author.
- **Returning all your items at once:** Try to return your books as you finish them. That way there will be books coming and going in the mail.
- **Request List Only service.** If you have not given us any titles, we will not be sending you any books. If the titles you request are all checked out, you won't be sent those books immediately. Try to have a healthy list of books on your request list.