

## BITS OF GOLD

**Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL)**  
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Regional Library of the National Library Service  
for the Blind and Physically Handicapped  
(NLS/LBPH)

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**LIBRARIAN'S LOG: from the desk of Christie Briggs, Regional Librarian.**



### Digital Player Distribution Update

We recently received two digital players for demonstration purposes from the National Library Service (NLS). One has standard features, the other advanced. The Readers' Advisors demonstrated these for students at the Montana Association for the Blind's Summer Orientation Program (MAB/SOP).

NLS has notified us to expect the first shipment of digital players for our Military veterans to arrive in late summer or autumn. We currently have two waiting lists: one for Military veterans and one for all other patrons. We are in the process of developing policies for Digital Machine and Book Loans. These will contain considerable changes from our Cassette Machine and Book Loan policies, including a shorter patron loan period on digital book cartridges due to the small amount of copies we'll initially receive from NLS. Please call the library if you would like to have your name on a waiting list.

**Note:** Although you may receive a digital player, you will need to keep your cassette machine for the next few years as most of the older titles have not been recorded in the new format. Also, magazines will continue to be recorded on cassettes for the foreseeable future. New books will be received in both formats, but the ratio will be adjusted as the digital demand increases.

### **BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Download**

Patrons can apply for downloadable books and magazines upon purchasing a retail digital player and by completing a **BARD** application at this website:

<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/cgi-bin/public/nlsbardprod/accountrequest.cgi>

## 2009 MAB/SOP Scholarship Recipients

The Montana Talking Book Library and the Montana State Library Commission awarded \$1,000 one-time tuition scholarships to eight MTBL patrons to attend the MAB's Summer Orientation Program held at Carroll College in Helena. Recipients are Carole Borgen, Pansy Callantine, Wilma Carlson, Eleanor Casey, Evelyn Grant, James Guslander, David House and Wanda Moffett.

## Two Aladdin CCTV's Available to Loan

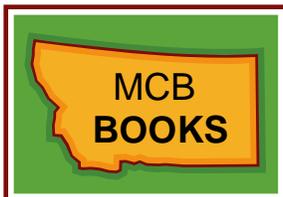
Contact Christie Briggs to arrange for pickup at the library.



**Elimination of Large Print Reader's Digest Subscription-** We will discontinue the large print Reader's Digest subscription after the July 2009 issue, due to cost and decreased patron interest. The Reader's Digest in cassette format is still available. Please contact the library to sign up. **Note:** Subscribers to Reader's Digest and/or Newsweek cassette magazines are sent a 'renewal' notice—the magazines are free but the renewal questionnaire and form must be returned to the address on the form in order to continue the subscription.

**Descriptive Videos-** Our VHS descriptive video collection has over 300 available titles through the kindness of a private donor. These videotapes can be checked out for one week. If you need a catalog, call your Readers' Advisor to order. The newest catalog is "1993-2008". Companies no longer produce VHS descriptive videos and we do not have any descriptive videos in DVD format at this time.

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS-** We will be closed Labor Day, September 7, 2009 and Columbus Day, October 12, 2009.



### MONTANA CASSETTE BOOKS:

Recorded from July 2008 to July 2009

Interested in receiving any of the new MCB recordings?  
Contact your Readers' Advisor at **1-800-332-3400**.

### ADULT NON-FICTION:

**MCB 832** *Eat Our Words – Montana Writer's Cookbook* by Montana Committee for the Humanities.

**MCB 896** *Hell for Honshu: An Army Air Corps Navigator Tells the Story of the World War II Bombing Raids on Japan* by Larry Nelson.

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- MCB 911 *James Wells of Montana: The Years 1860-1885* by James A. Franks.  
MCB 912 *Golden Gulch: The Story of Montana's Fabulous Alder Gulch* by Dick Pace.  
MCB 914 *Conveniences Sorely Needed: Montana's Historic Highway Bridges, 1860-1956* by Jon Axline.  
MCB 916 *In These Hills* by Ralph Beer.  
MCB 920 *Birds of a Feather: The Complete Poems by Ed Lahey* by Ed Lahey.  
MCB 923 *Yellowstone Ghost Stories: Spooky Tales from the World's First National Park* by Shellie Larios.  
MCB 935 *Blackfeet Indian Stories* by George Bird Grinnell.  
MCB 936 *A Wilderness Journey: Planes, Pack Strings and Perils!* by Rod Zoske.  
MCB 945 *Short in the Saddle: And Other Wild Tales of the Outdoors* by Don Laubach and Mark Henckel.  
MCB 946 *The Nearby Faraway* by David Petersen  
MCB 950 *Grace Stone Coates: Her Life in Letters* by Lee Rostad.  
MCB 953 *Trails I Have Chosen* by Mary Leffingwell.  
MCB 957 *We Like 'em Tough* by Scotty Zion.  
MCB 960 *Spaghetti on the Wall* by Mary Crisafulli.  
MCB 963 *Montana's Historical Highway Markers* by Jon Axline.  
MCB 964 *A Guide to Historic Bozeman, Volume 7* by Jim Jenks.

### ADULT FICTION

- MCB 885 *They Rode the Shining Hills* by Norman A. Fox.  
MCB 932 *Montana: A Legacy of Faith and Love in Four Complete Novels* by Ann Bell.  
MCB 938 *The Masked Rider* by Hoffman Birney.  
MCB 943 *The Coming Storm* by Tracie Peterson. Heirs of Montana Series #2.  
MCB 947 *Sweet Shattered Dream* by Stanley Gordon West.  
MCB 948 *Critter Way* by Don Buelke.  
MCB 949 *Vigilante Moon: A Novel of Old Montana* by Stan Lynde.  
MCB 951 *The Fifteenth Crimson Lily: A Tale of Heroic Virtue and Forgiveness* by Tom Layton.  
MCB 954 *To Dream Anew* by Tracie Peterson. Heirs of Montana Series #3.  
MCB 956 *Saving Miss Julie* by Stan Lynde.  
MCB 961 *The Hope Within* by Tracie Peterson. Heirs of Montana Series #4.  
MCB 965 *The Butte Polka* by Donald McCaig.

### YOUNG ADULT NON-FICTION

- MCB 895 *Stories of Young Pioneers: In Their Own Words* by Violet T. Kimball.

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for the Blind**

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**PHONE NUMBERS:** 1-800-332-3400  
**WEBOPAC:** <http://klasweb.msl.mt.gov>

**PHONE HOURS:** Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
(in Helena) 406-444-2064  
**WEBBRAILLE:** <http://loc.gov/nls/braille>

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