



BITS OF GOLD

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LIBRARIAN'S LOG- Christie Briggs, Regional Librarian.

New Readers' Advisor and Machine Lending Agent:

We are pleased to announce that Claudia Bickel has joined our staff. Claudia has a BA in English and an MA in medieval English and French literature. She has experience working with citizens who are deaf and blind. After her training period, she will be advising patrons whose last names begin with P-Z.

National Library Service Bi-Annual Consultation Visit:

Vickie Collins, Consultant, commended all staff for their accomplishments and excellent teamwork. Specific praise went to Carolyn Meier, Circulation Manager, for her implementation of a highly efficient random shelving system and Diane Gunderson for her local Recording Program quality assurance committee. My appreciation goes out to Carolyn, Diane, Martin and Sandy for an outstanding job!

Donations & Memorials (Tax Deductible)

We wish to acknowledge our appreciation to those who have given generously to MTBL over the past year. Every gift we gratefully receive benefits thousands of Montana Talking Book Library patrons and enables us to provide services not funded by the annual library budget. Memorials or donations may be made payable to **MTBL** and mailed to: **MT Talking Book Library, PO Box 201800, Helena, MT 59620-1800.** Memorials should include the name of the person being honored and the name and address of the family or family member(s) to be notified of the gift. Please consider naming MTBL as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an estate planning bequest (significant tax benefits may be possible with the assistance of an estate-planning attorney).

Patron Survey

Watch for our patron survey coming in the next newsletter!



DIGITAL PLAYER SHIPPING BOX

Remember to keep the box and Styrofoam in case it needs to be returned.

RECHARGING DIGITAL PLAYERS

To recharge your player plug the player into household outlet. The player will automatically turn on. Press the power button off to fully recharge. It takes about two hours to recharge your player. You cannot overcharge the player.

DIGITAL UPDATE

- The cartridge does not have to be rewound. When you finish the book, return it to its case. **Make sure to check that the book number and the case number match!**
- If there is a fault in the cartridge, be sure to let us know by enclosing a note or putting a rubber band around the cartridge.
- Currently the loan period for the digital books is **30 days**. We appreciate your returning the digital books promptly so they can be re-circulated. (Loan period for the cassette books is still 60 days.) We allow up to 8 digital books per patron at one time. We hope to relax these numbers in the coming months as our digital collection continues to grow.
- By now, every patron who wants a digital player should have one. If you have been missed, or you originally declined a player and are now interested, please call us. We will begin issuing digital players to institutions and schools in early 2011.
- New titles will only be available on digital cartridge (or by downloading from BARD). The only new cassettes we are receiving are popular older titles being redone or newer titles still in process. Montana Cassette Books will take longer to transition.
- Our newsletter is available online at <http://msl.mt.gov/tbl/newsletter>. We are sending large print copies to patrons previously subscribed to cassettes.

BARD DOWNLOADABLE BOOKS

Do you have a home computer with a high speed internet connection? If so, you might consider downloading books from the nearly 20,000 NLS BARD digital e-book collection. Fill out the online application at this website: <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/> Besides the high speed internet connection, requirements include an active e-mail address, moderate computer knowledge (including how to search the Internet and fill out online forms), how to download, unzip, and save files, and how to transfer files from one place to another. Technical support is available by contacting MTBL.

MEMORIALS: 2009

Helen Lavelle—Enda Bowman, Robert Yother, Betsy A. Tarrant, John Gilmore, Lorna F. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Sullivan

James K. Stockdill—David and Renette Heydon, Beverly Friede, Gene and Dee Umhoefer, Gary J. and Valerie B. Gillies, Lynn Ophus, Tyler and Emi Smith, Tom and Gail Reynolds, Glenn and Mary Helen Heilman, Judy Sande.

Janet Kares—Beth G. Rife, Richard and Miriam Woodin, Irene C. Restad, Jean L. Kares, Doris Neu, Mary Elaine Hussman

Adline Delzer—Adele Paulson

Lois Peterson—DeLane Newgard

Verna Frost—Mary Katherine Lansing, Janis and Eldon Steffans, Donald and Mary Jo Quayle, Tim and Jean Judson, Paul and Ardelle Vaira, Doug and Kris Hettich, Bob and Carol Lee

Genevieve Reymer—Suzanne Reymer

Clint Van Atta—Ray and Patty Dietz and Family

Charles Howard—Rene Lenhardt

Forrest Jackson—Dorothy Carpenter, Minnie Koenig, Diane Gunderson, Ralph Stone

Chester Marlow—Donald and Marlene Bastian, Donna Spencer

Dorothy Davidson—Lesley Cooney, Capt. and Mrs. Richard Kiehl

Kathy Madison—Minnie Koenig, Jane Briney, Richard and Patricia Howse, Herb Blunn, Dorothy Carpenter

Jon Beck—Jack and Nancy Glaser

Fern Cohen—Leila Proctor Memorial Chapter/Montana Assn. for the Blind

Diane Maxwell—Marlene Bergum

Agnes Walker—Dorothy Carpenter, Diane Gunderson

DONATIONS: 2009

Becker, Marlene

Bond, Margaret et.al.

DeLay, Sheila and Dennis

Hanson, Lloyd and Shirley

Kasper, Charlotte

Larson, Leona

Malta Public Schools

Mazur, Regina

O'Neil, Ivan

Paulson, Adele

Rennaker, Dwain and Lillian

Smalley, Sonja and Edwin

Syiling, Rose

Tong, Albert R.

Turner, Velma

Valgenti, Mary Ann

Voermans, Dorothy

Women of the Moose (Lewistown Chapter)

IN-KIND DONATIONS: 2009

Thanks to everyone for your donations of treats, gifts and sharing throughout the year.

JUST A REMINDER: MTBL patrons may send items to our library "FREE MATTER" via USPS; this includes equipment, books and request lists. NLS contracts with USPS to provide patrons with free mailing service to and from our library.

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WEBOPAC: <http://klasweb.msl.mt.gov>

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WEBBRAILLE: <http://loc.gov/nls/braille>

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