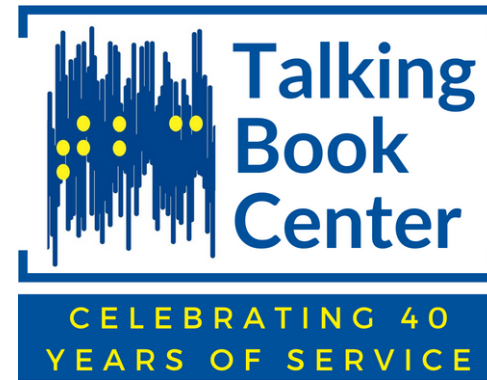


Upcoming Events:

- ◆ National Library Week, April 6-12, is a celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. We certainly appreciate being your local library!
- ◆ Staunton Parks & Recreation will be hosting their third annual Senior Health Expo on April 11 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Gypsy Hill Park gym. Attendees at this free event will wind their way through booths specially designed to promote the health and well-being of seniors. The Talking Book Center will be hosting a table, so feel free to stop by and say hello.
- ◆ The Augusta County Triad meeting will be on April 24 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Montgomery Hall Park meeting room. The Triad program is a cooperative effort focused on reducing fraud and crimes against the senior community. Meetings are free for all to attend, and refreshments are provided.



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New Talking Book Center Items:

We have some new features coming soon! We are working on providing “Readers’ Advisory” lists which contain a variety of titles relating to a certain genre. Most of the lists have been featured in our newsletters but if you are new to the TBC service, you may find some new titles to request. We are also working on a “Series Sampler”, a cartridge with the first book of five different yet similar series, so if you enjoy the first book in the series you can request the entire series to read! We are also eagerly awaiting the arrival of the new generation of talking book machines, the DA2. This new device is similar to the current talking book machine and will play cartridges, but it also has Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capabilities so you’ll be able to download books directly to your machine! It will not be mandatory to upgrade to the new device and we will work with you to discover all of the fun capabilities of the new DA2.



Scams In The Area:

Beware, new scams are hitting the area and some people are being tricked out of their entire life savings! Current scams include text messages about toll road violations in other states, IRS back taxes scams, and health insurance sales-pitch scams. It’s best to ignore any message from a person you don’t know who is asking for money. Ask a trusted person to verify the information and you can contact the non-emergency police or local sheriffs office if you have any concerns that you may have been scammed. If you receive a phone call from someone and do not recognize the number, you do not need to answer it. If it is important or official business, they will leave a message. The bad guys have the ability to copy your voice, so if you think it’s a scam hang up the phone immediately. Another popular scam is when the bad guys ask you to purchase several gift cards and give them the numbers on the back. This scam is not traceable and you won’t get your money back. If you have any doubts at all that something might be a scam, please reach out to a trusted friend or family member and ask them to verify the information. It’s your money, you should keep it!

Patron Recommendations:

DB71799 A Dawn Like Thunder: The True Story Of Torpedo Squadron Eight by Robert Mrazek (war history)

Former United States congressman uses archives and firsthand accounts to portray World War II's legendary Torpedo Squadron Eight and its feats in the Pacific. Describes the Battle of Midway, during which most of the men perished, and follows the survivors to Guadalcanal. Violence and some strong language. 2008.

DBC26603 Lady In Boomtown: Miners And Manners On The Nevada Frontier by Mrs. Hugh Brown

Marjorie Brown arrived in the silver mining town of Tonopah, Nevada, in 1904 as a nineteen-year-old bride and spent the next 20 years as a frontier pioneer. She shares stories of her adventures including stagecoach rides, underground mine parties, cattle drives, and witnessing the rise and fall of the mining boom. Her vivid recollections bring the history of Tonopah to life, offering intriguing details and personal growth throughout her journey. Some violence. 1991.

New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB126615 The Business Trip by Jessie Garcia (suspense)

DB125056 The London Girls by Soraya Lane (historical fiction)

DB126769 Gilded Girl by Pamela M. Kelley (historical fiction)

DB126703 Head Cases; PAR Unit 01 by John McMahon (suspense)

DB126740 The Inheritance by Trisha Sakhlecha (mystery thriller)

DB124900 Invasion Of The Body Snatchers by Jack Finney (sci-fi, original from 1955)

DB126691 The Amish Quiltmaker's Unlikely Match by Jennifer Beckstrand (religions fic.)

DB125594 An Amish Christmas Journey; Brides Of Amish Country 12 by Patricia Davids

DB126468 The Texas Murders: Everything Is Bigger In Texas- Especially The Murder Cases by James Patterson (suspense fiction)

DB124933 The Black Death: A Personal History by John Hatcher (world history)

DB124886 A Man, A Can, A Plan: 50 Great Guy Meals Even You Can Make! by David Joachim (cooking)

DB124913 Goodnight John-Boy: A Celebration Of An American Family And The Values That Have Sustained Us Through Good Times And Bad by Earl Hamner Jr.

DB126534 Live Like A Guide Dog: True Stories From A Blind Man And His Dogs About Being Brave, Overcoming Adversity, And Moving Forward In Faith by Michael Hingson



True Crime:

DB101366 The Last Days Of John Lennon by James Patterson
During the Beatles' controversial 1966 American tour, John Lennon had complained, "You might as well put a target on me." The Nixon administration did just that, putting Lennon under FBI surveillance. Laments that the agents' intent focus on the star himself prevented them from detecting Mark David Chapman's ever-growing obsession with the man. 2020.

DB103201 Double Plays And Double Crosses: The Black Sox And Baseball In 1920 by Don Zminda

An examination of the 1920s Chicago White Sox baseball season, during which game-fixing continued to occur before the scandal came to light that members of the White Sox threw the 1919 World Series. Investigates the level of complicity in different players and in team management. 2021.

DB66976 The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt And The Plot To Kill Abraham Lincoln by Kate Clifford Larson

Author investigates the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Focuses on the involvement of boarding-house owner Mary Surratt. Reexamines primary documents to assert that Mary and her son John, both Confederate sympathizers, participated in John Wilkes Booth's plot. 2008.

DB71251 Vanished Smile: The Mysterious Theft Of The Mona Lisa by R. A. Scotti

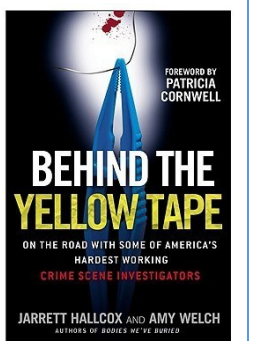
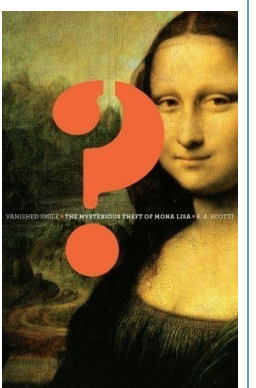
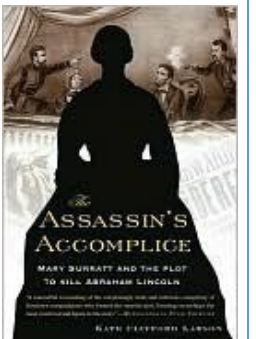
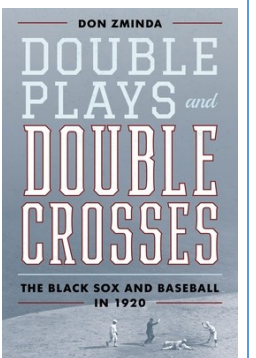
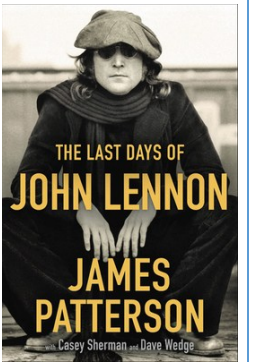
Chronicles the 1911 disappearance of da Vinci's masterpiece from Paris's Louvre Museum. Describes the investigation and search for suspects, which included Pablo Picasso and other modernist painters, before the portrait was finally recovered in Florence in 1913. 2009.

DB69471 Public Enemies: America's Greatest Crime Wave And The Birth Of The FBI, 1933-1934 by Bryan Burrough

Discusses events that led to the FBI's 1933-1936 "war on crime" led by J. Edgar Hoover. Examines activities of John Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Pretty Boy Floyd, Machine Gun Kelly, and Bonnie and Clyde to depict depression-era robbers and murderers. 2004.

DB70675 Behind The Yellow Tape: On The Road With Some Of America's Hardest Working Crime Scene Investigators by Jarrett Hallcox

Trained CSIs at the National Forensic Academy in Knoxville, Tennessee provide an uncensored look at real-life crime scene investigations. 2008.



True Crime:

DB82926 Empire Of Deception: The Incredible Story Of A Master Swindler Who Seduced A City And Captivated A Nation by Dean Jobb

Journalist recounts how, in 1920s Chicago, lawyer Leo Koretz enticed hundreds of people to invest \$30 million in phantom timberland and nonexistent oil wells. Koretz vanished in 1923 when his scheme finally collapsed, but he was later found and sent to prison. 2015.

DB77567 A Disposition To Be Rich: How A Small-Town Pastor's Son Ruined An American President, Brought On A Wall Street Crash, And Made Himself The Best-Hated Man In The United States by Geoffrey C. Ward

Award-winning historian chronicles the actions of his great-grandfather Ferdinand Ward, whose Ponzi scheme collapsed and bankrupted former president Ulysses S. Grant, author Mark Twain, and many others. 2012.

DB60737 Ponzi's Scheme: The True Story Of A Financial Legend by Mitchell Zuckhoff

Account of the 1920 get-rich-quick scam devised by charismatic Italian immigrant Charles Ponzi of Boston that led to the loss of millions by investors. Uses original sources to document Ponzi's investment pyramid and its unmasking by Boston Post newspaperman Richard Grozier. 2005

DB123637 Madoff: The Final Word by Richard Behar

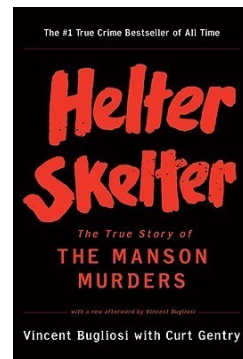
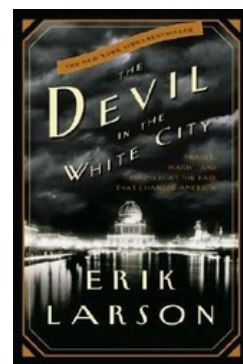
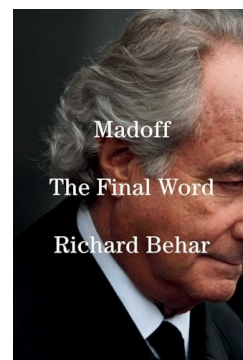
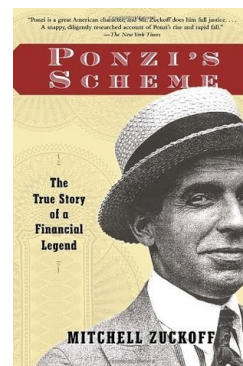
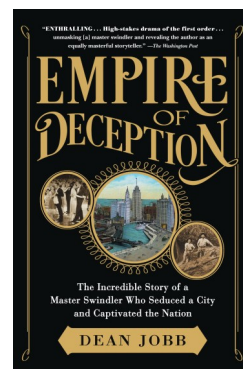
\$65 billion evaporated during Bernie Madoff's epic confidence game. People were driven to suicide in the wake of the scheme's exposure. Others went to prison. But there has never been a satisfying accounting for how Bernie got away with so much, for so long. Until now. 2024.

DB55748 The Devil In The White City: Murder, Magic, And Madness At The Fair That Changed America by Erik Larson

The author traces the crimes of Dr. H.H. Holmes, a serial killer who preyed on young women during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair in the amazing landscape that architect Daniel H. Burnham created in a mere two years. 2003.

DB36994 Helter Skelter: The True Story Of The Manson Murders by Vincent Bugliosi

Among the brutal deaths attributed to the group is the mass murder of actress Sharon Tate and her house guests. Bugliosi gives detailed descriptions of the crime scenes, the frustrating investigation, the arrest and trial, and the retaliation murders. 1974.



April Titles:

DB67632 An April Shroud; Dalziel & Pascoe 04 by Reginald Hill (myst.) England. Detective Andy Dalziel finds shelter at the estate the recently widowed Bonnie Fielding. When Andy discovers that both of Bonnie's husbands have died under suspicious circumstances, he launches an investigation--while pursuing an affair with Bonnie. 1975.

DB69956 April Lady by Georgette Heyer (historical romance) Regency England. New bride Nell gets into trouble by helping such deserving people as her dashing, debt-ridden brother and her husband's lovesick young sister. Nell's little white lies jeopardize her marriage to Lord Giles Cardross, who grows suspicious of her increasing debt. 1957.

DB46007 The Enchanted April by Elizabeth Von Arnim (relations) On a rainy day in London, Lotty notices an ad for a small medieval Italian castle on the shores of the Mediterranean to be let for the month of April. A seed is planted in her mind, and soon she, along with three friends, find themselves on a holiday in Italy that will affect the lives of each one. 1922

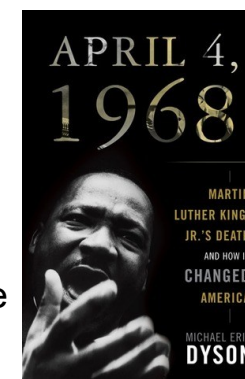
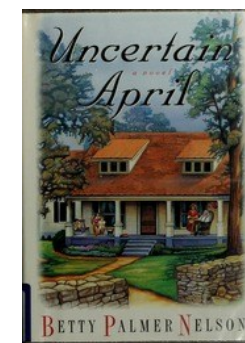
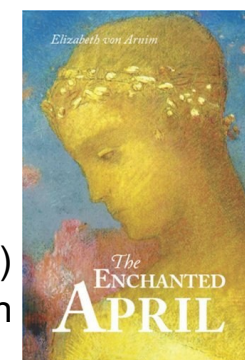
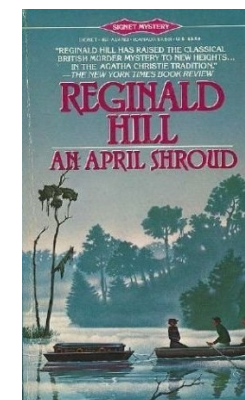
DB39428 Uncertain April, 1909-1950 by Betty Palmer Nelson (family) In segments of time between 1909 and 1950, Clara and her mother-in-law, Miss Evelina, alternately recount their relationships with each other and with Jourden, Clara's husband. 1994.

DB52027 April 1865: The Month That Saved America by Jay Winik (hist) In April 1865, as the war ends, the Confederate capitol--Richmond--lies in ruins, generals Lee and Johnston surrender their armies, and President Lincoln is assassinated. Remarkably, the nation survives. Analyzes the reasons for the successful conclusion to a republic's civil war. 2001.

DB66789 April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Death And How It Changed America by Michael Eric Dyson (history)

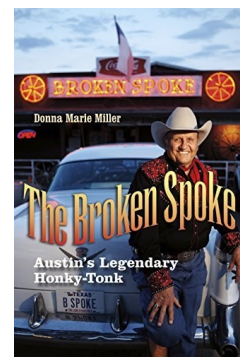
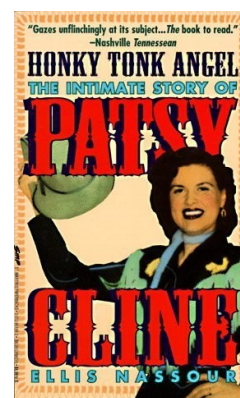
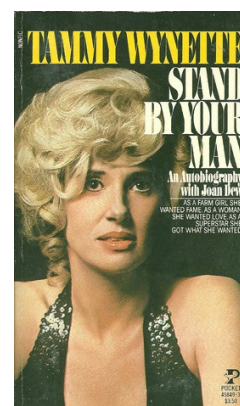
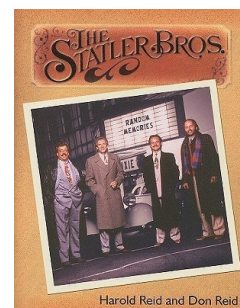
An analysis of Martin Luther King Jr.'s influence in America. The author shares his assessment of racial progress while discussing the leadership roles and flaws of African Americans Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, and Barack Obama. 2008.

DBC29380 April In Bloom by Annie Jones (religious romance) Sheriff Kurt moves to a new home outside of town hoping to avoid the meddling women of Wileyville. His first night in the home elderly Miss Cora and her young friend April arrive for a visit. When Miss Cora is injured and must stay in the house to recuperate, April cares for her while growing closer to the Sheriff. 2006.



Country Music: Biographies:

- DB72430 The Statler Brothers: Random Memories by Harold Reid
- DBC14316 Sing Me Back Home: My Story by Merle Haggard
- DB88944 Luck Or Something Like It by Kenny Rogers
- DB38856 Reba: My Story by Reba McEntire
- DB95313 Forever And Ever, Amen: A Memoir Of Music, Faith, And Braving The Storms Of Life by Randy Travis
- DB76927 Diary Of A Player: How My Musical Heroes Made A Guitar Man Out Of Me by Brad Paisley
- DB44364 Rhinestone Cowboy: An Autobiography by Glen Campbell
- DB108308 Buck 'Em! The Autobiography Of Buck Owens by Buck Owens
- DB47559 Loretta Lynn: Coal Miner's Daughter by Loretta Lynn
- DBC14351 Pride: The Charley Pride Story by Charley Pride
- DB43334 Waylon: An Autobiography by Waylon Jennings
- DB53472 Stand By Your Man by Tammy Wynette
- DB75901 Roll Me Up And Smoke Me When I Die: Musings From The Road by Willie Nelson
- DB42850 I Lived To Tell It All by George Jones
- DB102063 Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life In Lyrics by Dolly Parton
- DB58372 Man In Black by Johnny Cash
- DBC12218 Every Night Is Saturday Night: A Country Girl's Journey To The Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame by Wanda Jackson
- DB125046 Take Me Home: An Autobiography by John Denver
- DB58571 Honky Tonk Angel: The Intimate Story Of Patsy Cline by Ellis Nassour
- DBC14561 Dark Star: The Roy Orbison Story by Ellis Amburn
- DB90060 Hank: The Short Life And Long Country Road Of Hank Williams by Mark Ribowsky
- DBC18774 The Broken Spoke: Austin's Legendary Honky-Tonk by Donna Marie Miller
- DB121918 Willie, Waylon, And The Boys: How Nashville Outsiders Changed Country Music Forever by Brian Fairbanks



Country Music:

- DB21782 Roy Acuff's Nashville: The Life And Good Times Of Country Music by Roy Acuff
- Reminiscences of one of country music's last surviving pioneers. Acuff traces his forty-year odyssey from the early days of the Grand Ole Opry to the modern sounds of Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton. 1983.
- DB10597 Country Music Originals: The Legends And The Lost by Tony Russell
- A music historian draws on new research, rare source material, and his own interviews to bring to life the stories of the men and women who created country music. Dozens of performers are profiled, from legends such as the Carter Family and Gene Autry to lesser-known figures. 2007.
- DBC17974 Cowboy Fiddler In Bob Willis' Band by Frankie McWhorter
- Frankie McWhorter grew up in Bob Willis Country (the Texas Panhandle) and bought his first fiddle with his cowboy wages in 1950. McWhorter later played with Clyde Chesser and the Texas Village Boys and the Miller Brothers Band before being asked to join Bob Willis and the Texas Playboys-- a band that had a tremendous impact on the country-western music field. 1991.
- DBC24985 Prairie Nights To Neon Lights: The Story Of Country Music In West Texas by Joe Carr & Alan Munde
- Since the Amarillo fiddler Eck Robertson inaugurated country music's commercial history with his first recordings in 1922, West Texas musicians have played major innovative roles in the shaping and popularization of the nation's popular music forms. Their contributions are described and explained in this historical tribute. 1995.
- DB50736 A Good-Natured Riot: The Birth Of The Grand Ole Opry by Charles K. Wolfe
- History of the country music radio station that founded the Grand Ole Opry following a well-received broadcast of old-time fiddle tunes in 1925. Recalls the show's early performers; discusses social and cultural conditions that fueled its immense popularity and created a nationwide audience by the 1940s. 1999.
- DB62224 Rednecks & Bluenecks: The Politics Of Country Music by Chris Willman
- Entertainment Weekly reporter interviews country western singers to ascertain the politics behind their brand of show business. Studies the belief that there is Republican partisanship among the genre's base and investigates the shift of the South away from the Democratic party. 2005.

