

# The Reading Light

Mississippi Library Commission  
Talking Book Services  
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## Do you have the Best Mail Carrier?



Show your postal carrier some love and nominate him/her for the Talking Book Services 2015 Mail Carrier of the Year! Has your mail carrier gone out of their way to make sure your get your books? Have they gone above and beyond when you least expected it? Tell us about it! If your mail carrier wins, we will contact the mail carrier, their supervisor, and you. We will coordinate a date and time when we all can come out to their post office and present them with a plaque and enjoy some cake! Let your mail carrier know how much you appreciate them! Below is the form you can fill out and send back to us OR you can call us and tell us over the phone why you love your mail carrier. Give us a call at 601-432-4116 or 1-800-446-0892. **Deadline—5/15/16**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mail Carrier's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail to: Mississippi Library Commission; Talking Book Services; 3881 Eastwood Drive Jackson, MS 39211**

## **Newly Added Descriptive DVDs**

\*You must have a visual impairment to sign up for our descriptive DVD service.

The Martian-EX000316  
Infinity Polar Bear-EX000315  
Sicario-EX000311  
The Intern-EX000306  
Love the Coopers-EX000309  
Spectre-EX000313  
Bridge of Spies-EX000314  
Pan-EX000317  
Ricki and the Flash-EX000308  
Inside Out-EX000310  
Paper Towns-EX000318  
Jurassic World-EX000312  
Our Brand is Crisis-EX000320  
The Visit-EX000319  
Straight Outta Compton-EX000321  
Cinderella-EX000324  
Irrational Man-EX000325  
Everest-EX000326  
Captive-EX000327  
Longest Ride-EX000328  
Spy-EX000329  
San Andreas-EX000330  
Age of Adaline-EX000331  
McFarland, USA-EX000332  
Grandma-EX000333  
Trainwreck-EX000334  
Perfect Guy-EX000335  
Ant-Man-EX000336

## **What's Up With All The Colors?**

Yes, you may have noticed we have a lot of different colored cartridges and cartridge boxes. But we're going to break it down and make it easy for you.

>Red box (blue cartridge)-This is a magazine. It isn't sent from us here in Jackson. Your magazines need to be turned back in time in order to maintain your magazine service.

>Grey box (Green cartridge)-These are titles that we download for you on our "Download on Demand" program. These are titles that may only be available for download only and we want to get the titles to you as quickly as possible so we will probably download more than one title on these cartridges. You'll need to know how to use the "Book Shelf" feature (see below) to access several books on one cartridge.

>Clear box (peach cartridge) - These are new and you probably haven't seen them yet, but you soon will. They are similar in use to the grey box/green cartridge. They are used for downloading books for patrons on our "Download on Demand" program.

>Blue box (white cartridge)-This is your traditional NLS recorded book.

If you have any trouble figuring out the boxes and what color goes with which title, please give us a call and we will gladly help you out! We understand this can be confusing.

1-800-446-0892 or 601-432-4116

## **Bookshelf Feature on Digital Players**

When a book cartridge or flash drive has several books or magazines on it, the user can jump from book to book or magazine to magazine by using the bookshelf feature.

1. To activate this feature, hold down the green PLAY/STOP button for a few seconds. The machine will announce, "Bookshelf."
2. The REWIND or FAST FORWARD keys can then be used to move backwards and forwards from book to book and magazine to magazine.
3. When the announcement for the desired book or magazine issue is heard, press the green PLAY/STOP key to listen to that particular book or magazine.

## **Battery Tips**

We are aware of the problems many of you are having with the battery charge of your digital players. Here are some tips in managing the battery in your player:

- Please be aware that if your player is holding a charge of at least 15 hours, we cannot send you another player. Most of our players will not hold a charge of 29 hours anymore.
- It is fine to let the battery run down to zero and then let it recharge.
- Even if the battery will not charge at all, it will still possibly play if plugged into an electrical outlet.
- If you are not going to use your player for a long period of time, please make sure it is plugged into an electrical outlet to prevent battery damage.

## **Book Recommendations**

Books that our staff have read and loved! We think you might like them too.

Cindy:

*Trauma* by Michael Palmer and Daniel Palmer. DB 81705.

Carrie has become a well-known neurosurgeon that is highly respected. A mistake changes her future. After being dismissed from her job at the hospital, she decides to go home. Her brother Adam is suffering from PTSD. She soon finds a new job that she believes will help her brother and others that suffer from PTSD. As she starts to do the procedure on a patient, she starts to see changes that should not be happening to the patient. Instead of improving, he seems to be regressing. Cassie soon uncovers dark secrets about the program she has been working for. If you are looking for a heart pounding nail biting ride, this is a must read. It's the best medical thriller I have read. I feel as if I was right there with the characters as they faced danger.

Margaret:

*Lucifer's Hammer* by Jerry Pournelle & Larry Niven

DB 15396

In my opinion, this is apocalyptic fiction at its best. The authors take a broad selection of people whose lives will be violently thrown together when a comet gets closer and closer to Earth, and then strikes in pieces. Several people tried to prepare for an event that might not happen. The odds were millions, thousands, hundreds to one. The story details a comet impacting on Earth, an end to civilization, and the battle for the future. It encompasses the discovery of the comet, the Los Angeles social scene, and a cast of diverse characters whose fate is to be among the few who survive the massive cataclysm and the resulting tsunamis, plagues, famines, and battles among scavengers and cannibals.

This is a moving, compelling story that holds your interest, and makes you wonder just how secure are any of us.

Erica:

*The Fold* by Peter Clines. DB 81834. Mike Erikson just wants to be an average, normal high school teacher. But Erikson is uniquely gifted with an abnormally high IQ and a photographic memory. When an old friend approaches him with an offer to work with a team of DARPA scientists on a mysterious new device that he promises will change the world, Erikson is reluctant, but eventually accepts the offer. *The Fold* follows Erikson as he attempts to unravel the mysteries surrounding the device and the secrets the team of scientists seem to be keeping. *The Fold* is an entertaining blend of thriller, mystery, science fiction, and horror with enough twists to keep you guessing throughout the novel. Strong language, some descriptions of sex and some violence.

Shellie:

*Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. DB 76161 Louisa "Lou" Clark takes a job as an aide to wealthy Will Traynor. Will is a former mogul who has been paralyzed since a road accident. Will has lost the will to live and unbeknownst to Lou, he has given himself six more months before he goes through with a legal assisted suicide in Switzerland. The story is mainly about how Lou tries to show Will that life is worth living regardless of one's disabilities. This book has been made into a film and it set to be released this summer. Read the book before you see the film. Be forewarned: this is a tearjerker! Some strong language.

## Helpful Hints & Reminders



1. When calling the Mississippi Library Commission, please identify yourself as a Talking Book Services patron. This will assist in expediting your calls to the appropriate department.
2. In order to maintain an active status as a BPH patron, one must check out or download one item each calendar year. Maintaining an active status ensures that you receive this newsletter as well as other updates.
3. **Please do not write on the containers, cartridges or the machines.** All of our items are recycled and sent to other patrons after each use. Please help us conserve funds by not damaging our items with writings.
4. Please retain the box the digital player arrives in. This box can be used to send the item back should you need a replacement or decide to discontinue service. Do not use duct tape on the box. The player can be mailed back to the library via "Free Matter for the blind and physically handicapped." The free shipping is marked on the box.
5. You do not need to send back the "New Patron Packet" or headphones. They are both yours to keep.



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