



The Reading Light

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of Mississippi Talking
Book Services*

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Meet the Staff

There have been some exciting changes in Mississippi's Talking Book Services and we want to introduce you to all the staff members who are here to assist you.

Talking Book Services Director
Mary Rodgers Beal



I am honored to serve as the new TBS Director and I have plans to work with all of our patrons to ensure that we offer the highest level of customer service and that all of your reading needs are fulfilled through this program. My favorite book is *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen (DB50549)

- New Reader's Advisor - Will Barber - 601.432.4128 or wbarber@mlc.lib.ms.us. Will's favorite book is *The Catcher in the Rye* (DB47480) by J.D. Salinger. He enjoys coming-of-age fiction, biographies, and thrillers.
- New Circulation Services Coordinator - Daniel Warren - 601.432.4126 or dwarren@mlc.lib.ms.us. Daniel enjoys horror novels. His favorites are *The Boats of the Glen Carrig* by William Hope Hodgson and *Dracula* (DB31689) by Bram Stoker.
- Reader's Advisor/Outreach Coordinator - Cindy Nugent - 601.432.4093 or friszsell@mlc.lib.ms.us. Cindy likes the *Cocktail* series (DB79712) by Sandra Brown.
- Reader's Advisor - Margaret Smitherman - 601.432.4095 or msmitherman@mlc.lib.ms.us. Margaret likes *Jane Eyre* (DB47969) by Charlotte Bronte. She also enjoys anything by Lois McMaster Bujold.
- Machine Lending Librarian - Gloria Jimerson - 601.432.4047 or gjimerson@mlc.lib.ms.us. Gloria likes *Mean Streak* (DB79712) by Sandra Brown.



Book Recommendations

Say I Do by Lucy Kevin

DB078700 -- 8 hours, 47 minutes

Narrated by: Mare Trevathan

Three novellas featuring protagonists who work at the Rose Chalet, a San Francisco wedding venue. In *The Wedding Gift*, temporary chef Julie realizes in horror that the critic whose review caused her to lose her restaurant will be overseeing his brother's wedding. Some descriptions of sex.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

DB067526 -- 7 hours, 56 minutes

London, 1946. Writer Juliet Ashton corresponds with Dawsey Adams and other members of a literary society created as a front during the Nazi occupation of the British channel island Guernsey. Through letters, Juliet learns about their wartime experiences. Intrigued, Juliet sails to Guernsey, where she finds new inspiration.

Cleopatra and Antony: Power, Love, and Politics in the Ancient World by Diana Preston

DB071961 -- 14 hours, 24 minutes

Dual biography of Cleopatra, the fourth-decade-B.C. Egyptian queen, and Mark Antony, a Roman general, within the political, historical, and military context of the time. Details their love affair, their enemies, and their suicides, which led to the conquest of Alexandria and annexation of Egypt by Roman ruler Octavian.

What Alice Forgot by Liane Moriarty

DB074519 -- 14 hours, 17 minutes

When Alice Love awakens on a gym floor, she wonders why she's there; she's pregnant and hates gyms. She soon learns it's 2008--not 1998--and that she has had three children and is in the middle of a nasty divorce. Strong language.



Did You Know?

Did you know that the National Library Service offers musical materials to patrons? You can borrow music scores, instruction, and music appreciation in audio, large print, and braille directly from NLS. To learn more contact 1.800.424.8567 or nls@loc.gov. (This does not include music recordings.)

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.





Need Help?

- Not getting the books you like?
- Not getting enough?
- Getting too many?
- Have you changed your address or phone number?
- Do you need to update your address?

If you ever feel like you are not receiving all of your books, there are several reasons this might happen:

- You have caught up with all the books written by your favorite authors.
- You are set up as "request only" but have not given us new titles to add to your account.
- You are at your book limit and need to return some items.
- Your desired preferences are too limiting.
- You have overdue items.

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- In order to maintain an active status as a TBS 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.
- 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 the "Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped" mail program. The free shipping label is marked on the box.
- You do not need to send back the "New Patron Packet" or used headphones. They are both yours to keep.



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