



Talking Book Center Newsletter

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A Service of the Genesee District Library



From Deloris King, Librarian: Thanks for Attending Our Open House!

The Genesee District Library Talking Book Center's Open House on October 4, 2008 was a huge success. The staff greeted library visitors, enjoyed refreshments, demonstrated our new adaptive technology, and had a very enjoyable time talking with attendees. Georgia Kitchen was on hand to answer questions about the National Federation of the Blind Newline of Michigan, a free library newspaper service. For those of you unable to attend this event-- we missed you-- we hope you will be able to attend our next event!!

Vendor Day 2009

The Talking Book Center will be having a Vendor Day 2009. We will have more information about this event in our upcoming newsletters. We have taken into considerations your suggestions in planning this event for 2009.

Tell us what you think! We're listening!



Patron Survey 2008

A Patron Survey was mailed to all of our Genesee District Library Talking Book Center patrons the first week of November. If you did not get a survey or would like to do the survey by phone, call the library at 810-732-1120. Your response to this survey is very important to the library. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and return it to the library as soon as possible.

Book Club

The next book club is scheduled for February 3, 2009. If you are interested in participating in the program, contact the library. We will be happy to send you a copy of the book we will be reading for the next meeting. Members of the club and all library patrons of the talking book program are encouraged to make suggestions on books they would like to read and discuss. If you have a book recommendation, don't hesitate to call us!

Digital Player

The unveiling of the new machines has been pushed back to the spring of 2009. Please continue to notify the library if you want to be put on the list for this new digital player and don't forget to let us know if you are a veteran. Veterans have first priority for the new digital machine.

Visually Impaired Center

Sharon Regime, the Director of the Visually Impaired Center (VIC), announced the Center will be ready to reopen on December 8, 2008, after a very extensive remodeling project. VIC is located at 1422 W. Court Street, Flint, MI. The Center will continue to have a Visually Impaired Store at this location----reopening just in time for holiday shopping! Phone VIC for more information at 810-235-2544 or 810-767-4014.

Free White Canes



The National Federal of the Blind (NFB) provides a free white cane program. Free white canes are given to any blind individual in the

United States upon request. If you are interested in receiving a free white cane, contact NFB at 410-659-9314 or www.nfb.org for an application and information.

Computer Users

The Library of Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Lansing offers a computer club to all library patrons. The club meets the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon in the Library of Michigan SBPH public service area. If you have questions call Scott Norris at 1-800-992-9012 or email at snorris@michigan.gov

The staff of the Genesee District Talking Book Center wishes all of our readers and their loved ones a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

To Reach the Talking Book Center Library

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Holiday Books and Movies

Take time to relax and enjoy a good holiday cassette book or descriptive movie this holiday season. We have several suggestions for you!

Books:

- **RC 59692** When Christmas Comes by Debbie Macomber
- **RC 64105** Finding Noel by Richard P. Evans
- **RC 65254** High Heels and Holidays by Kasey Michaels
- **RC 65427** Comfort and Joy by Fern Michaels
- **RC 65572** A Christmas to Remember by Thomas Kinkade
- **RC 65925** All Through the Night: A Troubleshooter Christmas by Susanne Brockmann.

Descriptive Movies:

- **DV198** A Christmas Carol
- **DV122** Frosty the Snowman
- **DV184** Home Alone
- **DV031** It's a Wonderful Life
- **DV124** Miracle on 34th Street
- **DV447** The Polar Express
- **DV168** Preacher's Wife
- **DV120** Santa Clause
- **DV237** Scrooge
- **DV121** White Christmas



Thanks
for
Your Gifts!

Thanks to all of you for your gifts to the Talking Book Center in 2008. All donations are used to support and enhance the talking book program not funded by our annual budget for patrons in Genesee County. We greatly appreciate your financial support. We hope you will continue to support the Genesee District Library Talking Book Center Library in 2009. All gifts are tax deductible. Contact the library if you have any questions about donations.

Library Closings

The Library will be closed on the following dates:

- Winter Break: Wednesday, Thursday, December 24, 25, 2008
- New Year's Eve: Wednesday, December 31, 2008
- New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1, 2009
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 19, 2009

Remember to order extra books for the holidays early!

Returning Books

The loan period for library books is eight weeks. We only have a limited number of copies for each title. One of the cassette books you have might be the one someone is waiting for. You don't have to return all your books at once; you can return each cassette book when completed.

Reminders

The Talking Book Center accepts all collect calls from our patrons. Call the library if you have any questions about your service. When you get the answering machine, we are either closed or on a phone call with another patron. Please leave your name and phone number with a message. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Label any correspondence to us "**FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED**" in the right-hand corner of the envelope (where the stamp would go). A stamp is not needed. Notify the library if you have a change of address and/or a new phone number.

When you are returning a machine, please include a note indicating why the machine is being returned.



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