**Autumn 2010 Newsletter of the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library**

**The new Digital Talking Books Plus catalog is here!**

Let us know if you have not received the catalog and we will send it out to you. The catalog lists all books produced by the National Library Service in 2009. Most of the books are available in digital format. All books in the catalog are available for download from BARD. There is an order form in the back of the catalog for your convenience.

**WTBBL has added more descriptive DVDs to the collection.**

Each DVD is menu driven and setting up the audio description is easy

* From the main menu select setup
* Then select the descriptive video service (DVS) 2.0 option.
* Once you start playing the movie you should begin to hear the audio description.

Call us if we can place a request for you on any of these titles:

Death at a Funeral
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief
Green Zone
Alice in Wonderland (2010)
It's Complicated
Toy Story
Toy Story 2
The Princess and the Frog
Planet 51
2012
Zombieland
District 9
Julie & Julia
Public Enemies
Funny People
The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3
The Incredible Hulk
The Ultimate Gift
Knocked Up
Inside Man
Munich
Ray
Cinderella Man
The 40 Year Old Virgin
Road to Perdition
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas

**New digital books from Wisconsin authors:**

**DBW00001**
Dogging Truth
Hughes, Kevin
On a cold December day, two boys skip school seeking adventure and make a horrific discovery: the nude, beaten body of a young woman. The community is outraged when the woman's estranged husband, who happens to be a deputy sheriff, is arrested for her murder. Attorney Elizabeth Kramer takes on the husband's defense, but after examining the daunting evidence, realizes she needs help. She convinces ex-husband Toby Jenkin a former police officer to work with her. They peel away layers of evidence in the convoluted investigation, and find themselves in a world of secrets, conflict, love and hate.

**DBW00002**
Pine Woods
Kirsch, Richard
A common-looking stone transports Rich, Mickie and Bill into a world of historical reality and fantasy. This gripping story brings to life the Christina Nilsson, a working Lake Michigan schooner and Urgin, a 10,000-year-old imaginary sunken continent. In the course of this tale you will be transported to 1954 as well as 1884. Our story moves to floating rock boats, bubbles capable of turning solid rock into oatmeal, and a world thirteen miles beneath the Earth's surface. Our 1954 reluctant heroes are chosen to save two children from a doomed vessel to save the world. Will they succeed?

**DBW00006**
The Alice Stories
Kercheval, Jesse Lee.
Wisconsin is not where Alice, a girl raised in Florida, meant to end up. But when she falls in love with Anders Dahl, a descendant of Norwegian farmers, she realizes that to love Anders is to settle into a life in Wisconsin. Together, Alice and Anders move forward into a life of family, friends until they face their biggest challenge. Winner of the Prairie Schooner Book Prize in Fiction, Jesse Lee Kercheval's "The Alice Stories" tells the tale of a family; the pain of loss and the importance of the love of friends in the midst of turmoil. The interlinked stories are informed by rich humor and a deep understanding of human character.

**DBW00007**
Winter of Frozen Dreams
Harter, Karl.
On Christmas Day 1977, Jerry Davies led Madison, Wisconsin police to a snow bank concealing the corpse of Harry Berge. By the day after Easter, Davies lay dead in his bathtub, an apparent suicide. The link between the two was their shared love for Barbara Hoffman, a former honor student and massage parlor queen. In recounting the complexities of the case, which riveted the community for two and a half years, Harter reveals an eye for the gruesome detail and ironic twist. When the verdict is in the deaths seem destined to remain a mystery.

**DBW00008**
Splendid Gallantry: The Union Army's XI Corps German American Volunteers
Haviland, Richard.
The Twenty-Sixth Wisconsin and the rest of the Union Army's XI Corps were called "Flying Dutchmen" and blamed for all that went wrong at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg.

**DBW00015**
Doctored Evidence: A Suspense Novel
Biehl, Michael M., 1951-
Investigating the alleged wrongful death of a hospital's chief financial officer, attorney Karen Hayes uncovers a betrayal of trust, evidence of criminal fraud, and hints of corruption. Now her job and her life are on the line.

**DBW01526**
In a Moment
Gilliland, Theresa
In a very short span of time, Terri experienced three traumatic events. She lost her sight. Her husband's life was dramatically altered after a near-fatal motorcycle accident, and their 15-year-old son was diagnosed with brain cancer. In a Moment is a contemporary autobiography of one woman's roller coaster life filled with pain, struggle, love and triumph.

**Kits**

Did you know that the Library offers much more than just audio books? We also offer kits. Kits combine print, audio and Braille into one package. The print component may be a picture book or easy reader. Topics range from fiction to non-fiction and include many children's classics. Recently we have started updating the kits to include digital cartridges in place of the cassettes. If you would like to receive a catalog of our available kits, please contact the library. Kits are a great way for sighted parents and blind children (and vice versa) to read together. We have even found that many grandparents enjoy using kits with their grandchildren. Kits are also a great way to practice reading Braille.

**Books in Series**

Did you receive a book from the middle of a series but never got the earlier books? Would you prefer to read those series in sequential order? If you ordered a book by title or author, the computer program that assigns the books will ignore the series order. If your selection pattern is Automatic Selection, the computer will also ignore series when it assigns your books. If you would like to get the books in the series sequence notify the Wisconsin Talking Book Library by phone or email. Series books will be sent out one at a time, so when you return one the next one in the sequence will go out, if available. Please be aware that some series have portions that are not yet available as digital books. Consequently, if you do not have a Library 4-track cassette player, you will not receive those parts.

**Holiday Closings**

The Talking Book and Braille Library will be closed the following days:

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th
Christmas: Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th
New Year's: Friday, December 31st and Monday, January 3rd

**Please call the library if you would like to have extra books sent to you before the long holiday weekends.**

**Don't Forget!**

Do you ever have the nagging feeling that you forgot to do something? It may be that you forgot to return your talking books! While there are no fines for overdue materials, we ask that all patrons return items promptly so that they are available to others. The loan period for talking books is 60 days. You can get the due date of a book by calling the library or checking the mailing card. Each card has a date stamp on the lower left hand side under your name; the book is due 60 days from that date. Please call the library if your reading needs change and you would like more books or less books - we will be happy to assist you.

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