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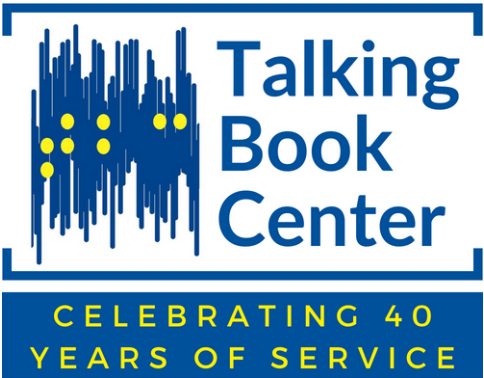


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Collections Of Poems And Stories From The Harlem Renaissance:

- DB91367 Harlem Renaissance: Five Novels Of The 1920s
Cane by Jean Toomer, Home To Harlem by Claude McKay, Quicksand by Nella Larsen, Plum Bun by Jessie Redmon Fauset, The Blacker The Berry by Wallace Thurman
- DB91302 Harlem Renaissance: Four Novels Of The 1930s
Not Without Laughter by Langston Hughes, Black No More by George Schuyler, The Conjure-Man Dies by Rudolph Fisher, Black Thunder by Arna Bontemps
- DB66648 The Entrance Place Of Wonders: Poems Of The Harlem Renaissance
Twenty poems by fifteen black poets representative of the Harlem Renaissance-a revival of the arts that flourished in New York City between 1917 and 1935.
- DB109092 Augusta Savage: The Shape Of A Sculptor's Life by Marilyn Nelson
- DB75252 The Sleeper Wakes: Harlem Renaissance Stories By Women
- DB11908 The Old South: "A Summer Tragedy" And Other Stories
Of The Thirties by Arna Bontemps
- DB41265 The Collected Poems Of Langston Hughes
by Langston Hughes
- DB108442 You Don't Know Us Negroes and Other Essays
by Zora Neale Hurston
- DB71954 The Essential Writings Of James Weldon Johnson
- DB59983 Completed Poems by Claude McKay



Photo: The Harp
bronze sculpture
by Augusta Savage

Patron Recommendations:
DBC05396 My Folks' Depression Days: A Treasury Of Great Depression Stories Shared By Capper's Readers editor, Michele R. Webb (nonfiction, US history)
"Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without" was the rallying cry of the Great Depression. In this moving collection of true stories of people who lived through it, it's apparent that they survived by pulling together, not just as families, but as communities. Through cash and food shortages, drought, dust storms and hard times, they stayed afloat in desperate times by helping one another.

The new braille eReaders are finally here! The Talking Book Center will be providing free refreshable braille devices to all eligible patrons. The eReaders can download from BARD, NFB Newline, and Bookshare, and have Wi-Fi and Bluetooth capability. We are able to download electronic braille books and mail them on cartridges as well. Give us a call if you are interested!



New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB109823 Night Song by Beverly Jenkins (historical romance, unrated)

DB110786 Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver (historical fiction)

DBC27204 Swept Away by Robyn Carr (romantic suspense)

DB110627 The Boys From Biloxi by John Grisham (legal fiction)

DB109013 The 6:20 Man by David Baldacci (suspense)

DB109921 Reckoning: An FBI Thriller 26 by Catherine Coulter (suspense)

DB110795 Long Shadows: Amos Decker 07 by David Baldacci (suspense)

DB110373 Fox Creek: Cork O'Connor 19 by William Kent Krueger (suspense)

DB110634 Righteous Prey; Lucas Davenport 32 by John Sandford (suspense)

DB100248 Fresh Water For Flowers by Valérie Perrin (human relationships)

DBC27246 Fight Or Fright: 17 Turbulent Tales by Stephen King (supernatural, horror)

DB109619 Switchboard Soldiers by Jennifer Chiaverini (historical, war fiction)

DB110519 The Christmas Spirit by Debbie Macomber (holidays, romance)

DB109486 I've Seen The End Of You: A Neurosurgeon's Look At Faith, Doubt, And The Things We Know by W. Lee Warren (health nonfiction)

DB107581 Against All Odds: A True Story Of Ultimate Courage And Survival In World War II by Alex Kershaw (history nonfiction)



Global Reading: France

DB36928 A Man's Place by Annie Ernaux (family fiction)
For most of his life, Ernaux's father owned a small grocery shop in a Normandy town. Like others, he took pains not to act like a farmer or a laborer. He was proud of his daughter's ability in school, sure that she would lead a better life. She, in turn, outgrew him, favoring instead a more cultured life-style. Winner of the 2022 Nobel Prize in Literature

DB96732 Les Misérables by Victor Hugo (classic)
Jean Valjean, a poor French peasant, is imprisoned for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his sister's hungry children. Originally published in 1862.

DB40902 The Stranger by Albert Camus (fiction)
An existential novel, set in Algiers, about a man who resists any commitment, rendering his life meaningless. He does not react to his mother's death nor to a killing he commits, and he becomes a placid prisoner convicted of murder. His own impending death, however, leads him to some realizations. Written in 1942.

DB108765 The N'Gustro Affair by Jean-Patrick Manchette (crime thriller fiction)
The debut novel of a pioneering author of French crime thrillers is a thinly veiled retelling of the 1965 abduction and killing of Mehdi Ben Barka, a radical opponent of King Hassan II of Morocco. Written in 1971.

DB53171 Around The World In Eighty Days by Jules Verne (adventure)
Classic adventure story of wealthy Phileas Fogg, determined to travel the world as quickly as possible to win a bet. Written in 1873.

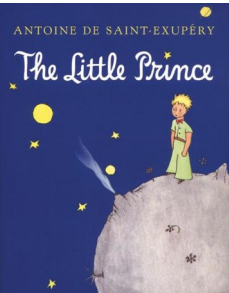
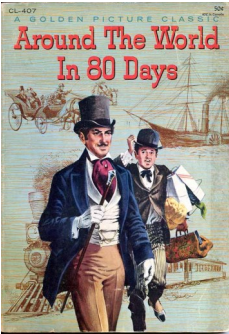
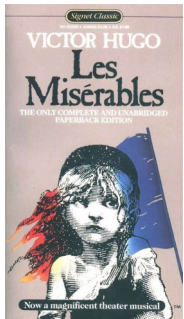
DB51746 All Men Are Mortal by Simone de Beauvoir (relationships)
Ambitious Parisian actress Regina is intrigued by a mysterious man, only to discover that he is immortal. As their relationship develops, the pair explore philosophical and social issues. Written in 1946.

DB86411 Modern France: A Very Short Introduction (nonfiction)

DB44071 The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (classic 1943)

DB84671 Paris Nocturne by Patrick Modiano (psychological fiction)
The victim of a car accident, a young man reflects on the night and tries to remember if he actually remembers the driver or if his memory is playing games with him. 2003.

DB90858 A Literary Tour de France: The World Of Books On The Eve Of The French Revolution by Robert Darnton (nonfiction, history)
Using the archives from a Swiss university, author recounts the adventures of Jean-François Favarger, a traveling salesman for a Swiss publishing house, during five months in 1778. Discusses business practices, government censorship, book smuggling.



Westerns And Western Interest:

DBC05400 Shadows Of Yesteryear [Western Short Stories] by Jory Sherman

DBC13919 Best Of The West 3: New Short Stories From The West Side Of The Missouri by various authors

DBC18421 Cowboy From The Wild Horse Desert: A Story Of The King Ranch by Bobby Cavazos

DBC07216 Hot Iron by Elmer Kelton

DBC14140 Six-Gun Syndicate by Norman A. Fox

DBC14291 Dead End Trail by Norman A. Fox

DBC15679 Track The Man Down by Ray Hogan

DBC17966 Shadow Soldier by T.L Davis

DBC18102 Marauders by Jason Manning

DBC18106 Lonesome Chisholm Trail by Johnny D Boggs

DBC18109 Peacekeeper by Jeffrey A Poston

DBC24927 Bone Pickers by Al Dewlen

DBC00015 End Of The Trail: Western Stories by Robert E Howard

DBC14288 Hanging Tree by Dorothy M. Johnson

DBC26665 Wreaths Of Glory: A Western Story by Johnny D. Boggs

DBC24941 Blood Rage by T.V. Olsen

DBC16651 The Assassination Of Jessie James By The Coward, Robert Ford by Ron Hansen

DBC02992 Westering Women by Sandra Dallas

Nonfiction:

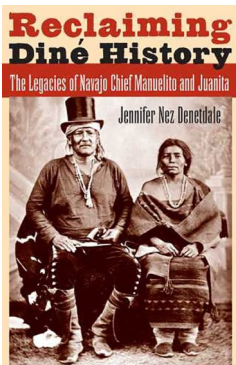
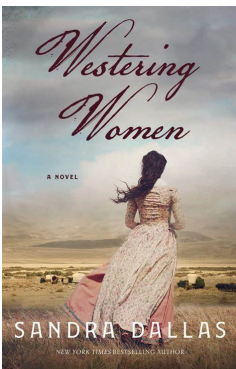
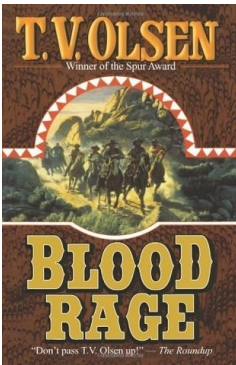
DBC10344 Kearny’s March: The Epic Journey That Created The American Southwest, 1846-1847 by Winston Groom

DBC10394 Reclaiming Diné History: The Legacies Of Navajo Chief Manuelito And Juanita by Jennifer Nez Denetdale

DBC10400 Crossroads Of Change: The People And The Land Of Pecos by Cori Ann Knudten

DBC14228 Trail Drive: A True Narrative Of Cowboy Life From Andy Adams' Log Of A Cowboy by Andy Adams

DBC25116 The Jews In The California Gold Rush by Robert E. Levinson



Very Short Introduction: Dewey Decimal 100: Philosophy & Psychology

Philosophy, Metaphysics, Parapsychology & Occult, Psychology:

DB86536 Philosophy by Edward Craig - overview of philosophy

DB87189 What Does It All Mean? by Thomas Nagel - explore philosophical problems

DB86440 Metaphysics by Stephen Mumford - a fundamental branch of philosophy

DB86092 Beauty by Roger Scruton - the nature of beauty in art, nature, human form

DB86397 Knowledge by Jennifer Nagel - examines the search for knowledge

DB86528 Objectivity by Stephen Gaukroger - explores the question of objectivity

DB86388 Hermeneutics by Jens Zimmermann - explains the discipline of interpretation

DB85658 Causation by Stephen Mumford - debates surrounding theories of causation

DB86384 Free Will by Thomas Pink - interpreting if we are in control of our own actions

DB86158 Meaning Of Life by Terry Eagleton - an existential query

DB86137 Love by Ronald De Sousa - puzzles and paradoxes of romantic love

DB87191 Witchcraft by Malcolm Gaskill - explores origins and history of witchcraft

DB86155 Magic by Owen Davies - explores origins and history of magic, or magick

DB86130 Ideology by Michael Freeden - the thought system of how we interpret events

DB86488 Existentialism by Thomas Flynn - emphasizes the existence of individuals

DB86089 Humanism by Stephen Law - overview of humanism, explains its principles

DB85650 Agnosticism by Robin Le Poidevin - overview of agnosticism

DB86512 Poststructuralism by Catherine Belsey - overview of European thinkers

DB86485 Emotion by Dylan Evans - evolutionary history of emotions

DB85645 Happiness by Daniel Haybron - what happiness is, what matters in life

DB85687 Humour by Noël Carrol - a serious analysis of what makes us laugh, and why

DB85556 Anxiety by Daniel Freeman - analyzes emotion that becomes severe disorder

DB85697 Consciousness by Susan Blackmore - subjective self from physical brain

DB86160 Memory by Jonathan Foster - reviews history of investigations of memory

DB87179 Thought by Tim Bayne - the structures and mechanisms of thought

DB86474 Intelligence by Ian Deary - presents data from tests, discusses decline

DB86494 Genius by Andrew Robinson - demonstrating exceptional intellectual powers

DB86088 Dreaming by J. Allan Hobson - discusses neurobiological discoveries

Talking Book Topics: Historical Fiction:

DB107429 *The Sculptress* by V.S. Alexander
May 1917. Sculptress Emma Lewis Swan's husband, Tom, has gone to serve in France. On the bustling sidewalk she spies a returned soldier. His brutally scarred face inspires first pity, and then something more—a determination to use her skill to make masks for disfigured soldiers. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

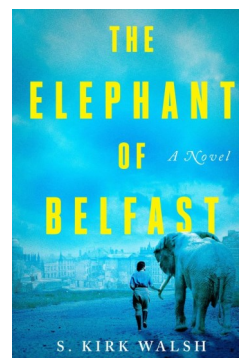
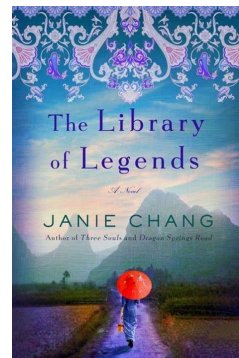
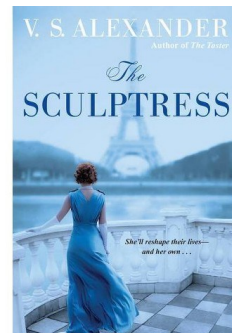
DB102830 *The Library of Legends* by Janie Chang
1937. When the city of Nanjing is bombed by the Japanese, nineteen-year-old Hu Lian is ordered to flee with her university community. They form a convoy to walk a thousand miles to safety. Lian and her fellow students are also entrusted with a priceless treasure, the Library of Legends. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

DB107817 *Sister Stardust* by Jane Green
In the 1960s, Claire escapes her small-town life for a new one in London, where she mingles with rock stars and celebrities. Then, on a trip to Morocco, she meets Talitha Getty, the glamorous wife of an oil baron, and the two become kindred spirits. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2022.

DB102829 *Libertie* by Kaitlyn Greenidge
Coming of age as a freeborn Black girl in Reconstruction-era Brooklyn, Libertie Sampson is all too aware that her mother, a practicing physician, wants Libertie to go to medical school. But Libertie, drawn more to music than science, wants to forge her own path. Some violence and some strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

DB103103 *Sunflower Sisters* by Martha Hall Kelly
Georgeanna Woolsey is a Union nurse during the Civil War whose calling leads her to cross paths with Jemma, a young enslaved girl who is sold off and conscripted into the army, and Anne-May Wilson, a Southern plantation mistress whose husband enlists. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

DB103062 *The Elephant of Belfast* by S. Kirk Walsh
Belfast, October 1940. Twenty-year-old zookeeper Hettie Quin arrives at the city docks in time to meet her new charge: an orphaned three-year-old Indian elephant named Violet. She will protect Violet as WWII rages on and Belfast itself is bombed by the Germans. Unrated. 2021.



Talking Book Topics: Nonfiction:

DB102930 *The Eagles of Heart Mountain: A True Story of Football, Incarceration, and Resistance in World War II America* by Bradford Pearson
Journalist tells the story of the nearly 14,000 Japanese Americans who were forcibly relocated in 1942 to an incarceration camp on the outskirts of Cody, Wyoming. Focuses on the camp's high school football team, which crushed the competition from nearby predominantly white high schools. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

DB102986 *The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos* by Judy Batalion
Recounts the accomplishments of the brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters during World War II. Profiles a handful of women and their exploits, including weapons smugglers, couriers, armed fighters, intelligence agents, and saboteurs. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

DB102825 *Lady Bird Johnson: Hiding in Plain Sight* by Julia Sweig
Examines Lady Bird Johnson's impact as First Lady on husband Lyndon B. Johnson's presidency. Discusses her role as advisor, her policy initiatives, her involvement in the women's liberation movement and the civil rights movement, and more. Draws on the subject's White House diaries. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2020.

DB102816 *Eleanor* by David Michaelis
Author examines the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, America's longest-serving First Lady. Discusses her childhood; her tumultuous relationship with her husband; and her work as a diplomat, activist, and humanitarian. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.

DB102914 *On the House: A Washington Memoir* by John Boehner
A former Speaker of the House reflects on his time in Washington, his impressions of political leaders, his views on the trajectory of the Republican Party, and more. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

DB106729 *The Fabric of Civilization: How Textiles Made the World* by Virginia Postrel
Journalist reveals the role of textiles in the development of human societies. Topics include the technologies behind fiber, thread, cloth, and dye, and the impact of those technologies in other fields. Also studies the business roles of traders, consumers, and innovators. 2020.

