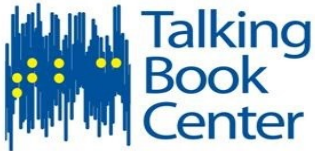


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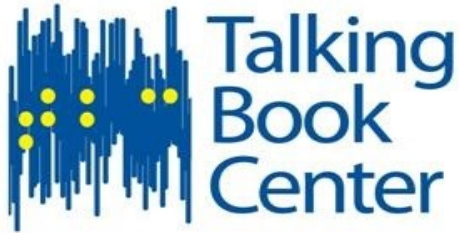
letters in raised characters at third-class rates rather than first-class rates. Five years later, Congress established the first Free Matter for the Blind mailing program by providing a funding subsidy to the post office for individual correspondence and organizations mailing braille materials, including libraries for the blind. Each year Congress appropriates funds to the USPS to cover the mailing cost of “Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped.” We want to thank the Post Office and the mail carriers for their continued support of Talking Books and their mission That All May Read!

Photo: Postal Delivery of talking book materials in the 1970s

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The City of Staunton and the City of Waynesboro are urging residents to apply for absentee ballots to vote in the May 19 city council and school board elections. Staunton residents can call 540-332-3840 and Waynesboro residents can call 540-942-6620

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Census 2020:

The 2020 Census will ask a few simple questions about you and everyone who is, or was, living with you on April 1, 2020. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. Keep in mind, the census will never ask for your social security, bank account, or credit card numbers.

To respond by phone: 1-844-330-2020
To respond on their secure website: www.2020census.gov



Popular Books on BARD:

Lost: Tom Moon 01 by James Patterson DB98503 (suspense)
The Numbers Game by Danielle Steel DB98732 (human relations)
Perfect Little Children by Sophie Hannah DB98601 (suspense)
When Hope Blossoms by Kim Vogel Sawyer DB98513 (religious fic.)
The Diary of a Bookseller by Shaun Bythell DBC16580 (biography)
Agency by William Gibson DB98628 (science fiction)
The Promise of Dawn: Under Northern Skies 01 by Lauraine Snelling DB98180
A Breath of Hope: Under Northern Skies 02 by Lauraine Snelling DB98470 (religious fic.)
A Season of Grace: Under Northern Skies 03 by Lauraine Snelling DB98714 (religious)
Plain and Simple Miracles, books 1-3 by Vannetta Chapman DB97419 (religious fic.)
The Girl in White Gloves: A Novel of Grace Kelly by Kerri Maher DB98637 (historical fic.)
Crooked River: Pendergast Series 19 by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child DB98595
The Country Guesthouse; Sullivan's Crossing 05 by Robyn Carr DB98176 (romance)
A Very Stable Genius: Donald J. Trump's Testing of America by Philip Rucker DB98392
The Fifth Avenue Story Society by Rachel Hauck DB98588 (religious fic.)



Patron Recommendations:

One Good Deed by David Baldacci DB95734 Annotation: 1949. When war veteran Aloysius Archer is released from Carderock Prison, he is sent to Poca City on parole, where a murder takes place right under his nose. The crime could send him back to prison if he doesn't track down the real killer. Unrated.

Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918 and How It Changed the World by Laura Spinney DB90071 The Spanish flu of 1918-1920 infected a third of the Earth's population--from the poorest immigrants of New York City to Franz Kafka, Mahatma Gandhi, Woodrow Wilson, and the king of Spain. Explores the impact of this pandemic on global politics, race relations, family structures, medicine, religion and the arts. Unrated. 2017.

Featured Author: Charlotte Hubbard, who also writes as Naomi King, writes faith-and-family stories, many of which have been recorded by the studios in Missouri's Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library. Now, we are able to download and send them to you!

Seasons of the Heart
Summer of Secrets DBC06067
Autumn Winds DBC06470
Winter of Wishes DBC09675
Breath of Spring DBC16264
Harvest of Blessings DBC16317
The Christmas Cradle DBC16378



An Amish Country Christmas DBC09628

Angels of Mercy
A Patchwork Family DBC06046
Journey to Love DBC06049
Angel's Embrace DBC06047
Gabriel's Lady DBC06048

Home at Cedar Creek
Abby Finds Her Calling DBC06096
Rosemary Opens Her Heart DBC06435
Amanda Weds A Good Man DBC06445
Emma Blooms at Last DBC09722

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