Please remember to wear your volunteer badge when you are in the building. Forgetting to do so, will result in Studio staff having to escort volunteers in and out of the building.

Congratulations to Melanie Makitra & Jackie Forsythe!

Melanie and Jackie have been approved as new volunteer narrators.

This newsletter is a bi-monthly publication of the Texas Talking Book Program for recording studio volunteers and staff. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Jaclyn Owusu, TBP Public Awareness Coordinator at jowusu@tsl.texas.gov.
FY2016 Completed Books
This fiscal year, the studio has completed the below listed books. We would like to thank all our volunteers for the countless hours and hard work you put in completing these.

- BARBARA JORDAN: SPEAKING THE TRUTH WITH ELOQUENT THUNDER by Barbara Jordan
- CATLOW (SPANISH) by Louis L’Amour
- WELCOME TO UTOPIA by Karen Valby
- DEAD MEN RUNNING by Joel Lee
- BLUEBONNET AT DINOSAUR VALLEY STATE PARK by Mary Brooke Casad
- DARLING DAHLIAS AND THE CUCUMBER TREE by Susan Wittig Albert and Peggity Price
- GIRL FROM CHARNELLE by K.L. Cooke
- HOT IRON by Elmer Kelton
- BLUEBONNET AT THE OCEAN STAR MUSEUM by Mary Brooke Casad
- NIGHTS OF THE RED MOON by Milton T Burton
- DEADLY AFFAIR AT BOBTAIL RIDGE: A SAMUEL by Terry Shames
- HANGING OF SAMUEL ASH: A HOOK RUNYON MYSTery by Sheldon Russell
- ZANDY’S BRIDE by Lillian Bos Ross
- BLUEBONNET AT THE EAST TEXAS OIL MUSEUM by Mary Brooke Casad
- MATCHMAKERS OF BUTTERNUT CREEK by Jane Myers Perrine
- OLD CARVER RANCH by Max Brand
- LAST COMANCHE CHIEF: THE LIFE AND TIMES by Bill Neeley
- DOUBLE CROSS by Carla Kelly
- THAT TERRIBLE TEXAS WEATHER by Johnny Boggs
- WHEN TEXAS WAS A REPUBLIC by Betsy Warren
- TENDER TEXAN by Jodi Thomas
- FETCH THE DEVIL: THE SIERRA DIABLO MURDER by Clint Richmond
- MURDER IN FOUR PARTS: A SHERIFF DAN RHODES by Bill Crider
- SINGING WITH THE TOP DOWN by Deborah Williamson
- MERRY CHASE by Judith Nelson
- WHEN TEXAS BELONGED TO MEXICO by Betsy Warren
- DIME QUIEN SOY: UNA NOVELA by Julia Navarro
- DANDELION SUMMER by Lisa Wingate
- NUEVO ENCUENTRO by Debbie Macomber
- CYCLE OF LIES: THE FALL OF LANCE ARMSTRO by Juliet Macur
- I CAN’T MAKE YOU LOVE ME, BUT I CAN MAKE LEAVE by Dixie Cash
- TRAIL BEYOND: A WESTERN STORY by Max Brand
- HEARTWOOD: A BILLY BOB HOLLAND MYSTERY by James Lee Burke
- WHEN TEXAS BELONGED TO SPAIN by Betsy Warren
- BANDIT’S HONOR by Max Brand
- AMOR SIN DUDAS by Stella Cameron
- SWEET VALLEY HIGH 34: FORBIDDEN LOVE by Kate William
- HOG HEAVEN: A BLANCO COUNTY MYSTERY by Ben Rehder
- 1960S AUSTIN GANGSTERS: ORGANIZED CRIME by Jesse Sublett
- SWEET VALLEY HIGH 33: STARTING OVER by Kate William
- BLUEBONNET AT THE MARSHALL TRAIN DEPOT by Mary Brooke Casad
- BONE HORSES: A NOVEL by Lesley Poling-Kempes
- STRESS TEST by Richard L Mabry
- ADVENTURES OF A FRONTIER NATURALIST: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF DR. GIDEON LINCECUM by Gideon Lincecum
- OUR HOUSE ON HUECO by Carlos Nicolas Flores
- DEAD BROKE IN JARRETT CREEK: A SAMUEL CRADDOCK MYSTERY by Terry Shames
- EVERYONE IS BEAUTIFUL by Katherine Center
- SWEET VALLEY HIGH 31: TAKING SIDES by Kate William
- TEXAN’S TOUCH by Jodi Thomas
- KIDS GOT IT RIGHT: HOW THE TEXAS ALL-STA by Jim Dent
- IN MILADY’S CHAMBER: A JOHN PICKETT MYST by Sheri Cobb South

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Need a Speaker for Your Group?

TBP’s Public Awareness Coordinator, Jaclyn Owusu, travels around the state promoting TBP through outreach events and programs, including Austin and the surrounding area. If you or your group or organization would like to book a speaking engagement about TBP, contact Jaclyn Owusu at 512-463-5452 or jowusu@tsl.texas.gov.

Completed Books continued

- **FLAMING ZEPPELINS: THE ADVENTURES OF NED** by Joe R Lansdale
- **MARK INSIDE: A PERFECT SWINDLE; A CUNNING REVENGE AND A SMALL HISTORY OF THE BIG CON** by Amy Reading
- **LOST HUSBAND** by Katherine Center
- **SAX AND THE SUBURB: AND VIOLENCE** by Marilyn Rucker
- **EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE** by Jay Brandon
- **BRIGHT SIDE OF DISASTER** by Katherine Center
- **HANK THE COWDOG 63: THE RETURN OF THE CHARLIE MONSTERS** by John R Erickson
- **WILLIMENA RULES: 9 STEPS TO THE BEST, WORST, GREATEST HOLIDAY EVER** by Valerie Wilson Wesley
Volunteers Needed!

The TBP Volunteer Studio is low on volunteers for monitoring. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering as a monitor, please contact the studio for more information. Volunteers are what power the studio and help keep it running. Please consider volunteering or passing the word along to help get the valuable work done for those across the state.

The Talking Book Program Seeks Spanish-Speaking/Reading Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist with the recording of Spanish-language books. TBP is looking for fluent Spanish-speaking volunteers interested in being trained to operate the easy-to-use studio recording software and hardware so that we can produce more books in Spanish for patrons across Texas and the United States.

If you are a Spanish speaker and would like to have fun volunteering, please contact 512.463.5546.

Book Selections for Recording

The staff at TBP is continually working on ways to streamline and improve processes in workflow and how we provide materials to our patrons. Recently, the staff discussed the book titles that need to be recorded.

There are titles that have been waiting to be recorded for a long time. Others are already racking up patron requests from readers anxiously waiting to read these books. Consider earning some “Studio Brownie Points” and selecting one of the highly desired or long-overdue titles.

Also, we have several new sets of series titles. Patrons love to hear the same narrator for the whole series. If you record the first book in a series, you may consider reading ALL the books in a series. This is not a requirement, but please consider this when selecting your next narration project.

We appreciate everything that everyone does for the Volunteer Recording Studio. We could not do it without you, your hard work and dedication to the program and the patrons that you help serve. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let us know.

The Return of Spotlight

*Spotlight on Texas Books is back.* *Spotlight* is our annotated listing of books recorded here in our volunteer recording studio in Austin and in the studios of Recording Library of West Texas. Published twice a year in audio version on digital cartridge, *Spotlight* features selected books that we have recorded and provides brief annotations for each book. Books featured in *Spotlight* are available on digital cartridge but may also be on BARD, in Braille, or in large print.