



# Volunteer Recording Studio News

Talking Book Program

SUMMER 2018

## CHEERS TO FORTY YEARS

### Studio Hours

Mon. - Thurs: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri.: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Sat.: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### Studio Statistics

January hours: 302.75  
January active volunteers: 53  
February hours: 285.75  
February active volunteers: 53  
March hours: 312.00  
March active volunteers: 49  
April hours: 303.75  
April active volunteers: 50  
May hours: 368.00  
May active volunteers: 55



The studio will be closed on:  
July 4: Independence Day



On Thursday, May 10, 2018, the Volunteer Recording Studio held its volunteer appreciation dinner and 40 year anniversary party. The ceremony was kicked off with a proclamation given to the Volunteer Recording Studio for its dedicated service to the people of Texas by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission Board of Directors. The proclamation is located in the studio. Steve Prine

from the NLS, joined us to celebrate from Washington D.C., along with Dean McKenzie of the Friends of Libraries and Archives of Texas, who helped sponsor the event.

### New Narrators



Lou Ann McLean  
Nora Pirsch  
Derek Rodrigues  
Amanda Rodriguez

### Computer Upgrade

The TBP Audio/Studio Ops workstations are being upgraded to a new operating system, Windows 10. If you have any questions or problems, please let Tom or SMiles know.



"Perhaps you're right. Maybe we should upgrade our computer system."



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Texas State Library & Archives Commission  
P.O. Box 12927





**A special THANK YOU to the Friends of Libraries & Archives of Texas for their continuing support of the Talking Book Program and its efforts.**



**3000+**

Kerry Pivonka

**2000+**

Diana Dorman  
Ev Lunning Jr.\*

**1000+**

Sue Bilich  
Ruth Borenstein  
Ric Furley  
John Long\*  
Mindy Reed  
Lisette Schmidli  
Nancy Vanhemert

**500+**

Timothy Englert  
Leanna Englert

**500+**

Paul Klemperer  
Louise Mann  
Michael Neibeirgal  
Staci Thompson

**250+**

Stephen Biles  
Martha Blumenthal\*  
Billy Brookshire  
Matthew Dumond\*  
Stephen Flynn  
Leon McMorrow\*  
Jim Porter\*  
Robert Rodriguez  
Mario Sanchez  
Jenny Smallwood  
Connie Todd\*

\* 2018 award recipients

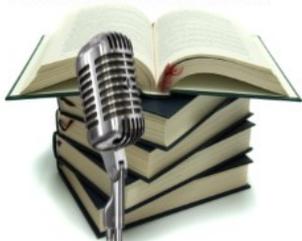
**100+**

Don Atkins\*  
Jacqueline Forsyth  
Liz Froehlich  
Mary Lou Gibson\*  
Melanie Makitra  
Lou Ann McLean\*  
Ellen Nemec\*  
Stephen Roberts\*  
Derek Rodrigues\*  
Alice Shukalo\*  
Robert Stoltz

**50+**

Michael Donahue\*  
Axel Ismirilian\*  
Randee Ketzel\*  
Nora Pirsch\*  
Amanda Rodriguez\*  
Kristina Zvinakis\*

**Recorded First Book**



Lynn Fichtner  
Audra Merrick  
Steve Roberts  
Derek Rodrigues  
Alice Shukalo



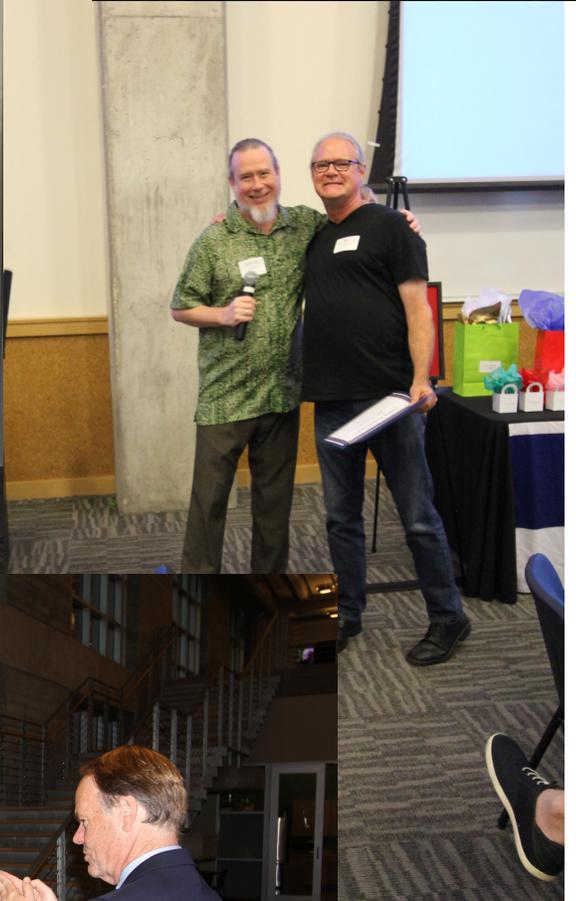
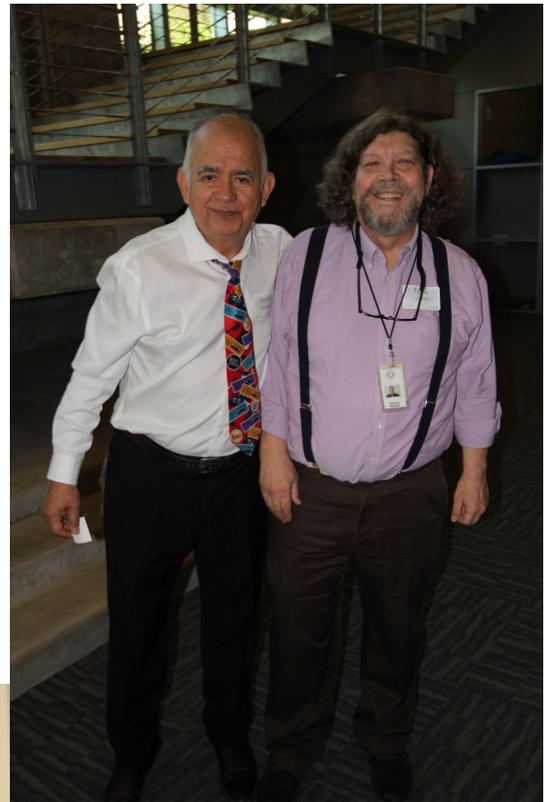
Sue Bilich  
Billy Brookshire  
Louise Mann  
Jennifer Smallwood

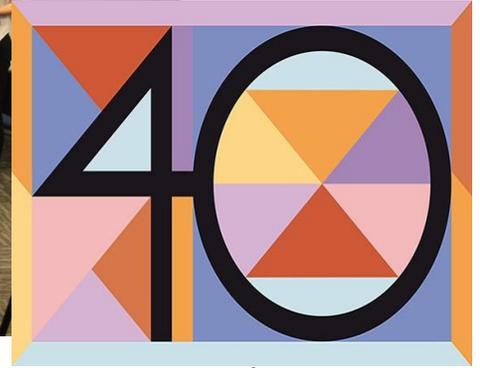


Kerry Pivonka - 3285.25  
Dianna Dorman - 2356.25  
Ev Lunning - 2030.50  
Mindy Reed - 1696.25  
Ruth Borinstein - 1549.50  
Lisette Schmidli - 1514.50  
Nancy Vanhemert - 1498.75  
Sue Bilich - 1387.75  
Ric Furley - 1347.75  
John Long - 1012.50

Paul Klemperer - 945.50  
Staci Thompson - 795.75  
Louise Mann - 763.00  
Mary Barr - 751.75  
Michael Niebergall - 676.00  
Timothy Englert - 600.50  
Leanna Englert - 587.00  
Ruby Davis - 571.00  
Stephen P. Biles - 460.50  
Billy Brookshire - 452.75







## V.R.S. Tidbit

*City on Fire: The Explosion That Devastated a Texas Town and Ignited a Historic Legal Battle* written by Bill Minutaglio. *City on Fire* is a gripping, intimate account of the explosions of two ships loaded with ammonium nitrate fertilizer that demolished Texas City, Texas, in April 1947, in one of most catastrophic disasters in American history. Veteran studio volunteer, Sue Bilich, is recording the book in the studio. Sue also has a personal connection with the book. Sue was raised in Texas City. She was attending Danforth Elementary school on that fateful day. Her parents and other family members owned and operated Clark's Department Store, located on Texas Ave and 3rd St. They narrowly escaped serious injury by hiding under display tables after the roof collapsed.



## Did you Know...

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English alphabet
- Elephants are the only mammal that can't jump.
- Everyday is a holiday somewhere in the world.
- The hyoid bone in your throat is the only bone in your body not attached to any other.
- There are only four words in the English language which end in 'dous' (they are hazardous, horrendous, stupendous and tremendous)
- Bookkeeper and bookkeeping are the only two words in the English language with three consecutive double letters..
- A group of frogs is called an army
- A group of rhinos is called a crash
- A group of Kangaroos is called a mob
- A group of whales is called a pod
- A group of geese is called a gaggle
- A group of owls is called a parliament

## Preparing for the Future

This month, SMiles is attending the NLS National Conference Meeting in Nashville, where he will be presenting information to the library network on "Analog to Digital: Keeping our Oldest Audio Books Circulating for Generations to Come."