



Texas Talking Book News

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

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Director's Report

Greetings! Here is the latest news:

Former NLS Director Kurt Cylke (1932-2019): Frank Kurt Cylke, former director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), has passed away. Cylke was NLS director from 1973 to 2011. He oversaw two major transitions in talking book services: from recorded vinyl disks to analog cassettes, and then from the cassettes to digital cartridges and downloads via the Internet. Cylke had a deep respect for people with visual disabilities and was proud of the services that NLS provided to this community. Cylke was a dedicated librarian and had an abiding passion for reading and collecting books. In the course of his career, he worked in a variety of libraries prior to NLS and continued to volunteer in libraries after he retired. Cylke also was an avid bird-watcher and was interested in ships and sailing and reading naval fiction. For more information, you may read his obituary here:

<https://adamsgreen.com/tribute/details/10618/Frank-Cylke-Sr/obituary.html>.

Duplication-on-Demand is here! Would you like to receive multiple books on a cartridge and receive them sooner rather than later? Duplication-on-Demand (DOD) allows staff to create customized reading cartridges for patrons who are signed up for this service. Patron feedback has been very positive. Approximately 5,000 TBP patrons are signed up and receiving the books they want—even books that previously were available only via download. We are working diligently to get all patrons set up for duplication-on-demand, but it may be some time before we get to you. If you have questions or would like to switch to duplication-on-demand right away, please call us at 800-252-9605 or email us at **tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov**.

The newest DOD cartridges make it even easier to read through all the books on the cartridge. Please see the insert in this newsletter for more information.

Please keep your email address up-to-date on your TBP account: We regularly introduce new services, make important announcements or just pass along interesting information for your benefit. The fastest and surest way to hear about all these things is via email. Unfortunately, we get lots of bounced or undeliverable emails returned to us when we send email to patrons. The most common reason for this is that the patron has changed email addresses or

abandoned the address we have on file and hasn't notified us. Please call 1-800-252-9605 and ask a reader consultant to update your account with your new email address. If you would like to receive email communications as your primary method of correspondence, or to receive this newsletter by email, ask the reader consultant to change your preferences to email. You may give us a second or alternate email address, as well. When our online catalog becomes available later this year, you will need to have a valid email address in order to access it, so keeping your email address updated is more important than ever.

Until next time,
Ava Smith, Director, Talking Book Program

Bonus Book Club Title Announced for August 2019!

TBP is participating in the Read Across Texas Initiative sponsored by the **Texas Center for the Book**. TBP will host a bonus book club meeting so that our patrons can participate in the Read Across Texas initiative. For more information: www.tsl.texas.gov/readacrosstexas.

Join us on Tuesday, August 27 at 7 p.m. (Central Time) for our book club discussion of **TATTOOS ON THE HEART: THE POWER OF BOUNDLESS COMPASSION** by Greg Boyle. **DB70899**. RSVP preferred by August 6. To RSVP call the Talking Book Program at: 1-800-252-9605 (RSVP preferred by August 6) or email us at: tbp.ral@tsl.texas.gov.

Third Annual Poetry Contest

The Talking Book Program is proud to announce its third annual poetry writing contest. The contest will run from now until September 30, 2019. There are three category levels: TBPL #1: Ages 0-10; TBPL #2: Ages 11-18; and TBPL #3: 19 and above. Winners will be announced in the TBP Winter Newsletter, in early 2020. All poem submissions must be received by September 30, 2019. To participate, you must be a current and active TBP patron and you must sign and submit a release form. You can find it on TexasTalkingBooks.org under TBP News, or, if you want a release form mailed to you call 512-463-5452.

Submit poem and release form to:
Talking Book Program
c/o Public Awareness Coordinator
PO Box 12927
Austin, TX 78711-2927

Or email to: TBPinfo@tsl.texas.gov
Deadline is September 30, 2019

The Ultimate Spring Clean: Marie Kondo Style

You may have heard about the Marie Kondo craze that has been happening. Marie Kondo's method for tidying up isn't exactly a prescriptive formula because everyone's experience will be a bit different, but it does have some guidelines. Here are two books to organize your home and your life:

THE LIFE-CHANGING MAGIC OF TIDYING UP: THE JAPANESE ART OF DECLUTTERING AND ORGANIZING by Marie Kondo. **DB80607; LB08362**

A guide to decluttering the home from a cleaning and organization consultant, using the author's KonMari Method, which focuses on categories of items rather than rooms. First published in Japanese in 2011. 2014.

SPARK JOY: AN ILLUSTRATED MASTER CLASS ON THE ART OF ORGANIZING AND TIDYING UP by Marie Kondo. **DB83450; LB08890**

A step-by-step instruction for her KonMari decluttering and organizing methods, including folding clothing, organizing drawers and closets, cleaning and hobby supplies, digital photos and more. She also answers frequently asked questions. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

Helpful contact information for the Talking Book Program:

- To order books or report a problem with your machine: 800-252-9605
- To request an application or ask about enrollment: 800-252-9605
- To access the toll-free information line: 866-388-6397
- To contact the Disability Information and Referral Center: 800-252-9605
- To contact the Public Awareness Office: 512-463-5452 or 800-252-9605
- To send email to anyone in the Talking Book Program:
tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov
- To ask for assistance using BARD or to make changes to your account:
800-252-9605 or **tbp.bard@tsl.texas.gov**
- To ask a librarian for reading advice or reference assistance:
800-252-9605 or **tbp.ral@tsl.texas.gov**
- To access the TBP blog: **<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texastalkingbooks/>**
- To see the TBP book club schedule:
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/tbp/tbpbookclub/index.html>

The Talking Book Program will be closed on the below listed holidays.

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day
Thursday-Friday, July 4- 5 - Independence Day

Of course, you can leave a voicemail message or send e-mail on a holiday.

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Blind or Physically
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Disability News

The Centers for Independent Living in Texas provide a variety of services for individuals of all ages in Texas with disabilities. Every center is different, but most provide peer counseling, recreational / social activities, independent living skills training and technology / computer classes. For more information about the center that serves your county, visit this link: <https://www.ilru.org/projects/cil-net/cil-center-and-association-directory-results/TX> or contact the Disability Information and Referral Center through the Talking Book Program.

Comments or complaints regarding programs and services of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission may be made to:
Director and Librarian. PO Box 12927, Austin, TX 78711-2927

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