

This newsletter is a bi-monthly publication of the Texas Talking Book Program for recording studio volunteers and staff. If you have comments or suggestions, please email Ruth Wedergren, TBP Public Awareness Coordinator at rwedergren@tsl.state.tx.us.

Calendar

Studio closings:
Memorial Day—May 25, 27

Studio Statistics

- 250 Nov hours
- 43 Nov active volunteers
- 189 Dec hours
- 43 Dec active volunteers

Studio Hours

Mon - 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thurs
Fri 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sat 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Welcome New Studio Volunteers

The Talking Book Program welcomes our new Recording Studio Volunteers who began in November and December 2012: Christine Devall, Matthew Dumond, Nicole Feldman, Michele Gassaway, Cindy Martinez, Donnell O'Brien, and Jessica Tapp. Welcome aboard! ■

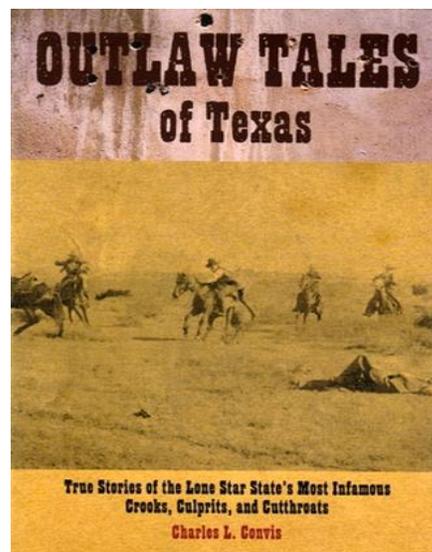
TBP Book Club Reads Locally Recorded Book

Outlaw Tales of Texas by Charles L. Convis, narrated by Ev Lunning Jr., has been selected for the phone-in book club for TBP patrons. This is the first book recorded in the Austin studios to be featured as one of the book club offerings.

Patrons can download the selected title or request it on digital cartridge. They sign up for the discussion by phone or email, and participate by calling a toll-free number. The Book Club talks about **Outlaw Tales of Texas** on March 19. TBP's Book Club started in April 2012. ■

Don't forget your badge!

Be sure to wear your badge when you are in the building to volunteer. Recently, there have been concerns raised over some studio volunteers not wearing badges. You must be identified as a TBP volunteer when you are here to do work in the studio. If you have lost your badge, please see Janice Jones. Thanks for your cooperation. ■



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Volunteers Talk About Favorite Books, Authors

TBP Studio Volunteers received an email recently asking about their favorite books and authors. In this and upcoming issues, we'll feature the responses. If you haven't yet replied to the email, please do so. It's a chance to learn more about our great volunteers!

Did you have a favorite book as a child?

Stephen Flynn: *Space Witch by Don Freeman, when I was in about second grade.*

Ric Furley: *Muggins Mouse*

John Long: *A Wrinkle in Time*

Billy Brookshire: *The book I remember best was Audubon's Encyclopedia of Birds. Loved his illustrations, insight, & information.*

Sandy Litschi: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.*

Lauren Johnson: *When I was young, about 12-14 years of age, I was interested in all of Emilie Loring's mystery romance novels.*

Ev Lunning Jr.: *When I stayed home from school sick, I used to read in Tellers of Tales, an anthology collected by W. Somerset Maugham.*

Tim Lance: *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel by Virginia Lee*

Carol Swartz: *Nancy Drew books - I couldn't wait for the next book to be released!* ■

Read TBP's Blog!

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texastalkingbooks/>

New/Digitized Books Completed and Circulating

- Dead Soldiers**—Narrator: Paul Klemperer; Monitors: Lionel Jacobs, Miles Lewis, Janice Jones, Craig York.
- Devil in the Junior League**—Narrator: Dianna Dorman; Monitors: Judy MacKenzie, Craig York, Brit Jones.
- Diablo**—Narrator: Julie Hepworth; Monitor: Jeanne Guichard.
- Eckhardt: There Once Was a Congressman from Texas**—Narrator: Ev Lunning Jr.; Monitors: Janice Jones, Craig York, and Gary DeVries.
- Eden**—Narrator: Jack Gazzale; Monitors: Harriet Lyson, Ernesto Calderon.
- Footsteps in the Dark**—Narrator: Lionel Jacobs; Monitor: Craig York.
- Getting Away with Murder on the Texas Frontier**—Narrator: Ev Lunning Jr. Monitor: Craig York.
- Hank the Cowdog #7**—Narrator: Barbara Ritter; Monitor: Eloise Bouzari.
- Hank the Cowdog #8**—Narrator: Linda Gittens; Monitor: Susan Fullilove
- Hank the Cowdog #10**—Narrator: Linda Gittens; Monitor: Susan Fullilove.
- Hank the Cowdog #20**—Narrator: Susan Britt; Monitor: Tom Sweazea.
- Holy Moly**—Narrator: Linda Rosens; Monitor: Sally Daverse.
- Hornswoggled: An Alafair Tucker Mystery**—Narrator: Jeanne Guichard; Monitor: Becky Smith.
- Isle of Misfortune**—Narrator: Kerry Pivonka; Monitor: Lisette Schmidli.
- Junction Flats Drifter**—Narrator: Nancy VanHemert; Monitor: Tom Sweazea.
- The King of Colored Town**—Narrator: Dianna Dorman; Monitor: Judy MacKenzie.
- The Lonesome Chisholm Trail**—Narrator: Jack Gazzale; Monitors: Harriet Leason, Jeanne Guichard.
- The Long Journey**—Narrator: Jack Gazzale; Monitor: Cindy Johnson.
- Lost Echoes**—Narrator: Dianna Dorman; Monitors: Craig York, Janice Jones, Lionel Jacobs.
- The Marauders**—Narrator: Danny Ledford; Monitor: Jack Gazzale.
- The Murchisons**—Narrator: Harold Steadman; Monitor: Jean Steadman.
- Murder by Masquerade**—Narrator: Paul Klemperer; Monitors: Lionel Jacobs, Brit Jones, Miles Lewis, Craig York, Janice Jones.
- Of All Sad Words**—Narrator: Elayne Karrickhoff; Monitor: Stephanie Childs.
- Paper Hearts**—Narrator: Sue Bilich; Monitor: John Wood.
- Tell Borges If You See Him: Tales of Contemporary Somnambulism**—Narrator: Craig York; Monitor: Lionel Jacobs.
- The Peacekeeper**—Narrator: Jack Gazzale; Monitor: Cindy Johnson.
- The Sheriff and the Branding House Murders**—Narrator: Lori S. Brix; Monitor: Dave Bower.
- Widows of Wichita County**—Narrator: Staci Thompson; Monitor: Kerry Pivonka.
- Wormwood**—Narrator: Carol Esler; Monitor: Mindy Reed.
- You Know When the Men Are Gone**—Narrator: Nancy Vanhemert; Monitor: Janice Jones.

Fast Facts About TBP Patrons

- 86% of patrons are blind or have a visual impairment
- 21% of patrons are age 85 or older
- 9% of patrons are veterans
- 7% of patrons are age 19 and under

(Source: TBP Patron Counts)

