

Calendar

Studio Closings
Monday, May 25
Friday, July 3

Volunteer Recording Studio News

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Studio Statistics

November 250.75 hours
November 48 active volunteers
December 226.50 hours
December 47 active volunteers

Studio Hours

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

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 Heather Bailey, TBP Public Awareness Coordinator at hbailey@tsl.texas.gov

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Founding Lady of Volunteer Recording Studio: Carolyn Randall

When you first meet Carolyn Randall it is immediately obvious she is intelligent, interesting and has a lot to share about her life passion for books and the Talking Book Program which began, thanks in part, to her Uncle Carl, who participated in TBP when Carolyn was a child.



Carolyn founded the Volunteer Recording Studio in 1978 when she was working on tape duplication for TBP. Using her previous experience working for radio station WJOB in Indiana and her volunteer efforts reading to the blind in Houston, Carolyn was able to bring together volunteers to narrate books as a supplement to NLS recordings. The first year the studio recorded 10 books with as few as one volunteer at times. By comparison, last year the Austin studio (with the help of our partners in Midland) produced 42 books with help from a monthly average of 40 active volunteers.

When asked why she was so passionate about the recording studio, Randall replied "my best friends all worked there and volunteered there and we helped so many people".

Carolyn moved with her husband, Howard Randall, from Houston to the Hill Country in the early 1970's. Originally from Champagne, IL, she's a self described "spirit" of Texas, a volunteer and world traveler; add to that, a bibliophile. Randall's apartment is stock full of books. Looking around, titles such as "Wonder" (a junior fiction book) and "Life of Pi" and World War II bestseller, "Citizens of London" are shelved together. Today, after all of her influence and dedication to helping others read, she is still doing what she loves best: working with books. Carolyn is the volunteer librarian at her residence and assists others in finding good books. She is also a member of a book club and often helps choose the titles to be read and discussed. Although her travel days are behind her, she is still an active part of her children's and grandchildren's lives. Carolyn says she should have been a librarian but her efforts and dedication to the TBP Volunteer Recording Studio established a vital force to bring more books to those who would otherwise be without the written word. Thank you, Carolyn Randall, we are still recording books because of your great vision and the help of our dedicated volunteers following in your footsteps.

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Attention ALL Volunteers: Mandatory New ID Badges

Please be sure to turn in your current badge for the new badges now available. The reason for the swap is The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has a new logo and all badges need to be uniform. If you have any questions, please see Miles or Janice—we appreciate your prompt attention to this compliance.



Annual IRT Security Policies Update

It's that time of year again...no, not the holidays, but close! IRT needs all volunteers to sign off on the IRT Security Policies.

Simply log on to the address below, print and sign the policy sheet and return to Miles or Janice when you are next in the studio. Again, your attention to this request is appreciated!

Web address: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/tbp/news/tbpvrs/policies.html>



Welcome New Studio Volunteers

These volunteers joined the Talking Book Program during the months of

November: Elyse Brown

December: Nisha Dhar

Welcome aboard!

Volunteer Monitors Needed!

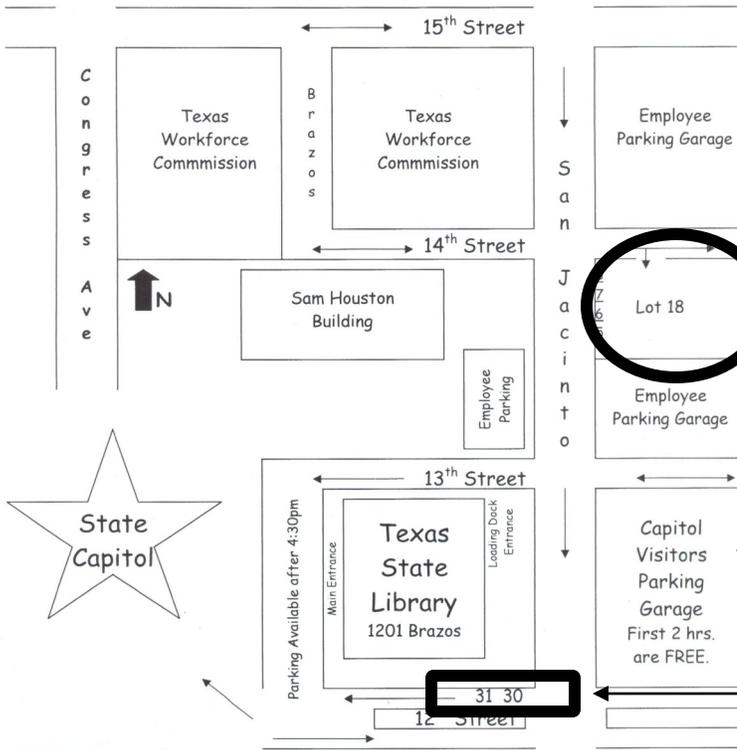
The importance of a monitor cannot be overstated, and yet the TBP Studio is low on volunteers for monitoring. If you know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering as a monitor, have them contact the studio for more information. Workloads are piling up and staff members cannot always fill the gap for a monitor's role. Volunteers, you have the power to keep our studio running - so pass the word along about all the good work that still needs to be done!



Parking Map

Use your blue parking permit when parking in spaces 30 and 31 adjacent to the south side of the building, and when parking in spaces 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Lot 18 at the corner of San Jacinto and 14th St.

A State Visitors Parking Lot is located at 13th and San Jacinto with two hours of free parking available. Additional time in the garage will cost 75 cents each additional 30 minutes. Metered street parking is available; cost, 25 cents per 15 minutes. You do not need the blue permit to park on the street or in the Visitor's Parking Lot.



Parking:
When parking, please, always remember to use your blue parking permit. Parking in other spaces may cause your vehicle to be towed or ticketed at your own expense. Please be mindful to park in the designated areas on the map.

← Park in spaces 5, 6, 7 or 8 in **Lot 18 ONLY**

← Visitors parking garage available for 2 hours free with 75 cents each additional 30 minutes

→ Parking in spaces 30 and 31 on 12th street

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Record (virtually) ANYWHERE!

The Talking Book Program's Volunteer Recording Studio is exploring the possibility of volunteers recording from home (or just about anywhere quiet) using a combination of equipment compatible with various mobile devices. If you have a smart phone (Apple or Android) or tablet (iPad, etc.) and are interested, please contact Miles Lewis or Janice Jones.

