

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](mailto:rwedergren@tsl.state.tx.us).

## Calendar

Studio closings:  
Christmas: Dec. 22, 24-26  
New Year's Eve: Dec. 29, 31  
New Year's Day: Jan. 1, 2013

## Studio Statistics

243 Sept hours  
40 Sept active volunteers  
267 October hours  
42 October 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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# Volunteer Recording Studio News

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## Welcome New Studio Volunteers

The Talking Book Program welcomes our new Recording Studio Volunteers who began in September and October 2012: Dawn Cochran, Tanya Garrison, Sarah Gilbert, and Rose Jacobs. Welcome aboard! ■

## Attention Narrators!

TBP is thinking about having another "Meet the Narrators" program in 2013, perhaps in the spring or fall. We'll need 2 – 3 volunteers to read at that program. The February 2012 event was a great success and was attended by 50 people, including patrons who came from out of town. If you're interested, contact Miles Lewis. ■



## TSLAC Director and State Librarian Peggy Rudd Retires

After 13 years as Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), Peggy D. Rudd is retiring. "It has been my privilege to lead this organization and to work with you," said Ms. Rudd in an email to agency staff October 24th. Her retirement becomes effective early in 2013.

"We appreciate her long and faithful service to the state of Texas," said commission chairman Michael C. Waters on behalf of the agency's board of commissioners. "We all wish her well in her retirement."

Ms. Rudd assumed leadership of the state library and archives in October 1999. Her achievements since then have been numerous and altogether representative of the rich, complex challenges facing Texas libraries and archives today.

TSLAC Commissioners unanimously appointed Edward Seidenberg as the agency's Interim Director and Librarian, effective January 1, 2013. Seidenberg is currently the Assistant State Librarian. ■

## Read TBP's Blog!

It's full of great info about books and happenings at TBP, and now includes Podcasts!

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

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## We Get Letters

We periodically receive letters of thanks from patrons and their families. Here's an excerpt from a letter we received in October: "I have participated in this program for nearly 23 years. The digital machine is a significant improvement. Thanks so much for this indispensable service." ■



Talking Book Program Director Ava M. Smith, left, and TSLAC Director and Librarian Peggy D. Rudd, right, receive the Library of the Year Award from NLS Director Karen Keninger, center.

## Audio Production Services FY 2013 First Quarter Report

During the first quarter, staff duplicated 2,412 copies of books and 1,553 copies of magazines (including newsletters) requested by patrons; studio staff and volunteers in Austin completed recording of 6 books, while Midland studio staff and volunteers also completed 15 books—these were forwarded to production staff for mastering (cleanup and editing), markup, and finalization for production; production staff also digitized 14 analog recordings. Austin studio volunteers contributed over 760.25 hours, equivalent to work of 1.46 FTEs during the quarter. ■

## TBP Celebrates Library of the Year Award

TBP staff and studio volunteers celebrated the Library of the Year Award with a reception on December 10. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress, presented the 2011 award to TBP in June 2012. The award is given to a regional library which exhibits excellence, innovation, and special achievement in providing library services to blind and physically handicapped readers. ■

## *New Books Completed and Circulating*

- Alexander Watkins Terrell**—Narrator: Lyn Wood; Monitor: Stephanie Childs.
- Américo Paredes**—Narrator: Sonya Aycock; Monitor: Michael Todd.
- Ballad of Rocky Ruiz: A Luis Montez Mystery #1**—Narrator: Linda Rosens; Monitor: Sally Daverse.
- Bookmarked for Murder: A Scrappy Librarian Mystery**—Narrator: Lyn Wood; Monitor: Stephanie Childs.
- Cry for Help**—Narrator: Pat Coleman; Monitor: Becky Smith.
- Drop Edge of Yonder**—Narrator: Mary Hooper; Monitor: Becky Smith.
- Eleanor and Abel**—Narrator: Linda Fox; Monitor: Stephanie Childs.
- Everything Burns: A Boot Means Novel**—Narrator: Carolyn Larson; Monitor: Becky Smith.
- Evil Eyes**—Narrators: Craig York, Paul Klemperer; Monitor: Lionel Jacobs.
- The Ex-Debutante**—Narrator: Dianna Dorman; Monitors: Judy Mackenzie, Craig York, Lionel Jacobs.
- Hank the Cowdog #1: Original Adventures** —Narrator: Craig York; Monitor: Gary DeVries.
- Hank the Cowdog #2: Further Adventures**—Narrator: Alan Jochimsen; Monitor: Max Combs.
- Hank the Cowdog #3: It's a Dog's Life**—Narrator: Alan Jochimsen.
- Hank the Cowdog #4: Murder in the Middle Pasture**—Narrator: Alex Burton; Monitor: Alex Ash.
- Hank the Cowdog #6: Let Sleeping Dogs Lie**—Narrator: Alex Burton; Monitor: Alex Ash.
- Hank the Cowdog #51: The Case of the Blazing Sky**—Narrator: Carolyn Larson; Monitor: Becky Smith.
- Harpson**—Narrator: Ruth Borinstein; Monitors: Carol Swartz, Gary DeVries.
- How Perfect is That**—Narrator: Linda Rosens; Monitors: Sally Daverse, Bonnie Cope, Janice Jones.
- Life of the Marlows**—Narrator: Staci Thompson; Monitor: Kerry Pivonka.
- Paint the Town Dead**—Narrator: Denisa Casey; Monitor: Becky Smith.
- Palo Duro**—Narrator: Ev Lunning, Jr.; Monitor: Jeannie Pinkman.
- Precious Dust**—Narrator: Craig York; Monitor: Melissa Tyler.
- Rightful Place**—Narrator: Dianna Dorman; Monitor: Lionel Jacobs.
- Santa's Angels**—Narrator: Dorothy Blair; Monitor: Becky Smith.
- Se Busca: Una Novela de Suspenso**—Narrator: Pilar Raymond; Monitor: Sandy Litschi.
- Texas Law in Layman's Language, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition**—Narrator: Staci Thompson; Monitor: Kerry Pivonka.
- Threading the Needle**—Narrator: Jack Mangan; Monitor: Stephanie Childs.
- Tomahawk Canyon**—Narrator: Ev Lunning, Jr.; Monitor: Craig York.
- Twelve Mighty Orphans**—Narrator: Jack Mangan; Monitor: Becky Smith.
- Unlikely Voyager Queen**—Narrator: Linda Rosens; Monitor: Sally Daverse.
- Vietnam Veterans**—Narrator: Paul Klemperer; Monitors: SMiles Lewis, Jackson Word, Craig York, Brit Jones, Janice Jones.
- Vigil: The Sandhill Chronicles**—Narrator: Dorothy Blair; Monitor: Stephanie Childs.
- Year of the Dog**—Narrator: Linda Rosens; Monitor: Sally Daverse.