

## Calendar

Studio Closings  
Thursday-Saturday,  
November 27-29  
Wednesday—Saturday, Dec. 24-27

## Studio Statistics

**July** 302.00 hours

**July** 40 active volunteers

**August** 333.00 hours

**August** 46 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](mailto:hbailey@tsl.texas.gov)

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# Volunteer Recording Studio News

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## Recently, author Terry Shames and narrator Ric Furley met at the TBP studios and talked about their collaboration on recording "A Killing at Cotton Hill"

*TS: I have to confess, when you first contacted me I thought you were a pirate trying to steal material! I did not know about TBP.*

*RF: ARRGHH! Seriously, though, it was important for me to understand how to pronounce all of the character names correctly since you literally made them up. That is quite a talent—but also a challenge for a narrator.*

*TS: Well, it means so much to me that you reached out and I feel like my town of Jarrett Creek and its inhabitants are in good hands. I am so glad you reached out to me, do you talk to all the authors you record?*

*RF: No, it is not always necessary to contact the authors, however it is great to make connections such as ours and it gives me a lot of confidence in my recording knowing I am pronouncing everything correctly.*

*TS: It makes me feel great to be part of such a wonderful service. I am so happy to know TBP exists to allow those who would otherwise not be able to read my—or any—books. And I am amazed at the quality of the technology used. I can tell the narrators take their work seriously and to me, as an author, that is important.*



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## Round-Up of Texas-Recorded Books on BARD

More Texas books are available for NLS patrons to download through BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download). Thank you, dear volunteers, for helping us make this possible! These are the latest titles added to BARD:

- ***Train's Trust*** by Max Brand. Narrated by Lionel Jacobs. Monitored by Sally Daverse
- ***Hank the Cowdog: The Big Question*** by John R. Erickson. Narrated by Billy Brookshire. Monitored by Louise Mann.
- ***Tales of a Texas Boy*** by Marva Dasef. Narrated by Mary Barr. Monitored by Louisa Torrance, Janice Jones.
- ***Lie Still: A Novel*** by Julia Heaberlin. Narrated by Leanna Englert. Monitored by Timothy Englert.
- ***The Sky Took Him: An Alafair Tucker Mystery*** by Donis Casey. Narrated by Donia Crouch. Monitored by Kimberly Morgan.
- ***From the Cockpit: Coming of Age in the Korean War*** by Tex Atkinson. Narrated by Lionel Jacobs. Monitored by Sally Daverse.
- ***Hank the Cowdog: The Ghosts of Rabbits Past*** by John R. Erickson. Narrated by Mindy Reed. Monitored by John Long.
- ***What Dies In Summer*** by Tom Wright. Narrated by Dianna Dorman. Monitored by Lionel Jacobs and Craig York.
- ***The Yard Dog: A Hook Runyon Mystery*** by Sheldon Russell. Narrated by Craig York. Monitored by SMiles Lewis, Tom Johnson, and Lionel Jacobs.
- ***Dead Man's Tunnel: A Hook Runyon Mystery*** by Sheldon Russell. Narrated by Ev Lunning Jr. Monitored by Craig York.
- ***Pat Garrett: The Story of a Western Lawman*** by Leon C. Metz. Narrated by Ev Lunning Jr. Monitored by Craig York, Tom Johnson, and Brit Jones.
- ***A Romantic Way To Die*** by Bill Crider. Narrated by Dorothy Blair. Monitored by Stephanie Childs.
- ***Playing Dead*** by Julia Heaberlin. Narrated by Janice Langlinois. Monitored by Ted Geist.
- ***The Rogue's Game*** by Milton T. Burton. Narrated by Dell Davis. Monitored by Cindy Johnson.
- ***Sam Chance*** by Benjamin Capps. Narrated by Cindy Johnson. Monitored by Stephanie Childs.

### Welcome New Studio Volunteers

These volunteers joined the Talking Book Program during the months of  
**July:** Holly Muir, Doug Newell and Katherine Cates

**August:** Eric L. Seibel and Andrew Hernandez

**Welcome aboard!**



# Studio Word Find: Thanksgiving

E F M C T M M B F J Z P S P L  
H I A J E I D O D P R U D Z N  
X J P M R L O B W L O M N O S  
B A D G I T E B Z Y U P E B H  
J P L P B L F B I V T K I F Y  
M I T A P W Y U R X F I R B E  
P Z L R E T H G U A L N F O T  
G L D O O F K U W G T S N X C  
Y N C R A N B E R R Y E T X M  
N N I Y E Z P A J K J O H L J  
C T U F Q M V N F W D V A S A  
G F X Q F Y B U D B N I N S S  
W Z Z N X U O F J W G N K U D  
J U J M G T T C Y I I D S R T  
L W L U P W K S T U R K E Y N

CELEBRATE  
CRANBERRY  
FAMILY  
FOOD  
FOOTBALL  
FRIENDS  
FUN  
GRAVY  
LAUGHTER  
PIE  
PILGRIM  
PUMPKINS  
STUFFING  
THANKS  
TURKEY

