

Talking Book Times

Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library Newsletter

NKTBL Adds 7 Counties

Recently, the Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library has expanded its service to Bracken, Fleming, Harrison, Lewis, Mason, Robertson, and Trimble Counties. Thank you to all of the patrons, libraries and community members who have welcomed us. With this addition, NKTBL now provides Talking Book service to 15 Northern Kentucky counties.

Last August and September, NKTBL supervisor Clif Mayhugh, visited all the new counties. He visited libraries and community organizations, demonstrating the new digital player and answering questions about the Talking Book program. Later this year he hopes to meet more of our patrons at future "Meet and Greet" events. More information about these events will be sent to you later.

This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet some of our staff, learn more about the new



Bracken County resident Ruby LaMonda.
Photo courtesy of Bracken County News.

digital player, ask questions, and share your ideas.

If you have joined our library in past six months then this is your first issue of Talking Book Times. We hope you'll take a few minutes to read our newsletter. It is packed full of information including library updates, staff news and other tips to help you take advantage of the many services NKTBL has to offer! Talking Book Times is mailed out twice a year. It is available in print, on cassette and on the Internet at www.kentonlibrary.org/outreach/talkingbooks.

Update on Digital Books

It's time to celebrate! The first shipment of digital players for distribution has arrived. Veterans of any age have preference. Once all the veterans in our program have been offered a digital player, we will begin loaning the new players to patrons based on years of active participation at NKTBL. We realize our patrons are anxious to receive the new players. In most cases, players are mailed to NKTBL patrons on the day a shipment arrives in our office.

The conversion to digital players and books is a gradual one.

Although the number of digital titles on our shelves is growing daily, the National Library Service anticipates that cassette books will continue to comprise the majority of our collection through 2012.

Many patrons have asked how the two players (standard and advanced) are different. The table below compares the two players. When deciding which is right for your reading style remember the advanced players are in limited supply and you may have to be put on a waiting list.

	Standard Player	Advanced Player
Designed for	Most readers	Nonfiction reader or educational readers
Rewind, Play/Stop, and Fast Forward controls	Yes	Yes
Volume, Tone and Speed controls	Yes	Yes
Info, Previous, Menu, Next, and Mark Controls	No	Yes
Plays Books downloaded from BARD	Yes	Yes
Headphone Jack	Yes	Yes
Battery Life	27 hours on a full charge	27 hours on a full charge
Sleep Button and Automatic Shut Off	Yes	Yes

The Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library would like to thank everyone who has helped us this year through their generous donations:

Roger & Nancy Bay
Jim & Linda DeHo
Betty Donoghue
Craig & Catherine Gebhart
Linda & Jo Horn
David Kossoff
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Thomas Nelson Publishers
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Department
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Charlotte Wiener
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Karen Williamson

Your gift to the Library is fully tax-deductible. Please designate gifts to the NKY Talking Book Fund, the names of person being memorialized or honored, along with information for acknowledgement to family members. Send to Kenton County Public Library Foundation, 502 Scott Boulevard, Covington, KY 41011.

Holiday Closings

The Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library will be closed on the following days:

2009

- Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving
- Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve
- Friday, December 25
Christmas Day

2010

- Friday, January 1
New Year's Day
- Wednesday, January 6
Closed until noon
- Monday, May 31
Memorial Day
- Monday, July 5
- Monday, September 5
Labor Day
- Friday, October 22
KCPL Staff Day
- Thursday, November 25
Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve

Kentucky Office for the Blind

This fall, the NKTBL staff enjoyed a visit with Michael Ricke from the Kentucky Office for the Blind. Mr. Ricke is part of a team located in Florence dedicated to serving Kentuckians with visual impairments. They work with people who are blind or visually impaired to help them perform the activities associated with daily living. This includes training in the person's home and assistive technology.

The Kentucky Office for the Blind offers a wide range of services from information and referral to employment placement. They also have an Accessible Textbook Service including a Book Search Request form on their Web site. If you would like to know more about the Kentucky Office for the Blind and services they provide contact them at:

Office for the Blind
8020 Veterans Memorial Dr. Suite 100
Florence, KY 41042
(859) 371-3380 or Toll Free (800) 334-6895
<http://blind.ky.gov>

Descriptive Videos

Have you checked out our descriptive videos? Descriptive videos are regular, commercial films which provide narration of key visual elements heard during the pause in dialogue, resulting in a finished soundtrack that enables you to understand the film through listening. In order to play descriptive videos, you need a standard VHS video cassette player (VCR) and a television. No other equipment is needed.



Staff News

Lori Thernes, pictured right, began working at Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library in July. Lori graduated from NKU in 2003 with a Bachelor's degree in English and Literature.

Marty Stauber retired in June. Marty worked for the Talking Book Library since May 2002. Before that she worked for Kenton County Public Library for 14 years. The Northern Kentucky Talking Book Library would like to thank Marty Stauber for all her hard work and dedication to the library and its patrons.



Talking Book Patron Etiquette

- Keep food and drinks away from the players.
- Please return your books on time, especially those by bestselling authors.
- Do not tape the return mailing card to the green box. Our loan period is 30 days.
- Defective Books - Please put a mark on the return address card and put a rubber band around the faulty cassette tape.
- Save Your Box - Please reuse your shipping box when returning a player.
- Call, write or email the NKTBL office when your address or phone number changes. If we receive mail back and/or are unable to contact you, your account will be suspended.
- Please REWIND all books before returning.

Books Recently Added To Our Collection by Popular Authors

David Baldacci

RC 68065 Divine Justice: A Camel Club Novel

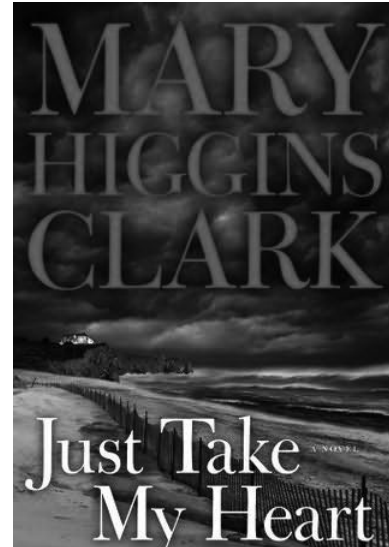
Sylvia Browne

RC 67325 End Of Days: Predictions And Prophecies

About The End Of The World

Mary Higgins Clark

RC 68279 Just Take My Heart



Harlan Coben

RC 66893 The Final Detail: A Myron Bolitar Mystery

Catherine Coulter

RC 67030 Tailspin: An FBI Thriller

Clive Cussler

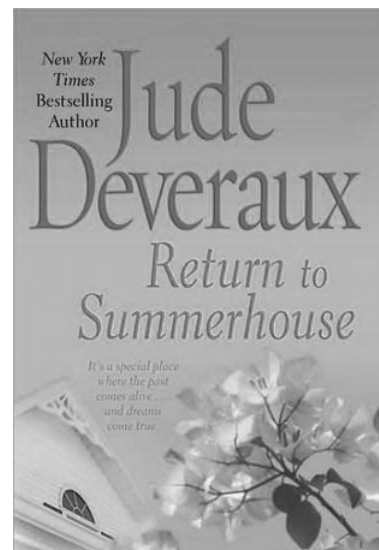
RC 67497 Iceberg: A Dirk Pitt Novel

RC 67746 Vixen 03: A Dirk Pitt Novel

RC 68120 Arctic Drift: A Dirk Pitt Novel

Jude Deveraux

RC 67155 Return to Summerhouse



Janet Evanovich

RC 67756 Foul Play

RC 68283 Plum Spooky: A Stephanie Plum Novel

Lisa Gardner

RC 67301 Say Goodbye: A Kimberly Quincy Mystery

John Grisham

RC 67858 Associate

Ken Follett
RC 65224 World without End

Linda Howard
RC 67180 Death Angel
RC 67428 Lady of The West

Stephen King
RC 67854 Just After Sunset: Stories

Tim LaHaye
RC 66678 Mark's Story: The Gospel According to Peter;
the Jesus Chronicles

Debbie Macomber
RC 67086 Someday Soon
RC 67608 8 Sandpiper Way: Cedar Cove, Book 8
RC 68061 Cedar Cove Christmas

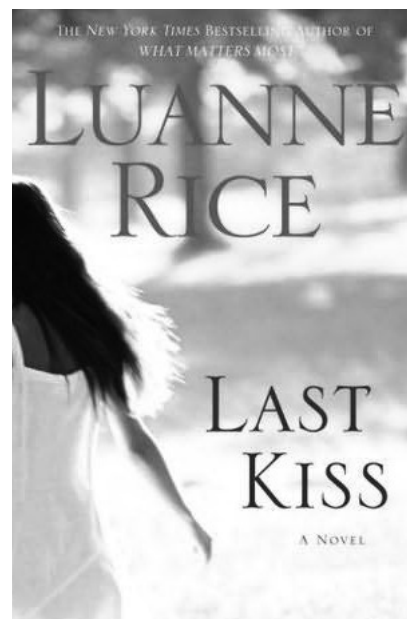
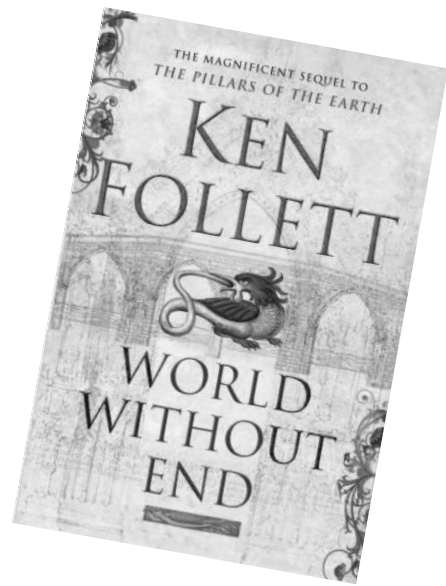
James Patterson
RC 67523 Dangerous Days of Daniel X
RC 68014 Cross Country: An Alex Cross Mystery

Luanne Rice
RC 67391 Last Kiss

Nora Roberts
RC 67339 Tributes

Nicholas Sparks
RC 67541 Lucky One

Danielle Steel
RC 67579 Perfect Strangers



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Disabled. DMM PT. 135

(859) 962-4095
Toll Free Kentucky
1-866-491-7610



Questions or Concerns?

Not getting enough books? Not satisfied with the books you're getting?
Problems with your player? Let us help!

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Toll free in Kentucky:
1(866) 491-7610

Write us:

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502 Scott Boulevard
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E-mail us:

nktbl@kentonlibrary.org

Visit the Web site:

www.kentonlibrary.org/outreach/talkingbooks

Anyone unable to read standard print materials is eligible for this free service. Providing service to residents of Boone, Bracken, Campbell, Carroll, Fleming, Gallatin, Grant, Harrison, Kenton, Lewis, Mason, Owen, Pendleton, Robertson, and Trimble Counties.

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