



# ***READING IS FOR EVERYONE***

*Newsletter of the Pinellas Talking Book Library  
A Service of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative*



**Winter 2015**

## **Pinellas Talking Book Library Anniversary!**

You're invited! We are very excited to celebrate the anniversary of the enactment of the Pratt-Smoot Act, which is the act that started the talking books program in 1931.

Join us on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, from 10:00am to 3:00pm for:

- ◆ Free health screenings
- ◆ Demonstrations of low-vision aides
- ◆ Transportation services information
- ◆ Author of Silent Cries, Michael Ciafone, will share his experience of living with a traumatic brain injury
- ◆ Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services will share information on fraud prevention
- ◆ Online Ordering and BARD (download) instructional sessions

We look forward to seeing you and hope to make the community aware of this free library service, so that all may read!



## **Book Discussion Resumes Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>!**

Share your thoughts and input on our next book, Emma by Jane Austen. DB023490, restless young Emma is living with her widowed father in a small English town. Emma entertains herself by rearranging her friends' lives, but she is clueless to the repercussions. Call Abby at 727-441-9958, ext. 225 to register and receive a copy of the book. Phone-in discussion starts at 10:00am; or, join us in-person at the Talking Book Library at 2:00pm.

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## **Large Print Calendars**

We now have large print calendars for 2015 available. Call us to receive a free calendar.

## **Currency Reader**

The National Library Service will be providing a **FREE** Currency Reader for the blind and visually impaired. They are now available! Please call us to receive an application to order one.



## **Service Tips**

- Please direct all requests for books and magazines to the Pinellas Talking Book Library. The return address listed on the back of your bimonthly Talking Book Topics catalog is for a national distribution center that does not handle client services.
- If you prefer to order specific titles, strive to maintain at least 50 requests on your request list to ensure uninterrupted service.
- Bring the digital book machine to the phone if possible when you call with machine problems.
- Keep the library informed of any address changes or if you desire to stop or resume the mailing of books.
- If a digital cartridge malfunctions, place a rubber band or string around the cartridge and place it in the mailing container. Call the library to request another copy of the book if you wish to finish the story.
- Do not put notes or requests in a returned book. To ensure that we receive communications, mail notes and requests in their own envelope.
- If you need a new digital player, please call us to order a new one to be mailed out. Digital machines are mailed out from Daytona Talking Book Library.

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## **Recommended Reading**

**DB080130** Killing Patton: The Strange Death of World War II's Most Audacious General by Bill O'Reilly. Examination of the last year and the death of General George S. Patton Jr. (1885-1945).

**DB079182** All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. Marie-Laurie LeBlanc, who has been blind since the age of six, is evacuated to stay with her great-uncle in St. Malo because Paris is invaded by the Nazis.

**DB079768** Gray Mountain by John Grisham. Samantha Kofer, a furloughed Wall Street attorney, is offered an unpaid stint at an Appalachian legal aid clinic with the slim chance of returning to her old job when done. She is soon engulfed in litigation that turns deadly.

**DB079216** Bridge to Haven by Francine Rivers. Abra Matthews was abandoned as a newborn and raised by Pastor Ezekiel Freeman in the small California town of Haven. She runs off to Hollywood and becomes starlet Lena Scott, but fame comes at a price.

**DB079378** The Last Kind Words Saloon by Larry McMurtry. Fictional account of the friendship between Wyatt Earp and Doc Holiday, culminating with the famed gunfight at the O.K. Corral.

**DB078496** Unlucky Thirteen by James Patterson. When the FBI sends San Francisco detective Lindsay Boxer a photo of Mackie Morales--the most deranged and dangerous mind the Women's Murder Club have ever encountered, Lindsay's happy world as a new mother is shattered.

**DB078914** Forget Me Not by Fern Michaels. Lonely illustrator Lucy Brighton reluctantly resides in her family's New Jersey house, but barely speaks to her folks since they moved to Florida. When they die suddenly in a car accident, she investigates their past.

**DB078389** The Martian by Andy Weir. The first man to walk on Mars, astronaut Mark Watney, is caught in a windstorm. Though his support crew thinks he died, Mark survived and now faces a hostile environment.

**DB079539** The First Family Detail: Secret Service Agents Reveal the Hidden Lives of the Presidents by Ronald Kessler. Discusses scandals during the Obama presidency; protection of presidential candidates, former presidents, and their families; and providing security while enabling illicit behavior such as extramarital affairs.

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## Library Closings

February 16<sup>th</sup> President's Day



### MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Donations, Bequests, and In Memoriam gifts to the Pinellas Talking Book Library are used to help defray costs of operating the library. All monetary gifts are acknowledged with a thank you letter.

*Please send and make checks payable to:*

Pinellas Talking Book Library  
1330 Cleveland Street  
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103

***You may also make a donation online:*** Go to the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative website at [www.pplc.us](http://www.pplc.us) and click on DONATE NOW! Leave a comment that TALKING BOOK LIBRARY is the designated donation recipient.

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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