

# Connect the Dots



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## INTRODUCING BARD EXPRESS

BARD Express provides NLS BARD patrons with an easier way to use BARD. BARD Express is only for patrons who use their computer to download their BARD books.

BARD Express simplifies the process by providing a menu-driven interface, reducing the need to memorize a complex set of keyboard commands. What does this mean? BARD Express can be used with as few as four keys, while providing advanced functionality for the more adventurous user. Instead of having to download books, unzip them and move them to the USB flash drive yourself, BARD Express completes these tasks for you.

Current BARD users can download the BARD Express app to their Windows-based computer by first logging into their BARD account. On the BARD Main Page under ADDITIONAL LINKS there is a link for BARD Express. Click on it and you will be prompted to download BARD Express. It will download an icon to your desktop. You will be prompted the first time you click on the icon to log in and afterwards login will be automatic. Use BARD Express to browse thousands of audio books and magazines, download them to your Windows-based computer, and transfer them to USB flash drive or blank cartridge.

If you have questions about BARD Express please call us at 1-800-922-7818 or email us at [tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov)



## **MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE**

**We are discontinuing the use of the Post Office Box 821 beginning January, 2017.**

**We will only use our street address:**

**1500 Senate St., Columbia, SC 29201.**

**Please address all correspondence to our street address. Please continue to flip the cards in your books over as you have always done.**

**Thank you.**

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South Carolina State Library  
1500 Senate St.  
Columbia, SC 29201**

## **Agency Spotlight: South Carolina Commission for the Blind**

**Their mission:** To provide quality individualized vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services and blindness prevention services to blind and visually impaired consumers leading to competitive employment and social and economic independence.

The South Carolina Commission for the Blind helps blind and visually impaired residents of South Carolina gain independence and take advantage of opportunities for financial advancement. Working with a network of business, community and government partners, they provide training, job placement and business opportunities for thousands of South Carolinians each year. Offices are located throughout the state.

### **Aiken District Office**

803-641-7658

### **Charleston District Office**

843-852-4225

### **Conway District Office**

843-248-2017

### **Florence District Office**

843-661-4788

### **Greenville District Office**

864-241-1111

### **Greenwood District Office**

864-223-3334

### **Rock Hill District Office**

803-980-8140

### **Walterboro District Office**

843-539-1156

### **Columbia**

Administration and Ellen Beach

Mack Rehabilitation Center

1430 Confederate Ave.

Columbia, SC 29202

803-898-8731

1-888-335-5951 (toll free)



The National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina has partnered with the South Carolina Commission for the Blind to bring you a fantastic new educational opportunity for students with disabilities. Career Boost SC is a transition-centered program for students with disabilities between the ages of 13 and 21 who are eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation or have a serious impediment that could keep them from gainful employment. Their four areas of expertise are:

**Self-advocacy:** Students learn their rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act and learn to present themselves in a positive manner through learning about self esteem, self awareness and self discipline.

**Career readiness:** Students have the opportunity to learn what strengths they should have when going into the workplace. Mock interviews gives them a chance to hone their skills and learn the most effective way to communicate to their potential employer.

**Job placement:** The Career Boost team does everything to get students ready for the workplace and they reach out to businesses in the community to find job placement or internships.

**Exploration of universities and colleges:** In preparing students for seeking higher education, the counselors introduce students to disability coordinators at potential in-state colleges or universities.

The Career Boost team are there to help students explore their strengths and weaknesses and provide individual plans for their future.

If you or someone you know may be interested in the program, please contact the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina's Career Boost program at 803-252-5655, or at [Jbazer@careerboostsc.com](mailto:Jbazer@careerboostsc.com).

## NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE BLIND OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The NFB of South Carolina is a non-profit, private organization of the blind working together to improve the quality of life for all blind people in South Carolina. In order for its influence to be felt on a national level, the NFB of SC is affiliated with the National Federation of the Blind, the nation's oldest and largest organization open to all the blind.

If you are interested in learning how the NFB of SC can enhance your life, please contact them at:

**Federation Center of the Blind of South Carolina**

**119 S. Kilbourne Rd.**

**Columbia, SC 29205**

**Office: (803) 254-3777**

**Fax: (803) 252-5655**

**E-Mail: [nfbsc@sc.rr.com](mailto:nfbsc@sc.rr.com)**

**Website: <http://nfbofsc.org>**



## New in Large Print

- LP 22600 Tom Clancy: Duty and Honor by Grant Blackwood (thriller)
- LP 22601 End of Watch by Stephen King (thriller/mystery & detective)
- LP 22602 The Revenant: Novel of Revenge by Michael Punke (historical fiction)
- LP 22604 This Violent Land by William and J.A. Johnstone (western)
- LP 22605 Murphy's Law by Ethan J. Wolfe (mystery & detective)
- LP 22606 Paradise Sky by Joe R. Lansdale (western)
- LP 22608 The First Mountain Man: Preacher's Slaughter by William and J. A. Johnstone (western)
- LP 22610 The Highway Man: a Longmire Story by Craig Johnson (western/mystery & detective)
- LP 22611 Aunt Dimity and the Buried Treasure by Nancy Atherton (cozy mystery)
- LP 22612 Dishonorable Intentions by Stuart Woods (mystery & detective)
- LP 22613 Tall Tail by Rita Mae Brown (mystery & detective)
- LP 22617 The Singles Game by Lauren Weisberger (romance)
- LP 22618 Bay of Sighs by Nora Roberts (paranormal romance)
- LP 22619 15th Affair by James Patterson (mystery & detective)
- LP 22620 Someone Always Knows by Marcia Muller (mystery & detective)
- LP 22622 Prayers the Devil Answers by Sharyn McCrumb (historical fiction)
- LP 22623 The Girl from the Savoy by Hazel Gaynor (historical romance)

## Descriptive DVDs

Talking Books offers a selection of Descriptive DVDs for its blind and visually impaired patrons. On a special audio track on the film, a narrator describes action, characters, locations, costumes and sets without interfering with the dialogue or sound effects. The loan period for DVDs is one week.

### Recently added DVDs:

DW00310	How to Be Single (R)
DW00311	Home (PG)
DW00312	Joseph and Mary (unrated)
DW00313	Minions (PG)
DW00315	Batman vs. Superman (PG-13)
DW00316	Hail, Caesar! (PG-13)
DW00317	Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (PG-13)
DW00318	The Peanuts Movie (G)
DW00319	Daddy's Home (PG-13)
DW00320	SPECTRE (PG-13)
DW00321	Maze Runner: the Scorch Trials (PG-13)
DW00322	Straight Outta Compton (R)
DW00323	Creed (PG-13)
DW00328	Sisters (R)

To receive an up-to-date bibliography of the large print books or Descriptive DVDs in our collection, please call the library at 1-800-922-7818 or 803-734-4611.

## DONATIONS

We appreciate the generosity of those that give and we miss those patrons who have been honored with memorials. Remember that all donations are considered a charitable donation and therefore tax-deductible. When making a donation, please include the address of those to be notified for memorials or donations in honor of a special occasion or person.

Donations can be sent to Talking Book Services, S.C. State Library, 1500 Senate St. Columbia, SC 29201. **Donations are used to enhance and improve library services.** Please make checks payable to Talking Book Services.

**We would like to thank the following people:**

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## ENSURING YOU CONTINUE TO ENJOY YOUR TALKING BOOKS

One requirement of the National Library Service (NLS) is that registered patrons must actively use the service. To remain active, registered patrons must receive materials or services from Talking Books at least once a year. Materials must also be returned on time by the patron when checked out.

A reader will be considered active if, during this period, they use any of the following materials or services: recorded books or magazines from NLS or Talking Books, BARD or Web-Braille, or the Large Print or Descriptive Video collections.

After one year of inactivity, reader accounts will be suspended and library materials retrieved when possible. Patrons who have not used their BARD or Web-Braille accounts in a year will also have those accounts suspended.

**So stay active!**

### WHERE ARE MY BOOKS?

If you ever feel like you are not receiving all your books, listed below are some reasons that this may happen:

- ◆ You have reached the limit of books allowed. Remember books in transit still count as checked out to you.
- ◆ You have caught up with all the books written by your favorite authors.
- ◆ You have overdue items.
- ◆ You are set up as request only but have not given us new titles to add to your account.
- ◆ Your desired preferences are too limited.

## C. Hope Clark, South Carolina writer

C. Hope Clark was born and reared in the South, from Mississippi to South Carolina with a few stints in Alabama and Georgia. The granddaughter of a Mississippi cotton farmer, Hope holds a B.S. in Agriculture with honors from Clemson University and 25 years' experience with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to include awards for her management, all of which enable her to talk the talk of Carolina Slade, the protagonist in most of her novels. Her love of writing, however, carried her up the ranks to the ability to retire young, and she left the USDA to pen her stories and freelance.

Hope is married to a 30-year veteran of federal law enforcement, a Senior Special Agent, now a contract investigator. They met on a bribery investigation within the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the basis for the opening scene to *Lowcountry Bribe*. Hope and her special agent live on the rural banks of Lake Murray outside of Chapin, South Carolina, forever spinning tales on their back porch, bourbon and coke in hand, when not tending a loveable flock of Orpington and Dominiquer hens.

Books:

Edisto Island Mysteries:

- ◆ Murder on Edisto                      DBC 05212 (Chosen as a Route One Reads book)
- ◆ Edisto Jinx                              DBC 05213 (in process)
- ◆ Echoes of Edisto                      DBC 05217 (in process)

Carolina Slade mysteries:

- ◆ Lowcountry Bribe                      To be recorded
- ◆ Tidewater murder                      To be recorded
- ◆ Palmetto Poison                      To be recorded

## ROUTE ONE READS

### 2,369 Miles of Adventure on Route 1 From Ft Kent, Maine to Key West, Florida

The State Centers for the Book linked by US Route 1, which extends from Fort Kent, Maine, to Key West, Florida, have joined together to promote books that illuminate important aspects of their states/commonwealths for readers travelling or living in a state that the major and meandering highway passes through. That's the focus of the Route One Reads project. Below are the selections for each state. Please enjoy!

<b>Maine:</b> Once burned: a Jack McMorrow mystery by Gerry Boyle	DB84604
<b>New York:</b> The doorbell rang by Rex Stout	DB38346
<b>Massachusetts:</b> Truth be told by Hank Phillippi Ryan	DB79865
<b>Rhode Island:</b> Cliff walk by Bruce DeSilva	DB83597
<b>Pennsylvania:</b> Most wanted by Lisa Scottoline	DB83908
<b>Maryland:</b> Wild Lake by Laura Lippman	DB84652
<b>Delaware:</b> Test of wills by Charles Todd	DB76229
<b>Washington, DC:</b> The Ways of the dead by Neely Tucker	DB79559
<b>Virginia:</b> The Merlot murders by Ellen Crosby	DB84060
<b>North Carolina:</b> Bootlegger's daughter by Margaret Maron	DB37825
<b>South Carolina:</b> Murder on Edisto by C. Hope Clark	DBC5212
<b>Florida:</b> The Deep Blue good by John D. MacDonald	DB32069

#### Not available through NLS:

**New Hampshire:** Blood on Hampton Beach by Jed Power

**Connecticut:** Sacred cows by Karen E. Olson

**Georgia:** Out of the blues by Trudy Nan Boyce

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