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Connect the Dots

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Director's Message

First the bad news: this will be the last mass-printing of Connect the Dots. High printing costs have made it necessary to shift Connect the Dots to audio-only.

- If you have received Connect the Dots in large print form and have a talking book machine, we will transfer your subscription to the audio version.
- If you are subscribed to the audio version of the newsletter, you will not notice any change.
- If you would like to have a large-print copy printed and sent to you, please call a Reader Advisor at 1-800-922-7818.

The good news is that **we are still providing printed copies of the Talking Book Topics catalog** from the National Library Service. We know this is a valuable resource for our patrons, so we have made it a priority to continue to print and mail the catalog to patrons who select their own titles. Don't forget that there is an audio version of Talking Book Topics as well; call a Reader Advisor if you have questions.

As always, we look forward to continuing to provide you with all of the useful information you need to fully enjoy South Carolina Talking Book Services!



Jennifer Falvey Director of Talking Book Services

Summer Refresher?

If your Talking Book Machine needs new batteries, feet, or other repairs, just send it back to SC Talking Book Services in its original mailing box and we will fix it right up and send it back. No postage is necessary!

You can cut out the mailing label below to affix to any box or package if you don't have your original machine box any more.



Let's Make Sure All Machines Are Active!

There's nothing sadder than a perfectly good Talking Book Machine languishing in a closet! If you are no longer using your machine, please send it back to SC Talking Books so we can assign it to someone else.

Questions? Call a Reader Advisor: 1-800-922-7818



Outreach Update: Help Us Get the Word Out!

Do you know someone who would benefit from our services? If so, just have them call a Reader Advisor to see if they are eligible and get the application process started!

We are also very happy to come and talk about our services to church groups, social groups, schools, libraries, assisted living and nursing homes, and other organizations. We are here to serve the Blind and Print Disabled of South Carolina—help spread the word!

1-800-922-7818 or tbsbooks@statelibrary.sc.gov

Do You Receive Local Magazines on Audio?

SC Talking Books records a variety of South Carolina-related magazines, including:

- South Carolina Wildlife Magazine
- Columbia Metropolitan Magazine
- Garden & Gun
- Charleston Magazine

Call a Reader Advisor today to ask about South Carolina publications: 1-800-922-7818



Let's Be Social!

Follow SC Talking Book Services on Facebook we're always up to something!

www.facebook.com/sctbs

Visit the Talking Book Services website any time for news, information, and great reading recommendations:

www.sctalkingbook.org/

Follow South Carolina State Library on social media



Holiday Closures

South Carolina Talking Book Services will be closed for the following state and national holidays; please mark your calendars so you can plan ahead for any cartridge deliveries you may need. As always, you may contact TBS via email or by leaving a voice message on our designated phone line: 800-922-7818, and a Reader Advisor will respond as soon as possible when they return.

2024 Holiday Schedule		
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1	
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 15	
Presidents Day	Monday, February 19	
Confederate Memorial Day	Friday, May 10	
National Memorial Day	Monday, May 27	
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4	
Labor Day	Monday, September 2	
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11	
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28	
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Friday, November 29	
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24	
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25	
Day after Christmas	Thursday, December 26	

HOURS:

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm

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