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ILLINOIS VETERANS FORM

2007 and 2008 are exciting years for talking book service in Illinois. The Network of Illinois Libraries Serving the Print Disabled will host numerous programs around the state in conjunction with the Illinois Veterans History Project. Public libraries and low vision centers are our local hosts, as we bring the programs to your area. If you enjoyed the Children of the Great Depression programs, you will like these inter-active, inter-generational programs too.

On September 19 all librarians in our service area are invited to participate in a workshop here at the Talking Book Center. This workshop gives your library the tools it needs to host a "Salute to Veterans: Honor Their Service--Preserve Their Stories" program in the library. Our keynote speaker is Bob Patrick, Director of the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress. He is spearheading a national initiative mandated by Congress to collect oral histories of America's veterans from WWI through the current conflicts. Be sure to ask your local library if they are participating in this project.

In preparation for the events, we need to update our patron records. If you are a veteran, please fill out the Illinois Veterans' Information Form by calling the Talking Book Center so that our database correctly notes your veteran status. Federal law gives preference to veterans of the American military service--our service included.

We plan to use your updated patron records to invite you to a program near you. The local programs are designed to:

- Honor the veterans in your family
- Educate school-aged youth
- Capture the imagination of all generations

ATTENTION PLEASE...

The 2006 Cassette Books Catalog has arrived. In it you will find all books recorded during 2006 which were listed the Talking Book Topics that you received throughout the year. It is nearly one inch thick and has a dark green cover. If you did not receive a copy please call us.

We want you to get books that you enjoy. Call your reader advisor for assistance in making selections. Book orders are still arriving at the Talking Book Center without a name on them. Please double-check before you drop your order in the mail.

Our friendly and helpful staff in the machine department are happy to answer any questions you have about your machine. Call them as soon as you experience any difficulty.

Patrons with internet access are encouraged to browse the online catalog of talking books by logging in to: www.klas.com/ilbph. By requesting an account and password from your reader advisor, you can do more than browse the collection—you can place reserves on books that you would like to read.

New old-time radio shows have arrived and our shelves are filling up fast. Won't you help us empty our shelves by calling to request some? New PlayAway titles are on order. Let your reader advisor know if you would like to receive the new catalog when it is printed this fall. PlayAways are small digital books that require no special skills to use.

THANK YOU TO OUR MAIL CARRIERS

Please sign the inserted letter of appreciation to your mail carrier and place it in your mailbox on September 1st. These dedicated men and women faithfully deliver thousands of talking books annually. Call the Talking Book Center to obtain the large print form.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND MEMORIALS

The Talking Book Center has received many generous gifts and memorials in recent months. These donations make our services more accessible to potential users of talking books. New government rules now allow people ages 70 1/2 and older to rollover amounts from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) to qualified charities, such as Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center, without claiming any increased income or paying any additional tax. These tax-free rollover gifts could be any amount up to \$100,000 in one year. The gifts must be made directly from your IRA and must occur by December 31, 2007, to qualify for these and other benefits. Our heartfelt thanks to those who have sent contributions in the past. We appreciate your generosity.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE TALKING BOOK COLLECTION

Call your reader advisor to order.

RC61651 The Big Bands by George T. Simon

Former editor-in-chief of Metronome magazine and the original drummer for the Glenn Miller orchestra tells insider accounts of bandleaders, vocalists, and instrumentalists of swing-era bands.

RC61681 It's One O'clock and Here Is Mary Margaret McBride: A Radio Biography by Susan Ware

Biography of radio personality Mary Margaret McBride, who hosted a popular afternoon broadcast during the 1940s and 1950s. Traces the history and development of daytime radio during the twentieth century and talk-show innovations.

RC62194 The Shaman Laughs: A Charlie Moon Mystery by James D. Doss

Tribal policemen Charlie Moon and Granite Creek police chief try to solve the mystery of mutilated livestock and murdered owners. Violence, strong language.

RC62603 Killer Instinct by Joseph Finder

Massachusetts electronics salesman, Jason Steadman's career takes off after he helps an ex-Special Forces soldier get a job in the firm. Mysterious deaths of his colleagues don't seem to be accidental. Violence and strong language.

RC62906 A Very Special Love by Janice Sims and others

Three stories about mothers in love. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

RC63261 Star of the Sea by Joseph O'Connor

In 1847, the Star of the Sea sets sail from Great Britain carrying hundreds of Irish refugees fleeing famine and injustice. Passengers' lives unfold during the wretched voyage to New York. Some descriptions of sex and some violence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Look for us at the following locations this fall:

August 23 OSF Health Plans Health Fair, St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington

August 28 Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, St. Johns Lutheran Church, Bloomington

Sept. 6 Riverview Retirement Center, East Peoria

Sept. 21 TCRC Sight Center Low Vision Technology Fair, Regions Bank Building, East Peoria

Oct. 16 Stephenson County Senior Center, Secretary of State Super Senior Event

A SALUTE TO VETERANS

Coming this fall—a series of Talking Book programs dedicated to veterans. Local libraries can book one of these programs by calling 1-800-426-0709.

In September PBS stations will air a series created by Ken Burns—"The War." Viewers will experience the importance of preserving veteran's memoirs.

Together the Talking Book Center and your local library will present "A Salute to Veterans: Honor Their Service—Preserve Their Stories" during 2007-2008.