



Indiana Insights

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Big News about Magazines

Did you hear the big news about magazines? They are now being duplicated at your talking book library. Starting on June 1, 2024, The Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library took control of your magazines. Magazines will now be duplicated and sent out just like your talking books. Each Thursday, members of the Talking Book team will duplicate all the magazine requests for that week. This should mean you will receive your magazines much quicker. Please remember you must be returning issues in a timely manner before the next one is processed to send. The magazines began mailing out in white containers with the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library return address listed on Thursday, June 6. The cartridges are labeled accessible materials and look just like book cartridges, except they have a green M on them.

Past issues of magazines will now be available for request. If the magazine is in our system and has a status of retrospective rather than withdrawn, the Talking Book Library should be able to get past issues for you. These issues will arrive with your regularly scheduled magazines. Any questions, to add new magazines to your account, or to look for back issues please contact your reader advisor at 317-232-3684 or 800-622-4970.

Do you Read Braille?

The Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library still has braille e-readers available. The braille e-readers have become very popular. Braille books can be downloaded from Bard or by cartridge with the help of a reader's advisor. Since January our braille downloads have increased by 87% to over 1000 for each of the last 2 months. The staff here at the Talking Book & Braille Library is so glad our users like this new service.

Talking Book & Braille Library on the Go

The Talking Book & Braille library will be attending many fairs & expos this fall. Stop by and see us if we come to your town.

- September 28, 2024, Central Indiana Disability Resource Fair
 - Ivy Tech Community College
 - 2820 N. Meridian, Indianapolis, IN 46208
- November 2, 2024, Richmond Disability Resource Fair
 - Ivy Tech Community College
 - 2357 Chester Blvd, Richmond, IN 47374
- November 2, 2024, Fuse Fall Expo
 - Perry Meridian High School
 - 401 W. Meridian School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46217
- November 9, 2024, Lafayette Disability Resource Fair
 - Ivy Tech Community College
 - 3101S. Creasy Ln., Lafayette, IN 47905

Looking for a new favorite series?

Here are a few of the favorites of the Talking Book & Braille Library Staff. We hope you enjoy them.

- **Outlander Series by Diana Gabaldon** – Historical Romance, Action, War & Time Travel
The Outlander series focuses on 20th-century British nurse Claire Randall, who time travels to 18th-century Scotland finds adventure, romance with Highland warrior Jamie Fraser.
 1. Outlander **BRG02378, DB118350, Spanish DB102581**

2. Dragonfly in Amber **BRG04370, DB118580, Spanish DB102582**
3. Voyager **BRG04371, DB118708, Spanish DB102717**
Plus 6 more

- **Bromance Book Club by Lyssa Kay Adams**– Contemporary Romance
A group of high-powered men who start a secret book club where they read romance novels in hopes of improving their own love lives.
 1. The Bromance Book Club **DB097443**
 2. Undercover Bromance **DB098867**
 3. Crazy Stupid Bromance **DB101308**
Plus 2 more

- **Monk & Robot by Becky Chambers** – Science Fiction
This series focuses on Dex, a tea monk and the robot they find in the wild. A delightful sci-fi series that gives readers hope for the future.
 1. A Psalm for the Wild Built **BR024116, DB104764**
 2. A Prayer for the Crown Shy **BR025171, DB109636**

- **Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman** – Mystery & Detective
This series follows the investigations of four elderly – and mostly amateur – sleuths as they put their skills together to solve crimes and bring justice to the Cooper Chase Retirement Village and beyond.
 1. The Thursday Murder Club **DB100981, Spanish DB104861**
 2. The Man who Died Twice **DB105290, Spanish DB107692**
 3. The Bullet That Missed **DB110067, Spanish DB120310**

Plus 1 more

- **The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams** – Science Fiction, Humor
These books follow Arthur Dent, an ordinary Englishman who accidentally ends up in space after Earth is destroyed. The series is a parody of modern society and is known for its humor and cynicism.
 1. The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy **BR014438, DB018339**
 2. The Restaurant at the End of the Universe **BR014439, DB018490**
 3. Life, the Universe and Everything **BR014440, DB018692**

Plus 2 more

- **A Song of Fire and Ice by George R. R. Martin** – Fantasy
The principal story chronicles the power struggle for the Iron Throne among the great Houses of Westeros following the death of King Robert.
 1. A Game of Thrones **BR021103, DB045742, Spanish DB080992**
 2. A Clash of Kings **BR021124, DB049913, Spanish DB081982**
 3. A Storm of Swords **BR021125, DB051406, Spanish DB083953**

Plus 2 more

- **Bookmobile Cat Mystery by Laurie Cass** – Cozy Mystery. *Bookmobile Cat Mysteries are about a librarian named Minnie Hamilton and her rescue cat, Eddie, who solve mysteries while driving a bookmobile in the Michigan resort town of Chilson.*
 1. Lending a Paw **DB092106**
 2. Tailing a Tabby **DB092162**
 3. Borrowed Crime **DB092107**

Plus 6 more

- **Witchcraft Mysteries by Juliet Blackwell** – Cozy Mystery, Occult
Lily Ivory, a natural-born witch skilled in brewing and botanicals, opens a vintage clothing store in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury neighborhood, where she makes friends—and becomes part of a community.
 1. Secondhand Spirits **DB079913**
 2. A Cast- Off Coven **DB079913**
 3. Hexes and Hemlines **DB079913**
 Plus 7 more

 - **Joe Pickett Westerns by C J Box** – Western, Mystery & Detectives
These books follow the life of Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett as he tries to maintain order in the wilderness while becoming involved in criminal activities.
 1. Open Season **BR021980, DB053008**
 2. Savage Run **BR021979, DB055849**
 3. Winterkill **BR022082, DB058323**
 Plus 20 more

 - **Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry** – Westerns
These novels, set in the waning days of the Old West, center around the relationships between several retired Texas Rangers and their adventures.
 1. Lonesome Dove **BR013696, DB022959**

 - 2. Streets of Laredo **BR009394, DB037323, LP010919**
 - 3. Dead Man's Walk **BR012567, DB043928, LP011845**
- Plus 1 more
- **Rizzoli & Isles – by Tess Gerritsen** – Mystery & Detective
Follow Jane Rizzoli, a detective, and Maura Isles, a coroner, in this fast paced, suspenseful series.
 1. The Surgeon **DB054007, LP014086**
 2. The Apprentice **DB054928**
 3. The Sinner **DB056875, LP014963**
 Plus 10 more

 - **Finlay Donovan by Elle Cosimano** – Mystery
Finlay, single mother of two and struggling novelist, becomes embroiled in a murder plot. This series is fast paced, deliciously witty, and wholeheartedly authentic in depicting the frustrations and triumphs of motherhood in all its messiness, hilarity, and heartfelt moments.
 1. Finlay Donovan is Killing it **DB102226**
 2. Finlay Donovan Knocks 'Em Dead **DB106920**
 3. Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun **DB112209**
 Plus 1 more

- **Throne of Glass by Sarah J. Maas**
– Fantasy
A sprawling high fantasy series follows Celaena and those she meets along the way as an assassin.
 1. Throne of Glass **BR019817, DB076152, Spanish DB106237**
 2. Crown of Midnight **BR020287, DB088083, Spanish DB106250**
 3. Heir of Fire **BR020518, DB022133, Spanish DB106503**
 Plus 4 more

- **All Souls by Deborah Harkness** – Fantasy, Occult
The story of Diana Bishop, a historian and reluctant witch, as she solves the mystery of Ashmole 782, falls in love with a mysterious vampire, and learns how powerful it can be to accept who you are.
 1. A Discovery of Witches **DB072629**
 2. Shadow of Night **DB075215**
 3. The Book of Life **DB079442**
 Plus 1 more

- **American Royals by Katherine McGee** – Romance, Young Adult
When America won the Revolutionary War, its people offered General George Washington a crown. Two and a half centuries later, the House of Washington still sits on the throne and it has trouble.
 1. American Royals **DB096762, Spanish DB110460**
 2. Majesty **DB116578, Spanish DB114862**
 3. Rivals **DB116585**
 4. Reign **DB116586**
 Plus 1 more

- **Robert Landon Series by Dan Brown** – Action, Adventure
Robert Langdon, a Harvard University professor of religious iconology and symbology, a fictional field related to the study of historic symbols, solves puzzles and mysteries.
 1. Angels & Demons **BR018393, DB051799, Spanish DB061018**
 2. The Da Vinci Code **BR017772, DB055735, Spanish DB058957**
 3. The Lost Symbol **BR018529, DB069539, Spanish DB068989**
 Plus 1 more

- **The Civil War by John Jakes**- Family Drama, War, Action
North and South takes place before, during, and after the American Civil War. It follows two families who end up on opposite sides of the war. The trilogy is part history and part novel, chronicling two American dynasties over three generations.
 1. North & South **BR008723, DB017704, LP006399**
 2. Love & War **BR008378, DB021202**
 3. Heaven & Hell **BR008384, DB026028, LP008864**

- **The Mercy Thompson Series** by Patricia Briggs – Fantasy, Occult
Mercy Thompson is just your normal mechanic/coyote shifter. When she becomes involved with a werewolf pack, the Columbia Basin will never be the same.
 1. Moon Called **DB081122**
 2. Blood Bound **DB081124**
 3. Iron Kissed **DBC00564, LP017467**
 Plus 9 more

- **Kay Scarpetta Series** by Patricia Cornwell – Mystery, Forensic Science
These books feature Dr. Scarpetta, a top forensic pathologist and former Chief Medical Examiner for Virginia, as she uses cutting-edge forensic technology to solve cases.
 1. Postmortem **BR008290, DB048202, LP010900**
 2. Body of Evidence **BR019655, DB034300**
 3. All that Remains **BR019670, DB035556, LP016839**
 Plus 24 More

- **Glamourist Histories Series** by Mary Robinette Kowal – Romance, Fantasy
This series chronicles the adventures of Jane Ellsworth, a young woman gifted with the magical ability to cast glammers, as she travels Europe and becomes embroiled in intrigues.
 1. Shades of Milk and Honey **DB074358**
 2. Glamour in Glass **DB082045**
 3. Without a Summer **DB082045**
 Plus 2 more

- **Written in the Stars** by Alexandria Bellefleur – Contemporary Romance, LGBT Themes, Comedy
Rom-com following a free-spirited social media astrologer, along with her boss and roommate as they find love in unexpected places.
 1. Written in the Stars **DB102334**
 2. Hang the Moon **DB104787**
 3. Count your Lucky Stars **DB106764**

- **Flavia de Luce Series** by C. Alan Bradley – British, Historical Mystery
Follows the sleuthing adventures of witty, 11-year-old Flavia who prefers to practice chemistry but finds herself solving a variety of mysteries instead.
 1. The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie **BR020172, DB070410**
 2. The Weed That Strings the Hangman's Bag **BR020171, DB071882**
 3. A Red Herring Without Mustard **BR020185, DB073036**
 Plus 7 more

- **The Keys to the Kingdom Series** by Garth Nix – Fantasy, Young Adult
A British adventure fantasy series centered around the quests of Arthur Penhaligon who navigates a strange

multi-layered world called the House to free the pieces of the Will and find the Keys to this world as the rightful Heir.

1. Mister Monday **BRC00762, DB057998**
 2. Grim Tuesday **BRG02155, DB058042**
 3. Drowned Wednesday **BRG02177, DB060387**
- Plus 4 More

- **The Simon Snow Series by Rainbow Rowell** – Fantasy, LGBT Themes
Simon Snow is the "Chosen One" in a magical world, fated to defeat the Insidious Humdrum. For fans of Harry Potter. Full of humor, romance, and adventure.

1. Carry On **DB085471, LP019989**
2. Wayward Son **DB097147**
3. Any Way the Wind Blow **DB104315**

- **The Pendergast Series by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child** – Mystery & Detective, FBI, Science Fiction

The series follows FBI Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast as he solves strange and often paranormal cases. The books include elements of horror and science-fiction

1. The Relic **BR019235, DB042361**
 2. The Reliquary **BR019238, DB047111**
 3. Cabinet of Curiosities **BR014270, DB111775**
- Plus 18 More

- **Pike Logan Series by Brad Taylor** – Suspense, Thriller, Espionage
Pike Logan books follow the adventures of a special forces' operative named Pike Logan and his partner, Jennifer Cahill. They center on Logan and Taskforce, a clandestine team of operators who work outside of U.S. law to eliminate threats to America's enemies. The first 5 books are on same recording.
1. One Rough Man **DB080797**
 2. All Necessary Force **DB080797**
 3. Enemy of Mine **DB080797**
- Plus 12 More

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Free Matter
for the Blind

Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Calendar:

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| Thursday | July 4, 2024 | Library Closed |
| Monday | September 2, 2024 | Library Closed |
| Monday | November 11, 2024 | Library Closed |
| Thursday | November 28, 2024 | Library Closed |
| Friday | November 29, 2024 | Library Closed |

Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern Time)

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