



# The Reading Light

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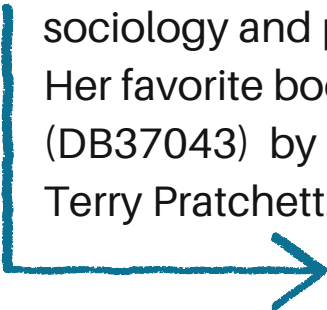
# Staff Updates



**Akeyla Harper** has been a Patron Services Librarian since April 2022. She loves to watch anything about true crime. Akeyla enjoys listening to music, dancing, traveling, spending time with her family, and watching movies and anime. She likes to read different types of books, from mysteries and true crime to biographies and history of any kind.



**Riley Houston** is our Patron Access Librarian who has been with TBS since August. She loves any sort of media that includes vampires. Riley loves to thrift, experiment with makeup, and go on nature walks. Riley loves any book that is horror, romance, historical non-fiction, or about sociology and political science. Her favorite book is *Good Omens* (DB37043) by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett.



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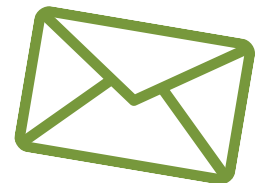


**Zach Burton** has been with the MS Talking Book Services since September 2022. He is our Patron Access Coordinator and helps make sure all of our patrons receive their books and equipment. Before Zach became a librarian, he was an archeologist. He enjoys playing music and hiking in his free time. Zach likes to read different types of books

but mainly enjoys science fiction, though he has recently become interested in political philosophy. Zach's favorite book right now is *East of Eden* (DB049676) by John Steinbeck.

Want to get the latest news and updates from the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled? NLS's Patron Engagement Section now hosts an announce-only listserv that will include announcements about NLS programs, services, and products that might be of interest to patrons. New announcements will be posted to the list few times a week. If you are interested in signing up for this listserv, please send your name and email address to the Patron Engagement Section at [NLSPES@loc.gov](mailto:NLSPES@loc.gov). You will be able to unsubscribe yourself from the list at any time.

So email [NLSPES@loc.gov](mailto:NLSPES@loc.gov) now!



## Helpful Hints & Reminders

- Please do not write on the containers, cartridges, or the machines. All of our items are recycled and sent to other patrons after each use. Please help us conserve funds by not damaging our items with writings.
- In order to maintain an active status as a TBS patron, one must check out or download at least one item each calendar year. Maintaining an active status ensures that you receive this newsletter as well as other updates.
- When calling the Mississippi Library Commission, please identify yourself as a Talking Book Services Patron. This will assist in expediting your calls to the appropriate department.
- Please retain the box the digital player arrives in. This box can be used to send the item back should you need a replacement or decide to discontinue service. Do not use tape on the box. The player can be mailed back to the library via the "Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped" mail program. The free shipping label is marked on the box.
- You do not need to send back the "New Patron Packet" or used headphones. They are both yours to keep.

## Book Recommendations

*A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham

DB107125

When Chloe Davis was twelve, six teenaged girls went missing and her father confessed to the crimes. Twenty years later, Chloe is a psychologist in Baton Rouge and preparing for her wedding. But when a local teen goes missing, Chloe's past comes crashing back. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

*Trouble in Tall Pine* by John Legg

DB101247

After being driven from his home by his wife and the sheriff, Jake Hunter loses control of his wagon. Rescued by the beautiful Xiang Li-Sung and her father, Hunter settles in with the Chinese residents of Tall Pine and fights to win over the other townsfolk. Strong language.

*Upstairs at the White House : My Life with the First Ladies*

by J.B. West

DB102360

The retired chief usher at the White House offers amusing and insightful anecdotes about the various first families he served from Eleanor Roosevelt to Pat Nixon. Bestseller.



# COMING Soon

Our new Books-on-Demand (BoD) service is coming soon! We will be doing a transitional roll-out until all Mississippi patrons are switched over.

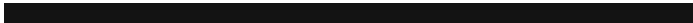
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Your BoD cartridges will arrive in the mail just as you receive your books now. They will be in a plastic mailing container with one digital cartridge inside. You may notice some visual differences, such as that the title of the book will not be on the label on the outside of the container. When you are on the Books-on-Demand model, you can remove the mailing card and just return the book to the library without it.



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