A stylized graphic of a lamp. It features a large, dark blue, irregularly shaped lampshade at the top, tilted to the right. A black line representing the lamp's neck extends from the shade down to a circular blue base. A small orange circle is partially visible behind the lampshade. The title text is centered over the lamp's neck.

The Reading Light

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Staff Updates

Jayson Bounds is the new Circulation Services Coordinator. He served as a Circulation Librarian for a year before taking on this new role. Jayson looks forward to making sure you have your books and machines sent to you.



We welcome Keith Thompson as our newest circulation librarian. Keith enjoys reading African-American literature and his favorite book is *The Bluest Eye* (DB49914) by Toni Morrison. When Keith isn't at the library, he enjoys digitally drawing and creating in 3D programs.





Book Recommendations

The Wife, the Maid, and the Mistress by Ariel Lawhon

DB078149

1969. In this fictionalized reimagining of a famous unsolved mystery, Stella Crater tells an investigator what she knows about the disappearance of her husband, Judge Joseph Crater, thirty-nine years ago. At the time, Crater was living the high life in Manhattan with Stella and his mistress Ritzi. Some violence.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

DB085533

In 1922 Moscow, Count Alexander Rostov has been judged by a Bolshevik tribunal and found to be an unrepentant aristocrat. Sentenced to house arrest for life, he joins the community in the luxurious Hotel Metropol. He tries to enjoy life and befriends a young girl who wants to be a princess.

Midnight in Chernobyl: The Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster by Adam Higginbotham

DB094170

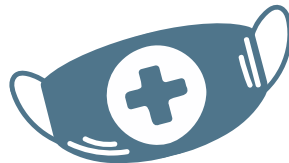
An account of the 1986 nuclear power plant disaster in Chernobyl, Ukraine. Discusses the disaster itself, the immediate ecological consequences, the political and economic ramifications for the Soviet Union, and more. Draws on decades of reporting, archival information, and firsthand interviews with witnesses.

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. If you need to tell us something, send a note or give us a call.
- In order to maintain an active status as a TBS patron, you 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 if 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.

Mississippi Book Festival

The Mississippi Book Festival will be Saturday, August 21, 2021, at the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson. Stop by and hear from many authors and find your next read. Find our Talking Book Services staff and say hello! All the panel sessions will be recorded and available a few weeks after the Festival.



Want to Get Your COVID-19 Vaccination?

Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is providing transportation to COVID-19 vaccination sites throughout the state of Mississippi.

Call **1-866-813-3616** to set up your free ride to your scheduled vaccination site.

Update on Certifying Authorities

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled has updated the certifying authorities that can provide eligibility for patrons who are print disabled, including those with a reading disability like dyslexia. In addition to medical doctors, now nurses, psychologists, therapists, and librarians can verify patrons who fit the eligibility requirements.

This will allow the Mississippi Talking Book Services to serve more Mississippians who have a print disability as well as others who are eligible for the service.

Please contact Mary Rodgers Beal at mrbeal@mlc.lib.ms.us if you have any questions.





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