

# The Reading Light

*The quarterly newsletter  
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Book Services*

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# Staff Updates

TBS welcomed a new Patron Services Librarian, Evan Theilman, in December 2021. Evan enjoys building and painting miniatures and models, playing card games, and running tabletop roleplaying games. His favorite genres to read include science fiction and fantasy, but his favorite book of all time is *The Count of Monte Cristo* (DB056946) by Alexandre Dumas.



## Interested in Podcasts?



Be sure to tune in to MLC's podcast, **Stacks and Stories!** Pod Squad members interview authors, talk with librarians, and discuss books. Find it on iTunes, Spotify, and at the following link: <https://stacksandstories.libsyn.com/>



## Book Recommendations

DB090020 *City of Shadows* by Rachel Howzell Hall

The latest case for LAPD homicide detectives Elouise Norton and her partner Colin Taggart seems straightforward: elderly hoarder Eugene Washington is found dead in his home. But Eugene's four-thousand-member church recently had all the congregants make wills. And some very odd things are discovered in Eugene's house.

DB101339 *Cut and Run* by Allison Brennan

A violent storm uncovers the remains of a family that authorities assumed fled the country years ago to avoid prosecution. But the body of the youngest son isn't among them. FBI agent Lucy Kincaid and her partner investigate. Meanwhile, reporter Max Revere is working on a connected investigation with Lucy's PI husband.

DB093756 *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict

While acting in a play, Hedy Kiesler (soon to be Hedy Lamarr) draws the attention of industrialist Friedrich Mandl. Her beauty and marriage to Friedrich save her from the Nazis, and she eventually flees to Hollywood. But her true passion is science and inventing.

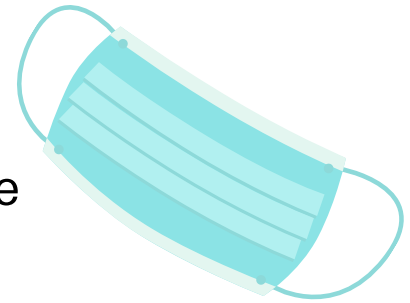
## Helpful Hints & Reminders

- 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.

## Free COVID-19 Tests Available

The federal government is offering free rapid COVID-19 tests to US residents. Each order includes 4 tests per residential address.

You can order them free of charge via the <https://www.covidtests.gov/> website or by phone 1-800-232-0233.



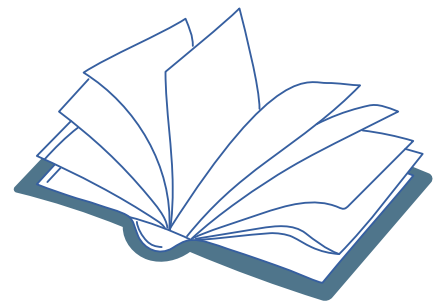
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## Friends of Handicapped Readers News and Updates

- Do you want to meet with other fans of Mississippi Talking Book Services? The Friends of Handicapped Readers is looking to expand the group by adding new members. The next meeting is June 13, 2022 at MLC.
- If you've ever wanted to donate funds to support the Mississippi Talking Book Services, you can do so by contributing to the Friends of Handicapped Readers. Send any contributions to PO Box 608, Bolton, MS 39041. This is also the group your family can include in your obituary if you would like donations made in your memory.

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