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Nevada Talking Book Services

Survey Results 2017

Eligibility

Persons unable to read or use print materials as a result of a temporary or permanent visual or physical limitation.

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Holidays



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The survey sent to all Nevada Talking Book patrons in May had good response. We received 414 (29%) of the 1445 mailed out. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to this survey. Your responses and feedback will help us plan for the future and identify areas that need attention.

Highlights of the survey are as follows: patrons are satisfied with the service, get enough books in a timely way, like the selection, are entertained and think the quality is good to excellent. Most patrons do not use the computer resources available: web site, online catalog, download option. And most patrons do not subscribe to the free audio magazines.

Ninety-six percent rate our overall service as excellent (77%) or good (19%). These results are unchanged from the 2013 survey for this same question.

Most patrons said they use this program for entertainment.

Please take notice of page three of each newsletter, which lists the recently recorded Nevada titles. Although 27% have had a Nevada recorded title, 42% have not and 29% are not sure. These titles are recorded specifically for you, to provide access to Nevada topics not available in audio elsewhere.

Surprisingly, 71% marked magazines on cartridge as N/A. But of those who do use it, 85% said they are good or excellent. There are a variety of titles from which to choose; ask us for the list.

The complete report is available on our web site at http://nsla.nv.gov/Library/Talking_Books/Nevada_Talking_Book_Services/

Retro Titles Added

A recent project of NTBS is duplication of high-demand titles. As time and funding allow, we are adding older titles to our collection based on popularity that were previously only available in cassette or from BARD.

Some of the authors and series we have focused on belong to JA Jance's JP Beaumont series and Donald Clayton Porter's Appomattox Saga. We've added many true crime books that include ones written by Ann Rule and several books by or about comedians, such as Jerry Seinfeld's *SeinLanguage*.

Some are part of series that we needed to fill in (there are a lot of those!), some are popular authors, while others are of a highly requested subject matter.

Patrons received these based on author and subjects. You may have already received some of them on peach colored cartridges in the clear cases. We will also continue to fill lower-demand items via interlibrary loan.

Volunteer Readers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to Rate Unrated Books (RUB). Since 2013, commercial publishers have donated audio books to NLS for this program. Unlike audio books produced by NLS, these donated audio books are not rated for strong language, descriptions of sex, or violence.

Many patrons do not wish to read books that contain one or more of these rating categories so they are missing out on good book that may or may not contain these ratings because they chose to exclude all "unrated" books.

As a RUB volunteer, you will help your fellow patrons by reading and rating commercially produced talking books using NLS guidelines.

The project is a group effort by several NLS network libraries. You would be assigned a specific book title. RUB volunteers will **not** be able to randomly select unrated books on their own. You can read at your own pace and return the book if you cannot finish it. Then complete a rating report form and email or call to make your report.

A rating system and instructions will be provided. If you are interested, please contact us by email or phone (nvtalkingbooks@admin.nv.gov or 800-922-9334).

As of April, 827 books have been rated; 276 non-fiction and 731 fiction need to be rated. Ratings are shared with all Talking Book libraries so everyone benefits from this project.

Adapted from California Braille and Talking Book Library Winter 2016 newsletter.

New Nevada Titles

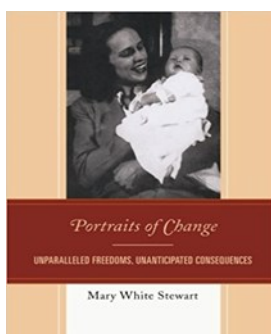
Portraits of Change

DBC08376

By Mary White Stewart

Narrated by Carol Kalleres

Professor of sociology Mary White Stewart looks at how the women's movement and widespread social upheaval of the 1960s and 1970s impacted the women of her own family. In particular, she focuses on herself plus four generations of women in her family from coming of age to growing old. She presents her material from a sociological and feminist point of view. Contains descriptions of sex. 2013.



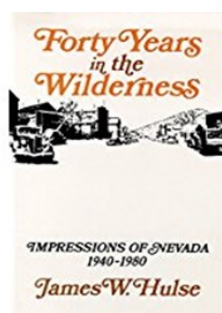
Forty Years in the Wilderness: Impressions of Nevada 1940-1982

DBC04798

By James Hulse

Narrated by Lila Halpern

An interpretive and personal Nevada history by a native and historian. As a child during the Depression and World War II, a Reno reporter in the 40s and 50s and University of Reno history professor, Hulse evaluates the state's population and gambling's effects on the community, advocating culture and morality. 1986.



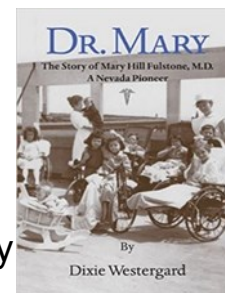
Dr. Mary: The story of Mary Hill Fulstone, M.D., a Nevada Pioneer

DBC08372

By Dixie Westergard

Narrated by Lila Halpern

Dr. Mary Hill Fulstone, native Nevadan and inspiring pioneer, practiced medicine for 60 years in Smith Valley and Yerington, Nevada. Dixie Westergard's biography brings to life Dr. Mary's 1890's Eureka and Carson City childhood and its imprints on her 95-year journey as a female physician. Accounts from friends and colleagues speak to Dr. Mary's impressive standing and care for her patients, and of Westergard's thoughtful research. 2004.



Jean Carver Duhme: A Smokey Valley Memoir

DBC04795

By Jean Carver Duhme

Narrated by Millie Solley

A memoir of the author's friends, family, fascinating personalities and encounters from Smokey Valley in Nye County, Nevada, where Jean Carver Duhme spent 60 years of her life. Within, she shares a richly human firsthand account of life in rural Nevada in the second half of the 19th century. 2008.

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Join us to raise funds with our partner,
Friends of the Carson City Library,
*An afternoon of fun at the Aces baseball game,
Greater Nevada Field Reno! Sunday, August 6*
Aces vs. Nashville @ 1:05 pm
Tickets \$20 Left Field Reserve

A portion of your ticket price supports the Talking Book's Volunteer luncheon

Each ticket holder will receive an Aces ball cap

Concessions will have \$1 Hot Dogs & \$1 Sodas for sale!

Tickets are available at Browsers Corner Book Store

711 E. Washington St., Carson City

or online at

squareup.com/store/browsers-corner-book-store/item/aces-baseball-game

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