

Tampa Talks

April 2007



Holiday Closings

The Hillsborough County Talking Book Library will be closed on the following holiday:

- **Memorial Day** Monday, May 28, 2007.



10² (10 Squared) Club

Thursday, May 24, 2007

from 2:00—4:00 PM

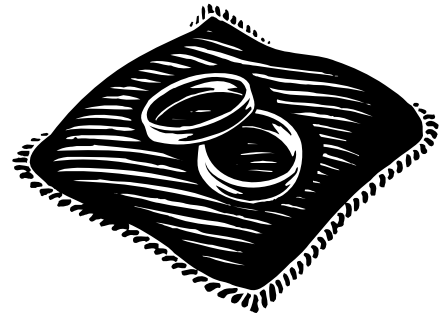
Come celebrate with the Hillsborough County Talking Book Library as we honor Talking Book customers who are 100 years or older and their lifelong love of reading. Listen to music from the golden age, eat cake, drink tea and be merry. Please join us in honoring Hillsborough County's centenarians!

Meet Ted Hull, Author of *The Wonder Years*

Thursday, May 15th, 2007, at 7:00 PM. Hired by Motown Records to teach a teenage Stevie Wonder, author Ted Hull toured the world with the singing genius and helped him come to terms with his disability. Ted also connected Stevie to the sighted world. Ted will be introduced by former County Commissioner, Jan Kaminis Platt. His book is available on cassette, just check **CBF03202** on the back page.

Love, Marriage and Not So Holy Matrimony

This is a partial list of books from our newest bibliography. To order the bibliography or a title from below, use the Back Page of this newsletter.



RC 52793

Bride for a night by Patti Berg.

Cairo McKnight married Duncan Kincaid on a whim five years ago in Las Vegas. The marriage lasted one day and one night. All Cairo has to show for it is a precocious son and an annulment. But now her son needs a father. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2000.

RC 60927

The Sweet Potato Queens' wedding planner by Jill Conner Browne.

Tongue-in-cheek advice for big weddings followed by big divorces. Covers topics such as "making a bride in just 365 days," dressing the bridesmaids and the groom," "the greed (oops, the gifts)," "vow, pre-nups, and kiss-offs," "pre-d," "on matters legal and mannerly," "the divorce party," and "delousing the ring." Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2005.

RC 52374

The marquis takes a bride by Marion Chesney.

In this Regency romance Lord Charles marries his granddaughter Jennie off to Lord Charrington. But the naive country girl loves her manipulative and deceitful cousin Guy. Once Jennie enters society life in London, her husband waits

patiently for her to mature. 1980.

RC 50158

With this ring; a quartet of charming stories about four very special weddings by Lori Copeland.

Four short Christian romance stories set in the nineteenth century. In "Something old" and "Something new," recent immigrants to America face difficulties with their love interests. In "Something borrowed," Emma arrives at her inherited ranch to find an interloper. In "Something blue," Norwegian Astrid reaches Louisiana and learns that her husband is dead. 1998.

RC 62611

Dearly Beloved by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

A series of meditations on love and marriage, unfolding over the course of a wedding ceremony. Among the friends and family gathered for the nuptials are the bride's married psychiatrist uncle, who is skeptical about monogamy; a spinster aunt; and the groom's mother, who contemplates her own unfulfilling union. 1962.

RC 62858

Hearts Divided by Debbie Macomber.

Three stories featuring war brides and their granddaughters. In "Liberty Hall" professor Chloe Abbott relies on her grandmother's World War II code breaking experience. In "5-B Poppy Lane" Ruth Shelton learns about wartime romance. In "The Apple Orchard" Elizabeth Winslow returns to the family farm with a broken heart. 2006.

RC 63087

A Covington Christmas: Ladies of Covington by Joan Medlicott.

The new pastor in Covington, North Carolina, discovers that his predecessor was never ordained--leaving five older couples' marriages in limbo. With the church building in need of repair, friends Grace, Hannah, and Amelia take charge and organize a joint wedding in time for the holidays. Includes recipes and discussion questions. 2005.

RC 56908

The Wedding by Nicholas Sparks.

Jane and Wilson Lewis have been married for thirty years. Wilson realized a year ago that the love was gone from his marriage. With the help of Jane's father, Noah Calhoun, in *The Notebook* (RC 43180), Wilson sets out to make his wife fall in love with him again. Bestseller. 2003.

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Mysteries Written By the Former Gerber Baby

Ann Turner Cook began life as the model for the Gerber Products trademark. Now a retired English teacher, she and her husband research her novels among the rivers, lakes and small towns of Central Florida. The couple lives in Tampa.

CBF03398

Trace their shadows

Reporter Brandy O'Bannon tries to keep a haunted, hundred-year-old mansion from demolition and finds a forty-five-year-old skeleton. As she searches for the murderer, she becomes the next target. But her plan to trap the murderer solves the mysteries of both house and ghost. 2001.

CBF03399**Shadow over Cedar Key**

Reporter Brandy O'Bannon read a classified ad placed by a private detective asking for information about a young mother and child who disappeared as Hurricane Agnes swept through Cedar Key twenty years before. Brandy learned that a woman's skeleton was found a year later in the basement of a charming old hotel, and the private detective who placed the ad was murdered. Brandy outwits both nature and assailants to solve these cases. 2003.

CBF03400**Homosassa shadows**

Reporter Brandy O'Bannon came to Homosassa to think and reflect, but she found a murder. Timothy Hart discovered and took to his grave Tiger Tail Island's most extraordinary secret. Investigating the murder, Brandy found a strange mix of characters, more interested in Hart's discovery than his death. 2005.

History of Aprons - from the Internet

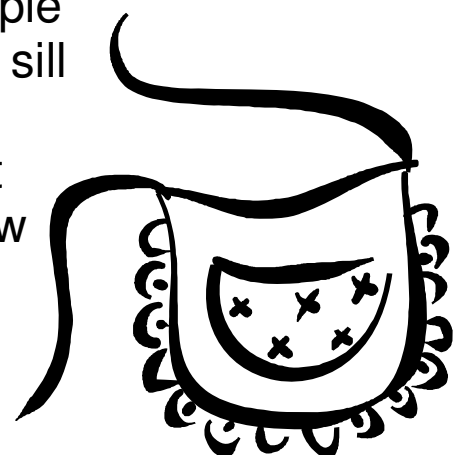
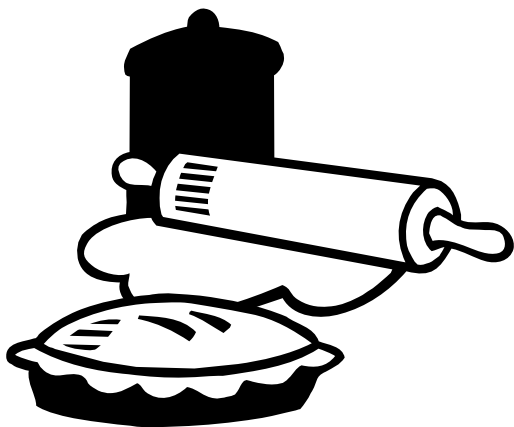
I don't think our kids know what an apron is.

- The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.
- It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.
- From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

- When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.
- And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.
- Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove.
- Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.
- From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.
- In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.
- When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.
- When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.
- It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Remember:

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.



The Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association exists to provide a support system for those affected by Alzheimer's disease or related disorders:

- 24/7 Helpline (**1 800.772.8672**) for referrals, support and information
- Respite Care Assistance Program offers eligible families temporary relief from the responsibility of caring for their loved one
- Caregiver Days Out provides a break to those caring for a loved one at home
- The Safe Return Program expedites locating and safely returning Wanderers to their caregivers.

For more details, go to <http://www.alz-tbc.org/>

New Descriptive Videos

Here is a list of new descriptive movies on VHS recently received at the Talking Book Library...

- DV011795 The Producers
- DV011796 Date Movie
- DV011797 Jarhead
- DV011798 Cheaper by the Dozen
- DV011799 King Kong (2005)
- DV011800 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
- DV011801 The Wedding Date
- DV011802 Brokeback Mountain
- DV011804 The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Coming soon (these movies were backordered, but we can add your request)...

- Chicken Little
- Eight Below



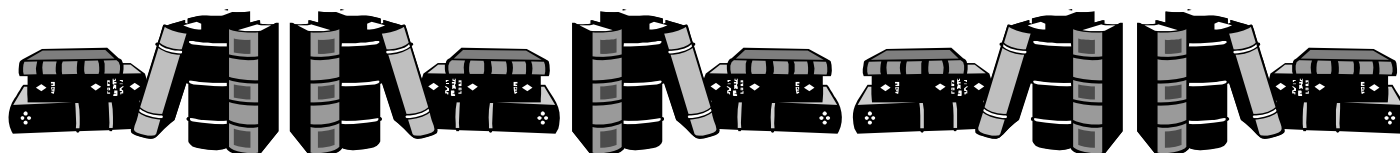
Did You Know?...

The National Library Service (NLS) program is funded annually by Congress. The fiscal year 2006 appropriation was \$53,904,510. Regional and subregional libraries receive funding from state, local, and federal sources. Through an additional appropriation to the U.S. Postal Service, books and materials are mailed as "Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped." The combined annual expenditure for the program is approximately \$166 million.

About 80 percent of the NLS annual appropriation is expended on books, equipment, and related materials and 20 percent for support services.

The International Union Catalog provides access to more than 446,000 titles (19 million copies). The Hillsborough County Talking Book Library houses more than 56,000 cassette, Braille and descriptive video items.

The average reader borrows 30 recorded books and magazines a year. Braille readers average 20 books and magazines a year. Nationally, more than 24 million copies of recorded and Braille books and magazines were circulated to a readership of 793,891 in 2005.



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- Chicken Little Descriptive Video.
- Eight Below Descriptive Video.
- Love, Marriage and... large print bibliography.

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- Braille Cassette tape

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Reminder

Books are checked out for **30** days. Videos, DVDs, and Radio shows are checked out for **10** days. Please return your library materials promptly so that others may enjoy them.

Gifts

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Assistive Technology at Your Library

Assistive Technology is available at the following locations to aid low vision and blind library customers:

- **Arkenstone Open Book** at the Science Library at MOSI, John F. Germany, Westgate, New Tampa, Jimmie Keel, Brandon, Jan Platt and Southshore Regional Libraries.
- **JAWS for Windows** at the Science Library at MOSI, John F. Germany, Brandon, Bloomingdale, Jimmie Keel, Jan Platt, New Tampa, Westgate, Southshore & Upper Tampa Bay Regional Libraries.
- **CCTVs** at the John F. Germany, Bruton Memorial, Ruskin, Jimmie Keel and Jan Platt Regional Branches.
- **Copiers** with enlargement capabilities and **hand held magnifiers** are available at all Hillsborough County Public Libraries.
- **Dragon Naturally Speaking** at the Jan Platt Regional Library.