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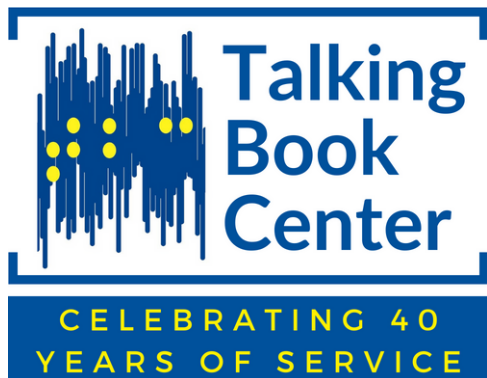
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The Talking Book Center is dedicated to providing patrons with reading materials, and we've come up with a new batch of "series samplers". The sampler contains the first book from five different series from a similar genre. If you enjoy the first book of a series, you'll probably enjoy the entire series, so let us know and we can send you the entire series on one cartridge! We also have one-page handouts with more detailed information. We now have twelve "series samplers" to choose from!

<p><b>Epic Fantasy:</b>                  Mistborn Saga by Brandon Sanderson                  Kingkiller Chronicle by Patrick Rothfuss                  Song Of Ice And Fire by George R.R. Martin                  First Law by Joe Abercrombie                  Wheel Of Time by Robert Jordan</p>	<p><b>Cozy Mysteries From Beyond The Grave:</b>                  Tradd Street by Karen White                  Ghost Hunter by Victoria Laurie                  Ghost-In-Law by Jana DeLeon                  Aunt Dimity by Nancy Atherton                  Haunted Yarn Shop by Molly Macrea</p>
<p><b>Westerns:</b>                  Wagons West by Dana Fuller Ross                  Sackett Series by Louis L'Amour                  Last Gunfighter by William W. Johnstone                  Hopalong Cassidy by Clarence E. Mulford                  Saga Of The Sierras by Brock Thoene</p>	<p><b>Historical Adventures:</b>                  Cotton Malone by Steve Berry                  Isaac Bell by Clive Cussler                  Ethan Gage by William Dietrich                  Berrybender Narratives by Larry McMurtry                  Norsemen Saga by James L. Nelson</p>
<p><b>Historical Romance (gentle):</b>                  Canadian West by Janette Oke                  Love Is A Gentle Stranger by June Masters Bacher                  Prairie Hearts by Caroline Fyffe                  Ladies Of Caldwell County by Regina Jennings                  Tales From Ivy Hill by Julie Klassen</p>	

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## Patron Recommendations:

DBC30966 The Nutcracker And The Mouse King by E.T.A Hoffman

The Nutcracker and the Mouse King is the children's fairy tale that has become a part of the Christmas season tradition. Hoffman's fairy tale of magic and devotion continues to captivate audiences and inspire adaptations around the world. A multinarrator production with over 30 volunteer voices. Contains some music and sound effects. 1816.

DB129682 Grand Central: Original Stories Of Postwar Love And Reunion (historical fict.) Ten bestselling authors inspired by New York City's iconic Grand Central Terminal have created their own stories, set on the same day, just after the end of World War II, in a time of hope, uncertainty, change, and renewal... On any particular day, thousands upon thousands of people pass through Grand Central, through the whispering gallery, beneath the ceiling of stars, and past the information booth and its beckoning four-faced clock, to whatever destination is calling them. It is a place where people come to say hello and good-bye. And each person has a story to tell. 2014.

## New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB131455 The Edge Of Honor; Scot Harvath 24 by Brad Thor (spy fict.)

DBC32233 Brave Enemies: A Novel Of The American Revolution  
by Robert Morgan (historical fiction)

DB129183 The Last Restaurant In Paris by Lily Graham (war fiction)

DB131793 The List by Steve Berry (mystery thriller)

DB131308 Don't Let Him In by Lisa Jewell (psychological thriller)

DB131460 The Unraveling Of Julia by Lisa Scottoline (psychological thriller)

DB131618 Thanksgiving Blessing; Amish Holiday 03 by Marta Perry (religious fiction)

DB129181 Glory In Their Spirit: How Four Black Women Took On The Army During  
World War II by Sandra M. Bolzenius

DBC32239 Sisters: Catholic Nuns And The Making Of America by John J. Fialka

DB73796 In My Time: A Personal And Political Memoir by Dick Cheney

DBC11792 Moments Of Grace And Beauty: Forty Stories Of Kindness, Courage, And  
Generosity In A Troubled World by Roland Merullo

DB131815 Dinner With King Tut: How Rogue Archaeologists Are Re-Creating The  
Sights, Sounds, Smells, And Tastes, Of Lost Civilizations by Sam Kean

DB131817 The Mighty Moo: The USS Cowpens And Her Epic World War II Journey  
From Jinx Ship To The Navy's First Carrier Into Tokyo Bay by Nathan Canestaro



## Christmas Nonfiction:

DB89914 Chicken Soup For The Soul: A Book Of Christmas Miracles  
Collection of real-life experiences involving Christmas miracles. In  
"Christmas Grace," a receptionist at an assisted living facility receives a  
call meant for a car rental company, but the man on the other end of the  
line is also in search of a relative. 2017.

DB72371 Chicken Soup For The Soul: Christmas Cheer; Stories About  
The Love, Inspiration, And Joy Of Christmas

Inspirational stories center on the true meaning of Christmas and on  
traditions, memories, the spirit of giving, and love of family. 2008.

DB55984 Christmas! Traditions, Celebrations, And Food Across Europe  
by Stella Ross Collins

Discusses the observance of Christmas in more than forty European  
countries. Also covers Advent, Christmas Eve, Boxing Day, Epiphany,  
and New Year's traditions. Provides information on decorating for the  
season and offers recipes from the various cultures. 1999.

## Christmas Classics:

DB43546 A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Classic nineteenth-century Christmas story set in England describes the  
conversion of grasping old miser Ebenezer Scrooge when he is visited by  
ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future. 1843.

DBC13520 A Christmas Story by Jean Shepherd

Autobiographical humor that Jean Shepherd drew upon to create this  
enduring film. The short stories coalesce in a magical fashion to become  
an irresistible piece of Americana, quite the equal of the film in its ability  
to warm the heart and tickle the funny bone. 1983.

DB63808 Letters From Father Christmas by J.R.R. Tolkien

A collection of Christmas letters penned by J.R.R. Tolkien and signed as  
Father Christmas that were sent to Tolkien's children from 1920-1943.

Each recapped activities of the preceding year at the North Pole,  
including reindeer running amok and the North Polar Bear breaking the  
moon into four pieces. 1976.

## Christmas Juvenile:

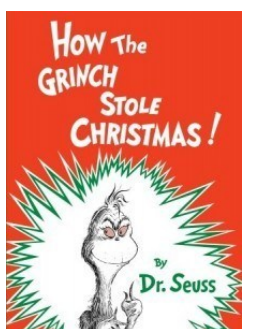
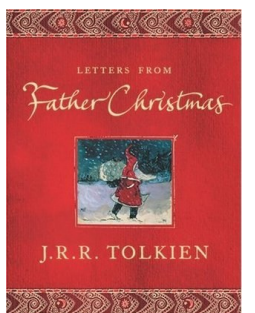
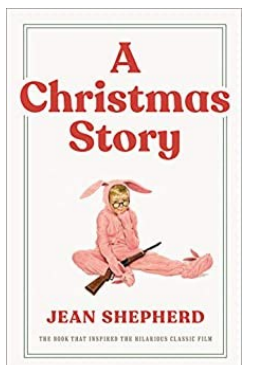
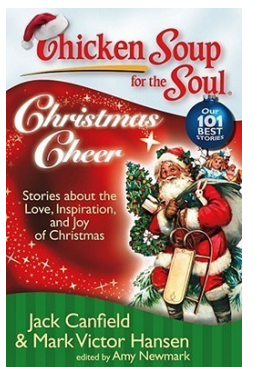
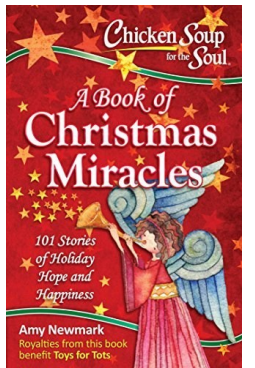
DB41681 The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams Bianco

DB97854 The Night Before Christmas by Clement Clarke Moore

DB47536 How The Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss

DB23625 The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg

DBC00487 Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer by Thea Feldman



## Christmas Fiction:

DB96860 Spirit Of The Season by Fern Michaels (romance)  
Joy Preston is shocked when her beloved grandmother leaves her a bed-and-breakfast in North Carolina. She finds the place has undeniable charms, especially during the holidays when the inn is rumored to be able to reunite guests with the spirits of their departed loved ones. 2019.

DB96769 A Mrs. Miracle Christmas by Debbie Macomber (romance)  
As the holidays approach, Laurel McCullough and her husband Zach dream of having a baby. Their dreams are put on hold when they have to move in with Laurel's ailing grandmother. Mrs. Miracle shows up at the door, seeming the answer to all their prayers. 2019.

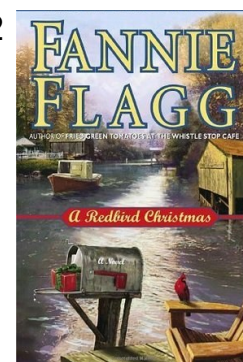
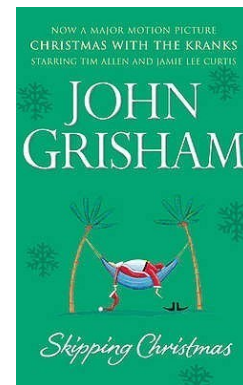
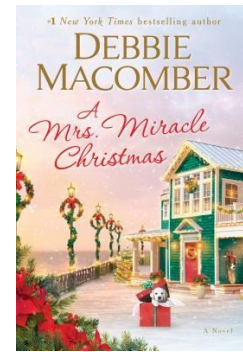
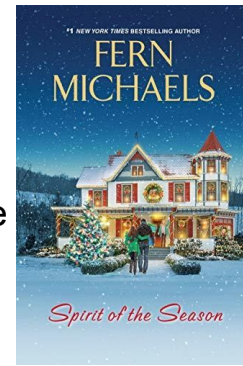
DB52929 Skipping Christmas by John Grisham (humor fiction)  
Tax accountant Luther Krank calculates that a Caribbean cruise will cost less than what he and his wife, Nora, spent celebrating the holidays last year. Since daughter Blair is in the Peace Corps, they plan to skip Christmas. Luther, however, doesn't anticipate the town's reaction. 2001.

DB58836 A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg (humor fiction)  
Terminally ill Oswald leaves Chicago to spend his last Christmas in a small Alabama town. The single women there want his attention, and an abandoned young girl who is lame needs a Christmas miracle. 2004.

DBG07002 White Christmas Pie by Wanda Brunstetter (religious fiction)  
Will Henderson is a young man tortured by his father's abandonment, and Karen Yoder is the young Amish woman he is to marry in December. With Will jealous of an old boyfriend and worried about destroying his own future family, the wedding may be called off. Can Will forgive his father and marry the woman he loves--and can an old recipe for White Christmas pie contain the truth that sets him free? 2008.

DBC24482 An Amish Christmas Star (religious fiction)  
by Shelley Shepard Gray, Charlotte Hubbard, Rosalind Lauer  
Three holiday stories celebrating the spirit of the season, the warmth of simple Amish traditions, and the joys of coming home for Christmas. 2022

DB97253 An Amish Christmas Bakery: Four Stories (religious fiction)  
by Amy Clipston, Kathleen Fuller, Kelly Irvin, Beth Wiseman  
Four popular writers present stories that take place at Christmas in bakeries. Includes "Cookies and Cheer," "Loaves of Love," "Melting Hearts," and "Cakes and Kisses," in which a woman wants to spend more time with the man hired to make deliveries at her family bakery. 2019.



## December Titles:

DB74065 Lost December by Richard Paul Evans (inspirational fiction)  
Luke Crisp, son of a wealthy businessman, wastes his trust fund, and loses his father's respect. Ashamed to ask for financial support, he takes a job in one of his dad's stores and tries to rebuild his life. 2011.

DB72803 Fireflies In December by Jennifer Erin Valent (historical fict.)  
Virginia, 1932. Thirteen-year-old Jessilyn Lassiter's world changes after her family takes in African American Gemma, who has been orphaned by a house fire. The Ku Klux Klan threatens Jessilyn's family, but they trust in God to keep them safe. 2008.

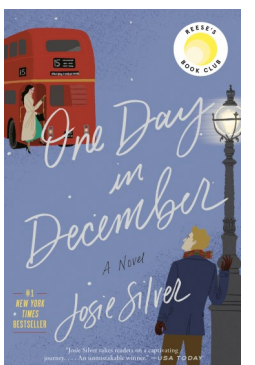
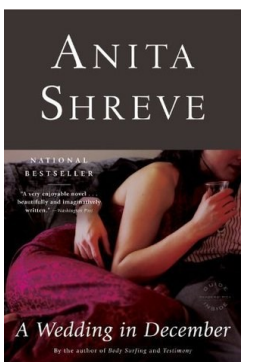
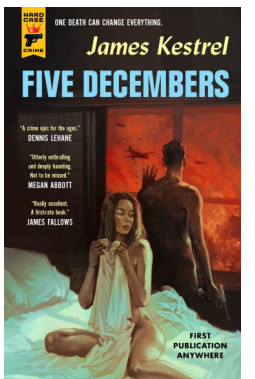
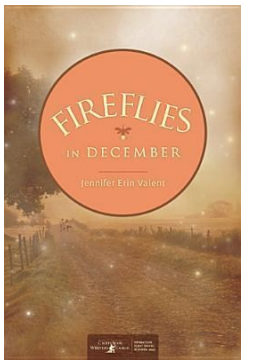
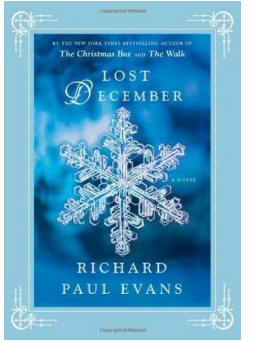
DBC04804 Hot In December by Joe R. Lansdale (psychological fiction)  
Tom and his wife Kelly witness a speeding car kill their neighbor. While describing the driver to the police, he learns the driver belongs to a gang. The criminals make Tom and his family a target, abducting his wife and threatening his daughter. Now Tom must look to old war comrades for help in the unforgiving struggle to rescue his wife and bring justice to the notorious gang. 2013.

DB108204 Five Decembers by James Kestrel (historical mystery)  
December 1941. America teeters on the brink of war. Honolulu detective Joe McGrady is assigned to investigate a homicide. The trail of murder he uncovers will lead him across the Pacific, far from home and the woman he loves; and though the U. S. doesn't know it yet, a Japanese fleet is already steaming toward Pearl Harbor. 2021.

DB61489 A Wedding In December by Anita Shreve (human relations)  
Widowed Berkshires innkeeper Nora hosts six of her longtime school friends for a wedding. Bridget, a single mother, is marrying a former lover after a chance encounter reunites them. Old secrets are forgiven. 2005.

DB92672 One Day In December by Josie Silver (romance)  
Laurie shares an electric look with a man at a bus stop, only to have her bus drive away. She looks for the man everywhere and discovers he's dating one of her best friends. Through the next ten years, both wonder if their timing will ever be right. 2018.

DB64051 Blitz: The Story Of December 29, 1940 by Margaret Gaskin  
Recounts the night during World War II when Adolf Hitler attempted to burn central London to the ground. Documents, diaries, and interviews reconstruct the bombing. Highlights the British people's determination to continue on with life while their ancient city center was raided. 2005.



## Travel And Transportation Biographies:

- DB51079 Life On The Mississippi by Mark Twain
- DB32093 The Gentleman In The Parlour: A Record Of A Journey From Rangoon To Haiphong by W. Somerset Maugham
- DB33380 Tracks Across Alaska: A Dog Sled Journey by Alistair Scott
- DBC32230 Swimming To Antarctica: Tales Of A Long-Distance Swimmer by Lynne Cox
- DB76902 The Last Train To Zona Verde: My Ultimate African Safari by Paul Theroux
- DB43144 Over The Hills: A Midlife Escape Across America By Bicycle by David Lamb
- DBC24815 In The City Of Bikes: The Story Of The Amsterdam Cyclist by Pete Jordan
- DB88885 Walking To Listen: 4,000 Miles Across America, One Story At A Time by Andrew Forsthoefer
- DB98794 Spirit Run: A 6,000-Mile Marathon Through North America's Stolen Land by Noé Álvarez
- DB112198 The Catch Me If You Can: One Woman's Journey To Every Country In The World by Jessica Nabongo
- DB78694 The Mountain: My Time On Everest by Ed Viesturs
- DBC20592 The Emerald Mile: The Epic Story Of The Fastest Ride In History Through The Heart Of The Grand Canyon by Kevin Fedarko (wooden boat)
- DB126965 Graveyard Of The Pacific: Shipwreck And Survival On America's Deadliest Waterway by Randall Sullivan
- DB103570 PT 109: An American Epic Of War, Survival, And The Destiny Of John F. Kennedy by William Doyle
- DB77850 Grand Central: How A Train Station Transformed America by Sam Roberts
- DB23466 Venice Simplon Orient-Express: The Return Of The World's Most Celebrated Train by Shirley Sherwood
- DBC24562 Belle Of Louisville, Ohio River Steamboat by Alan L. Bates
- DB49148 The Hindenburg by Michael Macdonald Mooney
- DB57554 Wings Of Madness: Alberto Santos-Dumont And The Invention Of Flight by Paul Hoffman (dirigibles)
- DB54887 Dr. Eckener's Dream Machine: The Great Zeppelin And The Dawn Of Air Travel by Douglas Botting
- DB58901 Wings: A History Of Aviation From Kites To The Space Age by Tom D. Crouch
- DBC27304 Beyond: The Astonishing Story Of The First Human To Leave Our Planet And Journey Into Space by Stephen Walker (Yuri Gagarin's space flight)

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- DBC16154 Burro Bill And Me: Death Valley To Grand Canyon By Burro Via The Arizona Strip by Edna Calkins Price
- A memoir by Williamsburg, Virginia native and nurse Edna, wife of Burro Bill recounting the hardest experiences as the happiest times during their life roaming the deserts of Arizona and California in the 1930s. She reminisces about their wandering on foot across deserts, plains, and badlands, sleeping under the stars, hobnobbing with miners, Indians, shepherders, and bindlestiffs. 1993.
- DB27189 Voyager by Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan
- Rutan and Yeager, the first man and woman to fly around the world without stopping to refuel, share the story behind that historic record. Their backgrounds and careers, their six years of preparation for the flight, their testing and research, as well as their friends and backers are described in this against-all-odds true adventure. 1987.
- DB59796 Iron Coffins: A Personal Account Of The German U-Boat Battles Of World War II by Herbert A. Werner
- Veteran German submarine commander reconstructs the sights, sounds, and foul atmosphere inside U-boats from 1941 to 1945. Details terrifying battles in the Atlantic from the Axis perspective and describes the crews' hardships and determination, their obsolete equipment, and the final chaos of the fleet's destruction. 1969.
- DBG08835 Rowed Trip: From Scotland To Syria By Oar by Colin and Julie Angus
2006. Adventurers Julie and Colin Angus were checking a map of Europe when Julie noticed an interconnected water route from Colin's parents' homeland of Scotland past her mother's homeland, Germany, and on to her father's, Syria. What started as a funny idea of rowing to visit relatives resulted in an odyssey by oar (and bike) where Julie and Colin tested their relationship while exploring their roots. 2009.
- DB88899 Return To Glory: The Story Of Ford's Revival And Victory At The Toughest Race In The World by Matthew DeBord
- A journalist chronicles Ford's quest to win the Le Mans automobile race fifty years after first winning it in 1966. Discusses technological evolutions, business challenges, and the competition with Ferrari for dominance. 2017.
- DB85888 Time Travel: A History by James Gleick
- Author tackles the topic of time travel. Discusses the science behind the potential of it--through the work of Einstein, Feynman, and more--and its roots in literature such as H. G. Wells's The Time Machine. 2016.

