

READER RESOURCES

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WONT BE LONG NOW!



Greetings from your Reader Advisor

Happy Fall y'all! It has been a little longer than usual since the last newsletter but so much has happened over the summer and

early part of the fall. As you know, our long time AIRCB Director Mrs. Teresa Lacy has retired and we have welcomed our new director, Mrs. Caitlin Cox, into our AIRCB family. Many of you have called or come by to meet and greet her. I am sure that at some point in the future many more of you will get the chance to come and meet her in person. Since she has come she is fitting right in with the rest of us and I am positive you will feel the same. Caitlin is driven and determined to do all she can do to make life great for our blind and visually impaired students, patrons, and community.
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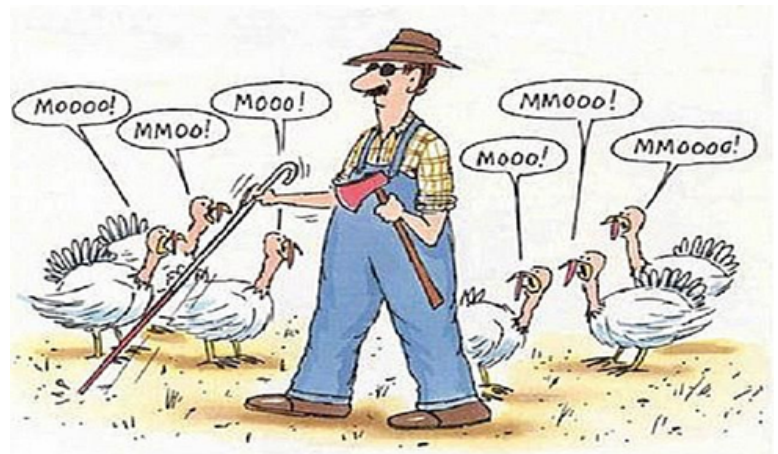
Greetings continued

Since we last spoke Ms. Teran (Kilgore) Cooper has accepted a supervisor position in the dorms of ASB and Ms. Miranda Bullock has taken her place. Please welcome Miranda to the AIRCB. (See Introducing Miranda article, pg #5) She has also come into our group and stepped right in as if she'd been here for years. (We are a welcoming bunch I think.)

Aside from new faces business is good. The Library and Resource Center continues to move forward. We try to be the best in the world at what we do so we do what we can to keep it going in that direction. We are here to serve you the patron, the client, and the students so you can be on equal footing with the rest of the world. This is our mission and goal and we take pride in what we do and what we provide for the blind and visually impaired community.

As COVID-19 still proves to be a factor in the lives of AIDB clients,

students, and library patrons, I encourage you my patrons to take care of yourselves. Be safe and be smart, but do not forget that life and living must still go on. Get outside and enjoy the fall air, especially in the mornings. Go to a pumpkin patch and pick out the biggest pumpkin you can carry. Visit family when you can, and let your loved ones know that they are loved. As many of you know, I lost both my parents In September. I don't tell you that to scare anyone, garner sympathy for myself, or for any other reason but to encourage you to keep living and tell the ones you love that you love them! I love you all and wish you all the best as we move on with life. Happy fall, Happy Thanksgiving, and Roll Tide!



CELEBRATING TRANSITION

Back on August 30th we celebrated the long career and retirement of Mrs. Teresa Lacy. Goodbyes were shared along with some nice refreshments as tears were shed and necks were hugged. We also welcomed our new Director as we transition to a new era. Teresa is missed and certainly left big shoes to be filled, but we, the staff of the AIRCB, and you, the patron, have been left in good hands.



Pictured Left to Right

Jane Ogles, Ben Payne, Teresa Lacy, Rhonda Hayden, Ashley Gault, Kavondrea Swain, Antonio Daniels, Miranda Bullock, Christian Theiss, Lea Lopez, Caitlin Cox

INTRODUCING...

Mrs. Caitlin Cox, New AIRCB Director

As stated above, we have welcomed our new Director, Mrs. Caitlin Cox. Caitlin served as Assistant Director at Oxford Public Library and as Director of Savery Library at Talladega College. She has a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Alabama. She lives in Oxford with her husband and 6 year old daughter, Emma. Please call, email (cox.caitlin@aidb.org) or stop by and welcome Caitlin to our AIDB family.



Caitlin Cox

“I am excited to be here with a great group of individuals and I look forward to assisting in any way I can, please do not hesitate to reach out if I can help in some way.”

Interests:

- Reading (of course)
 - Harry Potter
 - Percy Jackson
 - JD Robb
 - Janet Evanovich
 - Stephen King (older stuff)
- Video Games
- Alabama Football
- Basketball and Baseball
 - No favorite teams, I just like to watch the games!

INTRODUCING...

Ms. Miranda Bullock

Ms. Miranda Bullock joined us in July 2021 and jumped in with both feet. She has certainly done her part in serving our students and clients as we have been going through multiple transitions.

Miranda recently worked at Citizens Baptist Medical Center for 20 years in the patient access department. She lives here in Talladega with her two daughters, Chloe and Bella, and their two dogs.

Miranda Bullock

“I am so excited to be here and looking forward to learning new things, serving our patrons and helping out in any way that I can.”



Interests:

- Nicholas Sparks
- Spending Time with my girls
- Playing with my dogs
- Watching TV
 - Hallmark Movies!
- Taking Naps :-D

BOOK SPOTLIGHT

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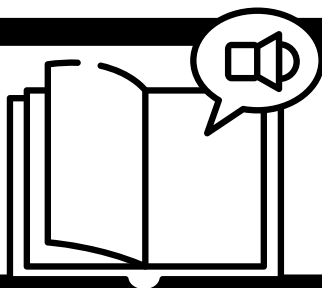
The Water Keeper DB100040

Martin, Charles.

Reading time: 11 hours, 57 minutes.

Read by Steven Carpenter.

Murphy Shepherd lives alone on an island, tending the grounds of a church with no parishioners, and dedicating his life to rescuing those in peril. When he pulls a beautiful woman named Summer out of Florida's Intracoastal Waterway, Murph finds himself in the dangerous world of human trafficking. 2020.



Nine perfect strangers DB92901

Moriarty, Liane; Lee, Caroline. Reading time: 19 hours, 2 minutes.

Read by Caroline Lee. A production of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress.

Nine people gather at a remote health resort called Tranquillum House, each for their own reasons. Among them is Frances, a romance novelist who is intrigued by both her fellow guests and the charismatic owner, while fighting the feeling she should run while she still can. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

This book has been adapted for the small screen streaming as a Hulu original series. I have not read the book but I did watch the series. It was very interesting, with some very intriguing characters, and definitely would not let me go. So, if tradition and history is any indicator, the book will be even better! –Ben Payne

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NEW AUDIO DESCRIBED MOVIES

We have a great selection of new audio described movies to choose from available for a two-week check out period. If you have not received movies in a while or you are now interested in receiving movies as well as books, please give me a call and I will get you set up. I can provide the laughs, the tears and everything in between, you just have to provide the popcorn. If you would like to receive an up to date catalog of all our audio described movies and documentaries in print or via email, please let me know and I'll be glad to send a copy out to you.

All My Life
Bad Boys for Life
Bill and Ted
Face the Music
Birds of Prey
Bombshell
Boss Baby
Back in Business
A Call to Spy
Charlie's Angels
The Courier
The Croods 2
A New Age
Cruella
Emperor
Escape Room
Tournament of Champions

F-9
Gemini Man
Godzilla Vs. Kong
Greenland
Half Brothers
Honest Thief
Horizon Line
Invisible Man
I Still Believe
Let Him Go
The Little Things
Monster Hunter
My Brother's Keeper
New Mutants
News of the World
Peter Rabbit 2
The Photograph
A Quiet Place 2

Raya and the Last Dragon
The Secret Garden
Six Minutes to Midnight
Songbird
Space Jam
Spirit Untamed
Tom and Jerry
The Turning
Valley Girl
The Vigil
Wonder Woman 1984
Zack Snyder's
Justice League
21 Bridges



TECH TIME

Every newsletter, I like to find some new tech or apps that make everyday life easier and/or more fun for those who are blind, deaf-blind or visually impaired.

The WeWALK: When it comes to aiding blind people, the use of a white cane (or probing cane) is invaluable for navigating through the world. The taps provide information, helping the person detect obstacles, know when they've hit a curb or come to stairs, or that someone is standing in front of them. You might say that WeWALK, an innovative smart cane with a touch pad and speaker, does the white cane one better.

First, through the use of ultrasound, WeWALK can detect obstacles that are above chest level — such as tree branches, telephone poles and traffic signs — and alert the user by sending out a vibration. Secondly, it's efficient.

"Today, most every person with a white cane is also using GPS navigation on their phone," notes Roberts. But juggling a white cane in one hand while using a smartphone in the other can be tricky. The WeWALK smart cane can wirelessly connect to the smartphone, so users can keep the phone in a pocket while walking, leaving one hand free — and allowing them to devote full attention to what's going on around them. Also, users can employ the cane's touch pad to access an array of features. For example, WeWALK can connect with public transportation. "If you're walking to a bus stop," says Roberts, "it'll tell you the number of the bus that's coming, as well as when it's coming."

Where to buy: You can buy the smart cane on wewalk.io or thelowvisionshop.com for a cost of \$599 for 51-, 54- or 59-inch cane. Compatible with Android and iOS-based mobile phones.

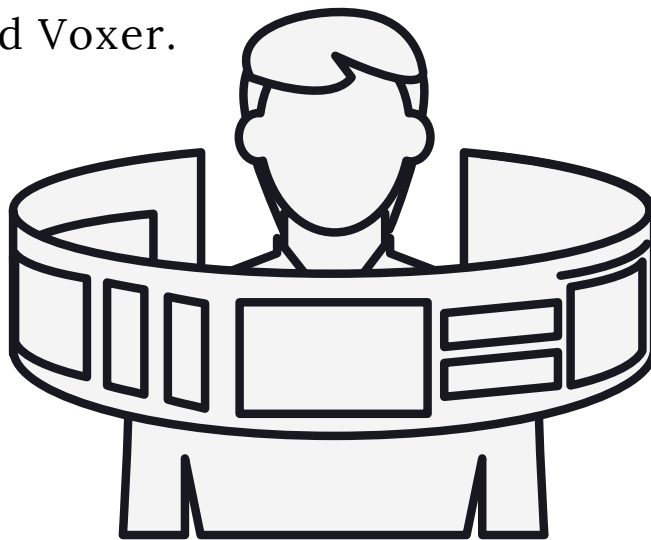
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Zello: An app for your smart phone to consider is Zello. This “walkie-talkie app,” which allows users to connect with one other person or up to 1,000 people around the world through a smartphone, tablet or computer, wasn’t developed for people with vision impairments but has become popular among them.

“It’s more like the audio version of texting, except it’s super-fast and lets you hear the person’s voice in real time,” says CEO Bill Moore. It’s also become a go-to app in times of crisis, he says, such as fires and storms. And it allows for easy communication among people who have similar interests.

One example of a community that has come together via Zello: a group of Apple enthusiasts who are also sight-impaired. They started out discussing technology but evolved to share information on non-tech topics (such as how to deal with people at a bus stop who may not know the user is blind). Zello was introduced in 2012, but recent enhancements improve functionality by simplifying or eliminating navigational steps on screen. Other walkie-talkie apps include HeyTell and Voxer.

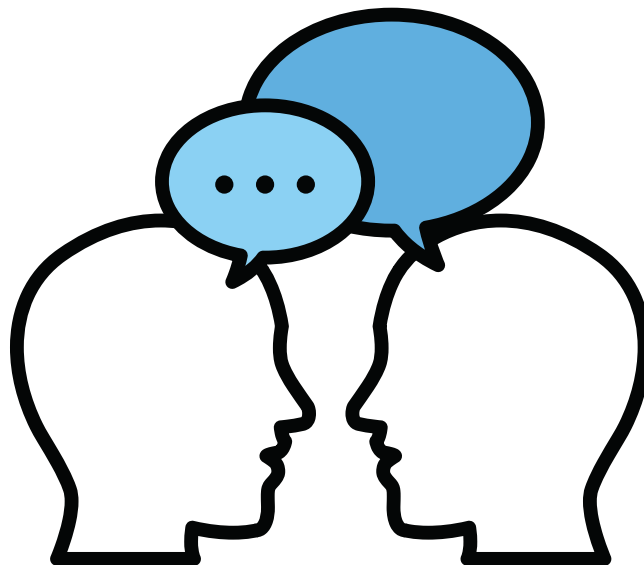


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PSA FOR ALL PATRONS

I have found that there are many of you whom I have not heard from in a good while and I would love to talk to you. Many of you who are still receiving books, I haven't spoken with you and I would like to touch base with you concerning your reading interests to make sure that I am providing you with the best service possible. Some of you have changed phone numbers and/or moved and I do not have updated information or current addresses for you and would like to update your file to ensure you are being served properly.

If you and I haven't spoken in some time and you have changed any contact information or moved, please give me a call so we can connect.



Call me, Ben Payne, at (256)761-3337 or email me at payne.ben@aidb.org.

REMINDERS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Updated contact info- If you haven't received books or movies in a while and you'd like to again, please call or email me and touch base. (256)761-3337, payne.ben@aidb.org.

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Players- If you have more than one Digital Book Player, PLEASE return any extra players.

November 25 and 26- The Library will be closed for Thanksgiving. Happy Turkey day everybody!!!

December 23-January 2- The Library will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year!

from the AIRCB Staff

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