

Talking Book Center News
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AUTUMN is approaching and children are returning to school--a reminder that we can all avail ourselves of the joys and wonders of learning! Perhaps your quest for knowledge involves brushing up on the classics, learning more about a new subject, or taking a humorous trip down memory lane to your own school days. Here are some suggestions from the Voices of Vision Reader Advisors.

Jean suggests: In high school, reading Shakespeare in print was really hard for me to do. However, when I listened to the plays I understood and fell in love with them! There are three types of plays he wrote: comedy, tragedy, and history. My favorite comedy is **Much Ado About Nothing (RC 51553, BR 13166.)** It's funny and playful, and it has a nasty villain. For tragedy I'd suggest **Romeo and Juliet (RC 44353, BR 10925.)** As for the histories, I'd suggest starting with **The History of Henry IV, Part 1 (RC 49020, BR 11571)** because it's the earliest in historical time.

Chris suggests: The collection of talking books includes a variety of books to provide information for those interested in the world of finance and investment. A few examples include: **RC 44968 The Wall Street Journal Lifetime Guide to Money** by the Personal Finance Staff of the Wall Street Journal, edited by C. Frederic Wiegold which is a guide to planning personal finances. In **RC 56063 The Laws of Money, the Lessons of Life** author Suze Orman offers practical advice for assessing current financial situations and planning for the future, with real-life examples. In **RC 62559 Rule #1: the Simple Strategy for Successful**

Investing in Only Fifteen Minutes a Week! Phil Town, a river-rafting guide-turned-millionaire contends that consumers can get returns of 15 percent or more by following a primary investment rule: don't lose money.

Fay suggests: The world of food offers much for the curious to investigate. The following two books cover a popular drink and something sweet. **RC 49855 The Coffee Book: Anatomy of an Industry from the Crop to Last Drop** by Gregory Dicum and Nina Luttinger is an examination of the coffee industry, from the beverage's origin up through the specialty coffee craze. **RC 62617 Robbing the Bees: A Biography of Honey, the Sweet Liquid Gold that Seduced the World** by Holley Bishop explores the lore and natural history of bees and their delicious product. The next book is unrelated to food but about an institution we all know--the Library of Congress. **RC 50345 America's Library: the Story of the Library of Congress, 1800-2000** by James Conaway (**RC 50345, BR 12707**) is a history of this cultural institution--often considered the world's greatest library--and the thirteen Librarians of Congress who guided its development.

Ross suggests: **RC 54419 Non Campus Mentis: World History According to College Students** compiled by Anders Henriksson is a collection of humorous and absurd mistakes made by college students in their term papers and exams. It includes misspellings, misinterpretations and errors that point to glaring deficiencies in a generation's education. In **RC 32759 Hail to the Chief: How to Tell Your Polks from your Tylers** author Barbara Holland provides a witty, gossipy, light-hearted ramble through the lives of forty U.S. Presidents from Washington to Reagan.

For more detailed information on these or other books, or for more books on these or other subjects, contact us or visit our online public access catalog: <http://www.klas.com/ilbph>

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ILLINOIS VETERANS FORM Last year the Illinois Talking Book Centers collected Life Stories from our readers and these stories are being compiled into an audio-book. Many veterans shared stories with us through the Life Stories project.

We would like to honor those veterans, their stories, and the many more veterans among us, so we are also participating in the Illinois Veterans History Project. Among the activities being planned is a September workshop for librarians at the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center in East Peoria so that librarians can learn how to host a “Salute to Veterans: Honor Their Service-Preserve their Stories” program in their local library. As part of our planning effort, and for the sake of accuracy, we need to update our records. If you are a veteran, please fill out the Illinois Veteran’s Information Form by calling the Talking Book Center so that our database correctly notes your veteran status. Federal law gives preference to veterans of the American military service—our service included. We will also use the updated records to let you know if there will be a “Salute to Veterans” program near you.