

**Talking Book Center News
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HAPPY NEW YEAR, HAPPY READING!

**TEN REASONS TO CONTACT YOUR TALKING BOOK CENTER
IN THE NEW YEAR:**

1. to order specific titles
2. to inquire about authors or special subjects
3. to report a change of address, phone number, or email address
4. to change the type or subject of books you receive
5. to change the number of books you receive
6. to start or stop cassette or braille magazines
7. to review the operation of the Library of Congress cassette book machine or to exchange a machine that is not operating properly
8. to put your service on temporary hold or to resume service
9. to arrange to return books or equipment you are not using
10. to ask other questions you may have about your talking book service

TRAVELING WITH BOOKS Even though the summer vacation season is months away, you can read about travel destinations with talking or braille books. We have more books on this topic; contact us for more information on these or other travel books, or visit our online public access catalog: <http://www.klas.com/ilbph>

RC 60160 Discover America: a Comprehensive Travel Guide to Our Country's Greatest Destinations by the Reader's Digest Association describes cities, towns, national parks, and monuments in all fifty states. Following his retirement from CBS in 1994, Charles Kuralt set out to spend a month each in favorite places during their best seasons. This trip is described in **RC 41249 Charles Kuralt's America**. **RC 47507 Days and Nights on the Grand Trunk Road** by Anthony Weller describes the adventures of an American journalist traveling the 1500 miles of the Grand Trunk Road from Calcutta across northern India and Pakistan to the Khyber Pass. In **Route 66: the Mother Road (RC 32610, BR 8600)** Michael Wallis looks back on his travels along "the Mother Road."

Other accounts focus on travel using specific modes of transportation. In **RC 39147 Zephyr: Tracking a Dream Across America**, author Henry Kisor chronicles travel on the streamlined passenger train the California Zephyr. **RC 46281 Notes from a Small Island** is Bill Bryson's account of a trip around Great Britain mostly by public transportation. Novelist and travel writer Paul Theroux describes an eighteen-month journey island-hopping in the South Pacific in a collapsible kayak in **RC 34815 The Happy Isles of Oceania**. **RC 43144 Over the Hills: a Midlife Escape Across America by Bicycle** is a travelog of reporter David Lamb's cross-country journey.

Other books look at travel from an historical point of view. **Horatio's Drive: America's First Road Trip** by Dayton Duncan (**RC 57572, BR 15229**) is a companion to a PBS documentary and an account of the first cross-country automobile trip in the United States in 1903. **RC 56639 Adventuring Along the Lewis and Clark Trail** by Elizabeth

Grossman traces the Corps of Discovery's 1804-1806 route across ten states to the Pacific Ocean.

Other writers take a humorous look at travel. Erma Bombeck offers advice on such topics as packing, jet lag, group tours, languages and photos and includes accounts of her travels in **RC 33935 When You Look Like Your Passport Photo, It's Time to Go Home**. In **RC 34979 Dave Barry's Only Travel Guide You'll Ever Need** humor columnist Dave Barry turns his attention to the art of traveling, both in the United States and abroad.

2007 CALENDARS

A factsheet listing organizations that produce calendars in braille, print/braille, or large print is available. Contact Voices of Vision to request a copy of this listing.

The list is also available on the website of the National Library Service (NLS): <http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/factsheets/calendars.html>

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT TALKING BOOKS

You can help raise awareness about the talking book program! Does your group need a presentation about talking books and our services? For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact the Voices of Vision Talking Book Center.

FOR YOUNGER READERS

The National Library Service (NLS) has created a webpage for children called Kids Zone. The site offers an online search engine to locate children's books in the national collection and provides annotated bibliographies of award-winning books such as Newbery Medal and Honor books, Coretta Scott King and John Steptoe winners, and Schneider Family Book Award winners. Kids Zone also lists books in popular series such as the Chronicles of Narnia, Harry Potter, Redwall Abbey, and Swallows and Amazons. Other features include information on children's magazines and a link to the Library of Congress Kids and Families website. Kids Zone may be accessed through a link on the

NLS homepage: <http://www.loc.gov/nls> or directly at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/children/index.html>.