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Technology & Learning

The Southwest Georgia Library for Accessible Services would like to thank everybody who came to the Open House that was held on February 18, 2016. The new assistive technology devices available through SWGLAS and the resources that 21 exhibitors shared thrilled 55 people who explored and learned about the exciting opportunities available to the blind and physically handicapped.

If you were unable to attend the Open House, you can still stop by and see our new devices!

For any questions about the services offered through SWGLAS, please contact us at 229-248-2680 or 1-800-795-2680.
Why Am I Not Receiving More Books
- Or Get Books I Don't Like?

Here are some tips to help tailor the Talking Books program to your needs:

- **Number of books:** The library starts you off with six books at a time. Some people want fewer and some want more. Please let us know if you would like to change the number of books we are sending you.

- **Overdue items:** If you receive an overdue letter in the mail and you have already mailed back the item, please contact us. Overdue items fill up a spot in your quota of books or movies.

- **Few subject interests:** If you only told us you like sea stories or books about frogs, it is possible you may have read every book the library has. Add more subjects so we can send you books.

- **Tell us what you do like:** It is fine to tell us you do not like mysteries, westerns, or romance books or books by Agatha Christie or Bill O'Reilly. However, if you do not tell us what subjects or authors you do like, we do not know what to send you.

- **Exclusions:** There are various levels of sex, violence, and strong language exclusions. If you find some acceptable, please let us know. Excluding violence excludes many westerns or mysteries.

- **Unrated, commercial titles:** NLS is continuing to add commercially produced books. These books are unrated so sex, violence, and strong language are not noted. If you receive such a book and do not like the subject matter, we can exclude that author.

- **Caught up with favorite series or favorite authors:** Some of our patrons have read every Alex Cross book in the James Patterson series or every book we own by Danielle Steel. Tell us other series or authors you like or those you may be willing to try. We can also offer suggestions based on your interests.

- **Returning all your items at once:** If you return all of your books at once, you will not have any books to listen to. Try to return your books as you finish them. That way there will be books coming and going in the mail.

- **List only service:** If you have not given us any titles, we do not know what to send you. If the titles you request are all checked out or new titles with waiting lists, we can't send you those books immediately. Try to have a healthy list of books on your request list, so we will always have books to send you.

- **Auto Select:** You could switch to Auto Select and give us favorite authors or subjects to ensure you always have books coming or going. You can still request particular titles at any time.

- **Overdue magazines:** Magazines must be returned on time in order to receive the next issue. Too many overdue magazines will result in a freeze on your magazine cartridges.
Springtime

DB 65770  Creating Beds and Borders: Creative Ideas from America’s Best Gardeners

DB 68366  Gardening When It Counts: Growing Food in Hard Times

DB 76330  The Backyard Parables: Lessons on Gardening

DB 78475  Roots, Shoots, Buckets, and Boots: Gardening Together With Children

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