

## **Montana Talking Book Library (MTBL) April 2006 Commission Report**

TBL Goal 1: To ensure that all eligible clients know about the availability of services from MTBL and to make enrollment and use of the service easy for users.

Outreach Presentation Contacts in February totaled 35. This represents one presentation in Helena on the NFB-Newsline® service to Montana Association for the Blind members. Three tours were conducted in January and one in February.

TBL Goal 2: MTBL will plan and implement a smooth transition to a digital format to ensure that the potential for expanded services are available to MTBL patrons.

In January and February, nine titles were completed at both MTBL recording studios:  
From Poplar to Papua by Martin Kidston; Mountain Solo and A Perfect Snow by Nora Martin; Montana Spring by Janette Blackwell; The Bird Tail by Sr. Genevieve McBride, OSU and Green Pastures by Dorothy Williams.

Special Project: Author Leonard Schonberg from Helena completed the recording of his book "Morgan's War" and Helena Author, Loretta Lynde is recording her book "The Magpie Odyssey, An Irish Journey". The Deer Lodge Recording Studio completed the recording of the "2005-2006 Montana Driver's License Manual" and the "2005-2006 Montana Commercial Driver's License Manual".

TBL Goal 3: Allow service to the patrons to be provided more efficiently and effectively by providing enough space for the collection.

WebOpac online ordering by our patrons has increased. This service is offering a more convenient and efficient way of ordering for our computer savvy patrons.

TBL Goal 4: Increase productivity and satisfaction of staff members and volunteers.

Random shelving is providing a better management tool for duplicating and weeding our collection.