

## **NFB-NEWSLINE® Adds *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review***

The National Federation of the Blind is pleased to announce the addition of two new bimonthly publications to the NFB-NEWSLINE® service: *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review*. These are published by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress (NLS).

Mark Riccobono, President of the National Federation of the Blind, said: “NFB-NEWSLINE® and the National Library Service are invaluable resources to the blind community. We are pleased with the success in 2010 of integrating NFB-NEWSLINE® into the NLS Talking Book Players, and we are happy to further enhance integration with NLS services by sharing these two bimonthly publications with our subscribers.”

*Talking Book Topics* lists digital audiobooks and magazines available through the NLS network of cooperating libraries. *Braille Book Review* lists Braille books and magazines available through the library network. Both publications also carry news of developments in library services. The annotated lists in each issue of these two bimonthly magazines are limited to titles recently added to the national collection, which contains thousands of fiction and nonfiction titles, including bestsellers, classics, biographies, romance novels, mysteries, and how-to guides.

These two publications are now available on NFB-NEWSLINE®. To read these lists of new titles added to the NLS collection, press 7 from the Main Menu, then choose “Magazines,” then select the “Blindness Specific” category, and finally choose “Braille Book Review” or “Talking Book Topics.”

Each book and its description are listed in these publications as a separate article. This means that subscribers can easily search and navigate through the articles to find the books of interest. Additionally, subscribers can press Pound 9 from the touch-tone telephone and have the individual book listings sent to an email inbox. From there, subscribers can forward the email to a cooperating regional library to request the book.

Scott White, director of NFB-NEWSLINE®, said: “We hope the addition of *Talking Book Topics* and *Braille Book Review* will help our readers decide what books are of interest to them and make it easier to acquire them from their regional Braille and Talking Book libraries.”

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