

Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. NEWS



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In the Spotlight: Mark Clifton, Winchester

Mark Clifton has a curious nature. He is a zealous learner, which could explain why he has had so many different career experiences during his lifetime. He's been an employee of Ford Motor Company, an elementary school principal, a banker, a choral director, a cross country coach and a high school teacher.

He finds that his spirited approach to life requires a bit of multitasking - and R.E.A.D.S. audio titles help him do that. Since he processes information better by listening than reading, he wishes he had access to recorded textbooks and manuals when he was a student. To people who aren't necessarily big readers, Mark explains: "I begin by asking people if they have a library card and then I say: 'If you can listen, you can learn with R.E.A.D.S.'"

Since his retirement, Mark has been volunteering to assist the blind and dyslexic through the local Lions Club. He uses R.E.A.D.S. selections for entertainment while he cooks and cleans and also to supplement his newfound interest in philosophy and religion and to enhance the knowledge he obtained during recent European travels.

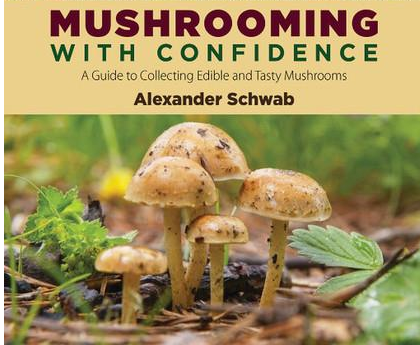
Mark serves as a board member for the Stones River Regional Library. In that role, Regional Library Director Betty Jo Jarvis says that he has been a staunch supporter of R.E.A.D.S.

"He educates the board and downloads tons of audio books in the process," the director said.

Mark's curiosity has sparked an interest in geocaching and the science fiction authors he has discovered through R.E.A.D.S., who include Lois McMaster Bujold, Frank Herbert, Jerry Pournelle, David Weber, Orson Scott Card, Ian Douglas and Ben Bova.



Hatch a Hobby - Digital Selections to Help You Get Started



Do you want to feast on fungi? Write the Great American Novel? Take photos that'll be the envy of all your friends on social media? Some of our R.E.A.D.S. selections can help. Listed below are a just few of the books that can help make pursuing a hobby more enjoyable:

Can It! Start Canning and Preserving at Home Today - Jack Parente

- <http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=96F1B3D2-662C-4069-BBF9-D330170377B7>

The Profitable Hobby Farm, How to Build a Sustainable Local Foods Business – Sarah Beth Aubrey

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=8CDC0F63-1B0D-4E02-8E62-F1C42F7BAFAC>

Making Natural Liquid Soaps – Catherine Failor

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=492C947F-A215-441E-835C-26DECE2EE572>

Weekend Knitting – Melanie Falick

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=923F7183-E064-4A6B-914C-5018341E835F>

The Colette Sewing Handbook – Sari Mitnick

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=D1AC1A0E-6E74-4664-A55D-6271F9499D08>

The Art of Raising a Puppy – Monks of New Skete

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=7102EB5B-A9B4-494E-850E-A08EAA9E8F1A>

Mushrooming with Confidence – Alexander Schwab

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=0F9B3AD2-B6A4-4184-AA2E-766722F23564>

Ridiculously Simple Furniture Projects – Spike Carlsen

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=4E6028D9-DAF7-429A-B3A5-5D74AFBA3D36>

Writing Down the Bones – Natalie Goldberg

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=7629EFC8-A796-438D-B06E-61A7BF98F6B0>

What the Robin Knows – Jon Young

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=F3F45F57-497D-4433-A5CB-81D749512CD1>

Extraordinary Everyday Photography – Brenda Tharp

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=11B9EF4D-145D-4650-B804-991168D92CBB>

Astronomy – Dinah L. Moche

<http://reads.lib.overdrive.com/42D30E9D-F7A1-4AFC-99B2-E9883BEF0FC0/10/50/en/ContentDetails.htm?id=08FEFA15-B157-49A7-BC8F-BAB8BA96DEF6>

Digital Magazines Now Available on R.E.A.D.S.

For a one-year trial period, Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. has expanded its digital collection with the addition of online periodicals. This new collection features more than 100 popular magazines, including Better Homes and Gardens, Car and Driver, Cooking with Paula Deen, Dr. Oz, Fine Woodworking, HGTV magazine, Men's Fitness, National Geographic, Newsweek, Prevention, Taste of Home, the New Yorker and many more.

R.E.A.D.S. users can check out periodicals on the same website where they currently borrow eBooks.

If you are interested in participating in this trial program, please contact your local library for assistance with downloading the apps and setting up subscriptions. Or take your portable electronic device to the library for a demonstration. We urge you to take advantage of this program since patron interest will determine whether we continue this collection after the trial year.



Low Vision or No Vision? Try BARD!



There is a sister service to R.E.A.D.S. for Tennesseans who are blind or physically handicapped. BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download service, is a federally-funded program that includes more than 74,000 books and periodicals. Between the two services, digital books are available for Tennesseans with full vision and for those who have low vision, no vision, or physical disabilities that prevent them from easily holding and turning the pages of regular books. BARD is similar to R.E.A.D.S. in several ways. Both services include downloadable audio books from new releases to classics for all ages and interests. Both services are completely free to use. With either BARD or R.E.A.D.S., there's no concern about returning books on time and there are never fines for overdue books. Both

BARD books and R.E.A.D.S. books are playable through a free app.

To use either service, you'll first need to have an account set up either with your local public library (for R.E.A.D.S.) or the Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (for BARD). It is estimated that about 90,000 Tennesseans are eligible for the services of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, which also has digital books and magazines on cartridges that are mailed to patrons' homes for free.

There are some important differences, though. BARD books are only available for eligible blind and physically handicapped Tennesseans, while R.E.A.D.S. books are available to patrons of all participating Tennessee public libraries. The R.E.A.D.S. collections include both audio books and eBooks, some of which can be read right in your browser (Overdrive Read). All Overdrive Read books can be read in large type simply by making an adjustment to the text scale under readability settings. A similar setting change can be made on any eBook reader as well.

One other difference is that most titles in R.E.A.D.S. have limits on the number of simultaneous readers, which can result in waiting lists. BARD books have no simultaneous user limits. While BARD and R.E.A.D.S. both have magazines in addition to books, only R.E.A.D.S. also has streaming videos. R.E.A.D.S. has a dedicated eReading Room just for kids, and another for teens, while BARD does not.

BARD has audio books too, but instead of text-based eBooks like the ones in R.E.A.D.S., BARD's eBooks are in braille. Patrons download the digital braille file onto a refreshable braille display. These devices have rows of pins that raise up to create readable braille words, allowing people who are blind to read the eBooks. Refreshable braille displays cost between \$1,500 and \$17,000, depending on the features and the amount of braille that can be displayed at a given time.

To learn more about BARD or the Tennessee Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, call [\(800\) 342-3308](tel:8003423308) or go to <http://www.sos.tn.gov/tsla/lbph> to get started.

More Free Digital Resources

Have you ever wondered what \$1 million in 1913 would be worth today? This website will calculate the effect of inflation on the value of the dollar: <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl>
Occasionally when reading a book, magazine article or website, there are references to foreign currency. There are several currency converters available on the Internet that will tell you the value of that currency in United States dollars. This is one of the most popular: <https://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the connection between Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. and my public library?

R.E.A.D.S. is a service offered by the Tennessee Regional Library System (TRLS). Your public library participates in the regional system and uses its services, including R.E.A.D.S. The TRLS does not manage your public library, but we work together to provide library services to the citizens in 92 counties.

The cities of Germantown, Arlington, Collierville, Millington and Collegedale are not part of the TRLS, but they contract with the state for the R.E.A.D.S. service.



Questions or Comments

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