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New Phone Number

Beth Solka's new phone number is 540-372-1144 ext. 7234. The library has a new telephone system, and the Assistive Services extension has changed to 7234. When you call the library, a prompt asks you to enter the extension or stay on the line. If you call during office hours and stay on the line, you should ask to speak to Beth Solka. You can also ask for "Talking Books" or "Assistive Services." Our toll free number, 1-800-628-4807, still works and goes directly to Beth's phone.



Talking Book News

It is much easier to make copies of older books for people now, so if there is an older book that you would like to request, please do. Call or email beth.solka@crrl.org

You might get a container that has a new folded address card. Your address is on one side and the book titles are on the other side of the card. If you receive this, just throw that mailing card away when it is time to return the book. My address is affixed elsewhere on the box.

If you are mailed a traditional card with the corner cut or a hole in the card, just flip that card over and drop it in the mail.



Talking Book Club

Although some people called to say that they did not normally enjoy fantasy, they really enjoyed *The Night Circus*.

"The plot was delightful because by the end of the book the heroine (who was very smart) structured the circus to become everything that she wanted it to be."

"There is an interesting plot twist that the reader doesn't see coming."

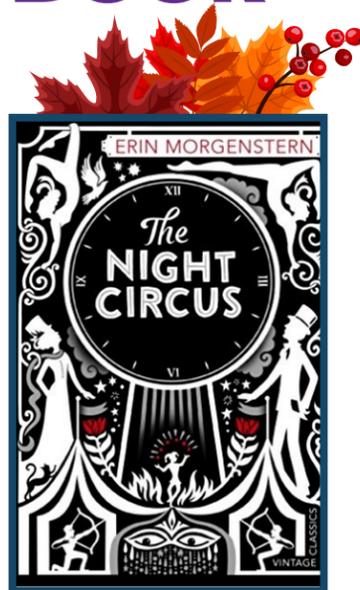
"A very interesting twist."

If you liked *The Night Circus*, you might try these titles:

The Museum of Extraordinary Things
by Alice Hoffman

The Map of Time
by Felix J. Palma

A Case of Curiosities and *The Grand Complication*
both by Allen Kurzweil (the former a modern-day tale of an antique curiosity cabinet, and the latter a story of how that cabinet came to be built and filled).



Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart Meg Raymond

In 1914, Constance Kopp and her sisters were in a horse-drawn cart that was hit by an automobile driven by the son of a wealthy factory owner. When he refused to pay damages, Constance decides to make him pay. His efforts to get Constance to stand down included harassment, intimidation, and very real threats of violence. But nothing he does will make Constance give up her quest for what she is rightfully owed.

When the sheriff's office gets involved, Constance refuses to sit on the sidelines. She (and her sisters) arm themselves and are prepared to take on anyone who means them harm.

This historical mystery has a lot of warmth and humor. The characters are fully realized and interesting. You will want to know what happens next.

Constance was a real person. She was born in New Jersey, one of four children. She was six feet tall, an excellent shot, and had no interest in cooking, cleaning, or sewing—any "domestic art"—nor did she have any inclination or desire to get married.

Sheriff Robert Heath of Bergen County, New Jersey appointed her "undersheriff," or his second in command. She was the first woman to hold such a position in the United States.

iOS 11 *Chuck Gray*

iOS 11, the latest version of the iPhone and iPad operating system, has been released. For those whose devices support it, iOS 11 brings some very nice accessibility upgrades:

- Smart Invert (Settings > General > Accessibility > Display Accommodations > Invert Colors > Smart Invert): Instead of inverting everything on the screen, Smart Invert inverts only things like text, background and interface, while leaving items like pictures with their normal color.
- Auto-Brightness (Settings > General > Accessibility > Display Accommodations > Auto-Brightness): Automatically adjusts the brightness of your screen based on ambient light levels.



- Text Detection: Images that display text now have improved detection when voiceover is enabled.
- Image Detection: Voiceover will scan and describe images to you.
- Large Text Enhancements: The iOS 11 interface is now enhanced and tailored for users who use the largest font settings.
- Type to Siri: Though it's not an accessibility feature per se, the ability to interact with Siri through text rather than voice opens it up to a larger pool of users, including those with auditory and vocal disabilities.

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