

Week celebrates Talking Books service

The State Library of Kansas Talking Books Service is celebrating library services to Kansas residents who are unable to read or use standard printed materials this week. The service provides library services for the blind and physically handicapped at no charge. Readers have access to personalized support and materials in a specialized format as well as the playback equipment needed. All materials are loaned through the U.S. mail to patrons; no

postage necessary. Kansas Talking Books currently serves about 6,000 Kansans and circulates around 19,000 items per month. "Every day we hear how Kansas Talking Books Service is positively affecting and enriching lives," said State Librarian Jo Budler. "The love of reading does not end when a patient loses his or her ability to read and we want to thank the individuals helping

to expand this service and enrich more lives." The service is provided by the State Library of Kansas and the Library of Congress: National Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. The state library offers a variety of services benefiting the residents of Kansas. Information and applications may be downloaded at www.kslib.info/talking-books or by calling (800) 362-0699.

Police dog fires gun

LAWRENCE, Mass. (AP) — Police say a dog searching for a gun in a snowbank accidentally pulled the trigger with its paw, firing the weapon. No humans — or dogs — were hurt. The episode started at about

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