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Book Readings More User-Friendly

Hearing a book being read aloud is a great way to get into a new book or enjoy the characters of an old favorite. That's why we've been making it even easier to hear the audio clips of books for all ages.

We're working with various publishers to bring their audio clips directly onto our server and to present them all consistently in MP3 format—which should be an easier audio format for many of your systems to play.

Currently, there are over 400 Book Readings hosted directly on the TeachingBooks site, and they have a similar, streamlined look to them. Here's an example of what they look like:

The screenshot shows the TeachingBooks.net website interface. At the top is a navigation bar with links: Home, About, Contact, News, Site Map, Search, Support, Training, My Profile, Sign Out. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with icons for Author Programs, Book Guides, Book Readings, Thematic Booklists, Book Awards, and Valuable Links. The main content area features a search box with options for Author, Title, and Keyword, and a 'Go' button. Below the search box is a 'Listen Now' button. To the right is a book cover for 'Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire' by J.K. Rowling. The text 'This audio excerpt provided by: Books On Tape® / Listening Library.' is displayed below the book cover.

One way to find these user-friendly Book Readings is to:

- 1) Go to the Advanced Search page at <http://www.teachingbooks.net/search.cgi>
- 2) Type in (with quotes) "Books on Tape"
- 3) Check off the age range(s) that you're interested in
- 4) Click "Go"

We plan on adding Book Readings from other publishers shortly, so stay tuned!

End of Year Treat: Play an Author Program in Your Library

Reward yourselves and your students for a school year well-done: enjoy an original TeachingBooks Author Program together. These are all now easily accessible via the QuickSearch pull-down menu located in the purple search box. If you take photographs of young people watching a TeachingBooks Author Program or navigating the TeachingBooks website, please share them with us (for publicity and training purposes). Send them to john@TeachingBooks.net.

Let us know how we can help you to enjoy TeachingBooks!

