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Podcast Readings by Children's Authors Available Free through Los Angeles Public Library's Web site

Podcasts of book readings by leading children's authors are now available to parents and kids for free download to their favorite PDA or PC courtesy of the Los Angeles Public Library's website, www.lapl.org.

This new service is especially convenient for busy parents interested in sampling a children's book without having to make a special trip to the library. Podcasts include biographical information about each author followed by the author's reading from his or her book.

"Through these podcasts children can hear a story recited the way the author meant it to be," said Ilene Abramson, LAPL Children's Services Director. "After the children hear the story they can enjoy the book at home by checking the book out from Central Library or 71 branches."

Best-selling children's authors currently available on podcast through the library's Web site include Gretchen Woelfle, Karen Jo Shapiro, and Iza Trapani among others.

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