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Topic: Audio Stories

Episodes:

1. Introduction
2. Audio Books
3. Full Cast Adaptations
4. Benefits and Free Shows

About: This Podcast series about audio stories is aimed at academic libraries as well as public libraries. Audio books can be used by anyone who wants to listen to the book form. It is for those people who simply want to listen to a good story while enjoying leisure activities like creating a knitted sweater or going for a long walk with their dog. Audio books can also be used as learning tools for children through adults. Some people learn better by listening and others are visual learners. While others are both. I have recommended many times to patrons who have a hard time reading a complex story like William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar to listen to the unabridged audio book while following along in the text. It allows the user to highlight passages in the book and make notes. Audio books are also very helpful to those people who are visually impaired or those people trying to learn another language.

Full cast dramatizations are a way to add an extra layer of immersion to the audio story experience. These started in the late 1930s as Old Time Radio (OTR) programs. Now-a-days there are hundreds of thousands of free OTR shows available for free online.

Purpose: The purposes of these podcasts are to introduce audio books and radio dramatizations. Within these four podcasts I will cover

1. Introduce myself and purpose of this podcast series
2. Differences between abridged and unabridged versions.
3. Audio books read by author versus a different narrator.

4. Audio book with different voices and brief sound effects.
5. Old time radio shows and full cast audio book dramatization.
6. Ways that audio books can be used for learning.
7. Listings of some websites where audio books and OTR shows are free for download and streaming.

Below are links to the websites I mention in the podcasts. I also put these descriptions and links on my podcast page.

Campfire Theatre: <https://campfireradiotheater.podbean.com/>

The Hobbit: <https://archive.org/details/TheHobbit1Of8AnUnexpectedParty>

Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/index.php>

Old Time Radio Fans: <http://www.oldtimeradiofans.com/>

OTR.Network Library: <http://www.otr.net/>

The Radio Drama Directory: <http://theaudiodramadirectory.com/index.php>

Radio Drama Revival: <http://www.radiodramarevival.com/>

Radio Spirits: <https://www.radiospirits.com/>

Zoot Radio: <http://zootradio.com/>