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The BARD Mobile app for iOS devices provides access to talking books and Braille directly from the BARD website without having to download through your computer. With BARD Mobile, you can play audio books and magazines on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch. If your device is connected to a refreshable Braille display through Bluetooth, you can also read Braille materials available on BARD. A comparable app for Android is still under development.

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## Sunset for Books on Cassette

Just as the library's collection of books on cartridge is growing, our cassette book collection is fading away. At this point, only older books recorded in our Nebraska studios and old-time radio programs still circulate on cassette. The Library of Congress continues to reissue some of its older cassette books as cartridges, and others are offered on BARD only. BARD is a free website for direct downloads of audio and Braille books and magazines.

If you are ready to return your Library of Congress cassette player, just place the player in its mailing box with

the Styrofoam inserts and tape the box closed. Turn the mail card over so the Nebraska Library Commission address shows, and return the card to the clear plastic sleeve on top of the box. Then take the player to the post office for postage-free shipping.

Let your Readers Advisor know that you are canceling books on cassette. If you no longer have the shipping box for the cassette player, please let us know that as well so we can mail one to you. Also, call your Readers Advisor if you would like to know more about BARD. ■

## Magazines for Travel and Adventure

If you like to read about the Southwest, you might enjoy *Arizona Highways*, a monthly guide to that state's greatest attractions. Produced by the Arizona Regional Library, this magazine is filled with useful information about state and national parks, Indian ruins, nature hikes, beautiful drives, and much more.

Another magazine, *Yankee*, recorded bimonthly by the Massachusetts Regional Library, offers travel destinations, local events, and history of the New England states.

*Sports 'N Spokes* covers competitive wheelchair sports and recreation and other types of sports for individuals with disabilities. This bimonthly publication, recorded by the Arizona Regional Library, includes how-to tips, a calendar of events, and new product news.

Published by the American Association of Retired Persons and recorded by the Arizona Regional Library, *AARP The Magazine* is a bimonthly that features short articles

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of interest to persons over 50. Topics include travel, cooking, economics, second careers, and health. A related publication, *AARP Bulletin*, produced monthly by the District of Columbia Regional Library, covers legislative news, including health care costs and Social Security.

*Trail Tails* is a magazine for younger readers who love Nebraska's outdoors and nature. Published quarterly by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, it is recorded in our own studios.

You might enjoy *Cowboys & Indians*, a magazine that features articles on western lore and Native

Americans. It includes a listing of rodeos and other events across the United States. Published eight times a year, it is produced by the Oklahoma Regional Library.

*Boston Magazine*, a monthly produced by the Massachusetts Regional, focuses on politics, business, social issues, arts, entertainment, personalities, and film and book reviews.

All of these publications are offered on digital cartridge only. To sign up for any of these, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

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# Great Books for the Holidays

Thanksgiving Day through New Year's overflows with activities and warm memories. Here are some good books for the festive holiday season.

**DB 54603 *Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder: a Hanna Swensen Mystery, Book 1***, by Joanne Fluke  
7 hours 34 minutes

Bakery owner Hannah Swensen of Lake Eden, Minnesota, discovers the body of the local dairy delivery man in her alley. Although her brother-in-law, Bill Todd, is a deputy sheriff, Hannah does some sleuthing of her own. Then another murder occurs. Includes cookie recipes.

**DB 67657 *Georgia Cooking in an Oklahoma Kitchen: Recipes from My Family to Yours***, by Trisha Yearwood, with Gwen Yearwood and Beth Yearwood Bernard; foreword by Garth Brooks  
5 hours 42 minutes

Grammy Award-winning country and western singer Trisha Yearwood and her mother and sister compile their family's Georgia recipes. Trisha, who is married to fellow entertainer Garth Brooks and lives in Oklahoma, shares personal anecdotes along with ideas for the beginning cook. Includes simple steps and supermarket shortcuts.

**DB 67926 *Travels in a Blue Chair: Alaska to Zambia, Ushuaia to Uluru: A Series of Short Stories***, by Walt Balenovich; edited by Wayne Cloughton,

Cyril Stickney, and Catherine Jenkins  
13 hours 55 minutes

Balenovich, who had polio in childhood, recounts adventures in his blue-colored wheelchair—a device he believes does not confine him, but gives him the freedom to travel and meet new friends. Describes exploring Australia's Great Barrier Reef, celebrating Chinese New Year in Thailand, and breaking a knee in Zambia.

**DB 68380 *Snowy Night with a Stranger***, by Jane Feather, Sabrina Jeffries, and Julia London  
10 hours 17 minutes

Three short seasonal romances. In "A Holiday Gamble," Ned Vasey, the viscount Allenton, is caught in a blizzard on Christmas Eve. He finds refuge at Selby Hall, where he encounters the beautiful Lady Georgiana. Includes "When Sparks Fly," and "Snowy Night with a Highlander." Contains some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 69967 *The Perfect Christmas***, by Debbie Macomber  
4 hours 16 minutes

Cassie Beaumont looks to professional matchmaker Simon Dodson to find true love for her. Simon assigns Cassie three

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tasks: raise money for charity, dress up as Santa's elf, and prepare dinner for neighbors. After completing these duties Cassie will meet her mate.

**DB 71496 *Things We Didn't See Coming***, by Steven Amsterdam  
5 hours 49 minutes

Nine connected apocalyptic stories centering on a boy and his family that begin on New Year's 1999 and span three decades. Extreme weather, disease, government control, and a plethora of other disasters plague the narrator as he struggles to survive. Contains some strong language.

**DB 71542 *Small-Batch Baking: When Just Enough for 1 or 2 . . . Is Just Enough!***, by Debby Maugans Nakos  
14 hours 5 minutes

Food writer provides more than 250 recipes for cakes, pies, cookies, cobblers, puddings, and breads that yield two or three servings. Offers tips on selecting equipment, such as cans for baking cakes and muffin pans for baking individual quick breads; measuring techniques; and storing leftover ingredients.

**DB 72378 *1812: the War that Forged a Nation***, by Walter R. Borneman

12 hours 10 minutes

Author posits that the War of 1812 forged a sense of American national identity. Explains the importance of the conflict as a foundation for westward expansion. Describes land and sea battles, the grab for Canada and Florida, and the peace treaty with Great Britain on Christmas Eve.

**DB 72619 *Letters to Jackie: Condolences from a Grieving Nation***, selected and edited by Ellen Fitzpatrick

Some two hundred and fifty letters to Jacqueline Kennedy from ordinary Americans of every age group, race, and religion reflect the country's grief after the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Culled from more than a million condolences archived in the JFK library in Boston.

**DB 75835 *Snow***, by Ronald Damien Malfi  
10 hours 58 minutes

When a massive snowstorm cancels flights out of Chicago, Todd Curry is desperate for another way to get to Des Moines for the holidays. He rents a car with fellow stranded travelers, but a good deed along the way leads them into a nightmare. Contains violence and strong language.

# Talking Book Catalog Online for You!

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You can initiate a basic search by author, title, or all fields. You have the option of refining your search by format, reading level, language, and how many hits to display. When the results page is displayed, check the box

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You will then need to click on Request Selected Items and complete a brief online form by entering your name, city, and phone number. You will need to click on Submit Request. There is a link that will help you send an email to your Readers Advisor if you have problems or questions. In addition, on the catalog's opening page, there is a link that takes you to our Nebraska Magazines catalog and to an Instructions and Help Page. ■

## New Books from Our Studios

### ***Stag-Heart: Book One*** DB 1120

by Tom Frye

read by Tamara Wellmann

8 hours 45 minutes

Stag-Heart, a wild woodlands that is home to dangerous creatures, lies near a reservation in North Dakota. Dawn Red Feather, a young Lakota girl, traverses there against her elder's warnings and witnesses the shooting of an FBI agent. Dawn ends up passing evidence on to Ryan MacNeil, the son of a small-town sheriff. The only thing is, the evidence will clear a Lakota man who served ten years for the drunken driving accident which killed Ryan's mother. For middle and high school readers.

### ***Out of Attica*** DB 1165

by William Kloefkorn

read by Laura Johnson

1 hour 30 minutes

Poems about the land and people of the Great Plains by Nebraska's State Poet.

### ***Inspired Recipes from Nebraska*** DB 1179

by Friends of the Governor's Residence

read by Helena Whitaker

7 hours 40 minutes

Over 200 recipes contributed by distinguished Nebraskans reflect the Cornhusker State's heritage.

Accompanying is history of the Nebraska Governor's Residence. ■

## New on Digital

**DB 1061 *Are We Not Men?***, by Brent Spencer  
Modern short stories

**DB 30817 *Double Standards***, by Judith McNaught  
Romance. Contains some strong language and descriptions of sex.

**DB 30981 *Journey***, by James Michener  
Historical fiction

**DB 30997 *Daddy***, by Danielle Steel  
Family novel. Contains some strong language and descriptions of sex.

**DB 31536 *The Case of the Empty Tin***, by Erle Stanley Gardner  
Mystery

**DB 31637 *Law of the Desert Born***, by Louis L'Amour  
Western

**DB 31675 *On the Road***, by Jack Kerouac  
American classic. Contains strong language and descriptions of sex.

**DB 31793 *Matilda***, by Roald Dahl  
Juvenile fiction. For grades 3 to 6.

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Mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put the page into an envelope and mail to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

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**DB 72378**

**DB 72619**

**DB 75835**

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❑ **DB 31992 *Buffalo Girls***, by Larry  
McMurtry

Historical fiction. Contains some strong  
language.

❑ **DB 32026 *The Firm***, by John  
Grisham

Suspense. Contains some strong  
language.

❑ **DB 32042 *Heartbeat***, by Danielle  
Steel

Romance. Contains some strong  
language.

❑ **DB 32449 *Where the Red Fern  
Grows: The Story of Two Dogs and  
a Boy***, by Wilson Rawls

Young adult classic. For grades 5 to 8.

❑ **DB 32479 *Freckles***, by Gene  
Stratton Porter

Historic romance

❑ **DB 32712 *Iberia: Spanish  
Travel and Reflections***, by James  
Michener

Travel in Spain

❑ **DB 33082 *Gone with the Wind***,  
by Margaret Mitchell

Civil war fiction

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