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Talking Books and Magazines Now Available Online

Newsletter
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Talking Book
& Braille
Service

In addition to receiving talking books and magazines through the mail, Nebraska borrowers now have the option of downloading these same materials from the Internet. Known as Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD), this site is provided by the National Library Service and is available for use twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Some 19,000 audio books are now available for download. Borrowers can **search** by author, title, subject, narrator, and keyword. A “Recently Added” link lists the new titles. Also, forty-eight magazines, including back issues, can be downloaded.

To access BARD, click on the link “Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)” located on the Talking Book and Braille Service website:

<http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/tbbs/>.

First-time visitors apply with a link labeled “BARD Application Instructions.” Borrowers will then receive login information by email. To download from BARD, borrowers need high-speed Internet service, an active email address, the ability to download and unzip files, and a player capable of playing NLS-produced digital talking books.

A Library of Congress digital player is compatible with BARD, but must be used with either a blank NLS digital cartridge or a flash drive. The flash drive should not contain built-in U3 software and should offer no more than 8G of memory. A blank NLS digital cartridge or the flash drive would need to be purchased. For more information about BARD, please contact the Talking Book and Braille Service. ■

Free Summer Reading Program

The Talking Book and Braille Service sponsors two free summer

reading programs for readers age 19 and younger who are set up for

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Free Summer Reading Program

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service at home. This year's theme, Make a Splash—READ! is aimed at readers age 13 and younger so they can continue the adventure of reading throughout the summer. The teen theme for young adult readers age 14 to 19 is Make Waves@your

library™.

All enrollees will be sent a reading packet. Those who read five or more books between June 1 and August 15 will receive additional end-of-summer prizes. ■

Talking Book Advisory Committee Welcomes New Members

Shelly Gray, active in the American Council of the Blind, Omaha Association of the Blind, and other consumer organizations, has been appointed to the Nebraska Library Commission's Talking Book and Braille Service Advisory Committee. Also appointed is Brad Meurrens, public policy specialist and registered lobbyist for Nebraska Advocacy Services. Brad is a volunteer narrator for the Talking Book and Braille Service.

Reappointed for their second two-year terms are Brenda Elson, who is active in the Learning Disabilities

Association of Nebraska; Marjorie Harrison, Panhandle Library System Coordinator; and Robert Kalin, who is active in consumer organizations and a library volunteer.

Other members include Joan Davis, North Platte; Ana Kalin, Lincoln; Rebecca Sims, Offutt Air Force Base; and Mary Trenerry, Omaha.

The Advisory Committee to the Talking Book and Braille Service represents the needs of borrowers and makes recommendations concerning policies, services, and programs. ■

Magazines Celebrate Nebraska's Good Life

Here are some cassette magazines specifically about Nebraska that help us celebrate spring and appreciate the good life we enjoy:

Recorded in our own studios, *Nebraskaland* showcases Nebraska's beautiful state parks and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

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It is published ten times a year by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Also published by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, *Trail Tales* is a quarterly magazine for younger readers who love Nebraska's outdoors and nature.

Nebraska Life, published bimonthly, features events, travel, and community profiles. A bimonthly magazine that includes Nebraska, *Midwest Living* covers places to visit,

recipes, gardens, hobbies, restaurants, editorials, and more—all about Midwest states.

Published ten times a year, with an emphasis on Husker football, the *Big Red Report* attempts to cover the wide range of sports that are part of the University of Nebraska's athletic program.

To request any of these magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

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Good Books for Early Summer Reading

June is known as the month for weddings. Here are some fiction and nonfiction books about marriage:

RC 1028 *The Broidered Garment: the Love Story of Mona Martinsen and John G. Neihardt*, by Hilda Martinsen Neihardt

The daughter of Nebraska's poet laureate tells how her parents, though each from different backgrounds, fell in love, married, raised a family, and grew old together. The daughter of an international financier, Mona Martinsen was studying sculpture in Paris under Auguste Rodin. Born into a pioneer family on the Great Plains, John Neihardt was a gifted but impoverished poet and writer. A small book of his poems, *Bundle of Myrrh*, initially attracted Mona to John.

RC 50158 *With This Ring: a Quartet of Charming Stories about Four Very Special Weddings*, by Lori Copeland, et al

Four short Christian romance stories set in the nineteenth century. In "Something Old" and "Something New," recent immigrants to America face difficulties with their love interests. In "Something Borrowed," Emma arrives at her inherited ranch to find an interloper. In "Something Blue," Norwegian Istrid reaches Louisiana and learns that her husband is dead.

RC 51077 *Random Hearts*, by Warren Adler

When Edward Davis and Vivien Simpson are informed that their respective spouses died together in a plane crash, they realize the two were having an affair. Shocked and hurt, the survivors turn to each other while they piece together the betrayal. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language.

RC 54680 *Love Stories of World War II*, compiled by Larry King

Television host Larry King narrates true tales of romance during the Second World War. Includes diverse memories of those who rushed into marriage, of some who met while training far from home, of war brides from abroad, and of a wounded soldier and his nurse.

RC 57490 *Brick Lane: a Novel*, by Monica Ali

Nazneen, an eighteen-year-old girl from a small Bangladesh village, is wed to much older Chanu in an arranged marriage and moves to London where her Muslim religious, social, and moral traditions clash with Western culture. Transformed by the experience, she embraces new freedoms and examines the role of fate in her life.

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RC 60314 *Don't Stop Laughing Now!: Stories to Tickle Your Funny Bone and Strengthen Your Faith*, compiled by Ann Spangler and Shari MacDonald

Seventy-eight stories, poems, jokes, and real-life anecdotes composed by women and men of faith, among them Martha Bolton, Patsy Clairmont, Ken Davis, Shari MacDonald, Barbara Johnson, Mark Lowry, and Dave Barry. Topics include kids, marriage, money,

eating, vacationing, illness, and shopping.

RC 61123 *Ginny: a Love Remembered*, by Bob Artley

Editorial cartoonist reminisces about his nearly fifty-year marriage with his wife, Ginny, whom he met when they both were in the service during World War II. Describes family and careers running small-town newspapers in the Midwest and Ginny's deterioration from Alzheimer's disease in the 1980s. ■

Ready for Digital?

Library of Congress is sending regular allocations of digital players, which we are assigning to talking book borrowers in good standing. A borrower is in good standing if they have no more than one Library of Congress cassette player in their possession at a time and have not demonstrated a pattern of lost or

damaged library materials.

The new player uses talking books on cartridge, which are also arriving at our library at a steady rate.

Borrowers who have these new books and players enjoy wonderful sound quality and ease of use. If you are ready for a digital player, please call your Readers Advisor. ■

New Cassette Books from Our Studios

Fiction

Prairie Sunsets

RC 1087

by Scott E. Miller

read by Marilee McPherson

1 cassette

After two years as homesteaders on the Nebraska prairie, the McKay family

enjoys living among neighbors in O'Neill. Claire's friendship with Caleb Clark blossoms into romance. The McKay's announce plans to sell the farm and move to Stuart, where they will manage a hotel, and Caleb begins university classes in Lincoln. Sequel to *Prairie Whispers* (RC 1086). For grades 6 to 9.

New Cassette Books from Our Studios

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Death in December

RC 1129

by Pam Broderick

read by Helena Whitaker

1 cassette

Emily Sinclair, a principal in a parochial school, investigates the death of Donna Brendell, a parishioner whose demise, it seems, would have been on many people's Christmas wish list. Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book One.

Nonfiction

One House: The Unicameral's Progressive Vision for Nebraska

RC 1043

by Charlyne Berens

read by Judy Hanefeldt

2 cassettes

In 1934 U.S. Senator George Norris urged Nebraskans to trade their bicameral, partisan legislature for a unicameral and nonpartisan legislature. With seventy years of experimentation behind it, Nebraska's unicameral still has many supporters and some detractors. The author interviews current and former state senators and legislative observers to consider how well the unicameral experiment has lived up to its progressive vision.

Interior Places

RC 1071

by Lisa Knopp

read by Marjory Gloe

2 cassettes

A collection of essays concerning the Midwest. Includes memoirs, travel writing, and natural history. The author describes the inner character of the Midwest, as revealed by history, shaped by nature, and lived by its inhabitants. Contains some strong language.

By Train They Came: Fragile Excess Baggage – Volume 1

RC 1117

by Charlotte Endorf and Sarah M. Endorf

read by Judy Hanefeldt

1 cassette

Personal stories of those who, as children, rode the Orphan Trains in order to be placed in foster homes. For grades 6 to 9.

Beyond the Final Score: There's More to Life Than the Game

RC 1125

by Tom Osborne

read by Gail Barnard

2 cassettes

Legendary former head football coach and U.S. congressman reflects on the lessons he has learned on and off the football field. His values and faith have guided him on such initiatives as the TeamMates mentoring program for youth at risk, and a training program for Iraqi women so they can change their country.

Golden Oldies From Our Studios

Here are more great books recorded in our studios in past years. To order, check the box next to the RC number and return this page to Talking Book and Braille Service, or contact your Readers Advisor

RC 1029 *Goodbye, Judge Lynch: the End of a Lawless Era in Wyoming's Big Horn Basin*, by John W. Davis
2 cassettes U.S. history

RC 1030 *The Good Journey: a Novel*, by Micaela Gilchrist
4 cassettes Historical novel

RC 1031 *Coal Camp Days: a Boy's Remembrance*, by Ricardo L. Garcia
2 cassettes Family novel

RC 1032 *The Man from Boot Hill: Burying the Past*, by Marcus Galloway
2 cassettes Western. Contains explicit descriptions of sex, violence, and strong

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Form and Mailing Instructions

Use pages 7 and 8 to mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put the page into an envelope and mail it to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

Big Red Report

Midwest Living

Nebraska Life

Nebraskaland

Trail Tales

RC 1028

RC 1043

RC 1071

RC 1087

RC 1117

RC 1125

RC 1129

RC 50158

RC 51077

RC 54680

RC 57490

RC 60314

RC 61123

More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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❑ **RC 1034** *The Book of Ralph: a Novel*, by John McNally

2 cassettes Modern novel

❑ **RC 1035** *Plains Bound: Fragile Cargo: Revealing Orphan Train Reality*, by Charlotte M. Endorf

1 cassette U. S. history

❑ **RC 1036** *Mountain City*, by Gregory Martin

1 cassette Biography

❑ **RC 1037** *The Seanachie*, by Bob Huerter

2 cassettes Historical fiction

❑ **RC 1038** *Chuck Hagel: Moving Forward*, by Charlyne Berens

2 cassettes Biography

❑ **RC 1039** *Allies and Mates: an American Soldier with Australians and New Zealanders in Vietnam, 1966-67*, by Gordon L. Steinbrook

2 cassettes Vietnam War.
Contains strong language and violence.

❑ **RC 1040** *Anna's Blizzard*, by Alison Hart

1 cassette Historical fiction.
For grades 3 to 5.

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