

ND News Voice

The *Grand Forks Herald* can now be accessed via telephone, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! The new service started February 3rd. It's called ND News Voice and is available to visually or physically impaired people for a charge of \$10 a month. You can now browse through the paper section-by-section or just listen to the things that interest you the most. It is read cover-to-cover by volunteers and is updated daily.

The new service is available through the North Dakota School for the Blind and was made possible through grants from the Otto Bremer Foundation, ND Department of Human Service Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Older Blind Program, and the ND State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Crystal Roy, Volunteer Services Coordinator at NDSFB, says they are working to provide this service in the Fargo area next. Roy says the service may be offered in the Fargo area in about one year. This is good news for visually and physically impaired people in the eastern part of the state, who previously have had no way of accessing their local newspapers. Interested people can try the new service for two weeks free of charge, to see if they would like to sign up for a subscription. If you are interested in more information about the service or volunteering to read the newspaper, please contact Crystal Roy, Volunteer Services Coordinator at 1-701-795-2713.

> Talking Books Service 1-800-843-9948 Dakota Radio Reading Service 1-701-328-4189 Machine Lending Agency 1-800-421-1181

Machine Problems?

We get numerous calls every week from patrons telling us their machines are not working properly, or the books they received are missing tapes. Of course there is always the possibility the machine needs to be repaired, or a tape may be missing from something we have sent you; but the most common reason for this kind of problem is not changing the side selector switch after listening to sides 1 & 2.

Our cassettes are recorded on four tracks instead of two tracks, and unless you switch the side selector to the proper setting, you won't be able to continue with your story. These instructions do not apply to you if you have an E-1 (easy) cassette machine, which changes sides automatically.

The side selector switch is the third switch from the bottom and is labeled "side." The switch should be pushed to the left to play sides 1 & 2, then you must push the selector to the right when listening to sides 3 & 4. You need to continue to do this throughout your book. The narrator of the book will also tell you at the end of the side whether or not to switch the side selector or switch the tape. If you have problems with your machine, please contact Judy at the North Dakota School for the Blind at 1-800-421-1181.

Ski For Light



The 18th Annual Regional Ski for

Light was held at Deer Mountain in South Dakota this past January. About 70 people participated in this year's event which gives visually impaired persons a chance to meet and compete with other skiers. Participants could compete in downhill or cross country ski events and take part in a number of other planned activities.

Our congratulations go out to all the participants and volunteers who helped make this event a success. The participants from North Dakota included: Rosie Lansom, Dave Harlow, Helen Deichert, Dave Sundeen, and Dick Ramsey. Dave Harlow, Dave Sundeen, and Helen Deichert each won 1st place in their divisions. All participants who finished their races, received a medal and trophies were awarded to the top places in each division.

ON THE SHELF



Here are some of the newest titles we've added to our collection

RC 42043 SUDDEN PREY

Fiction-Bestseller-Suspense (Strong Language-Violence) Author: John Sandford An imprisoned man seeks vengeance for the death of his wife and sister.

RC 42271 THE COVE

Fiction-Bestseller-Mystery (Violence-Strong Language-Sex) Author: Catherine Coulter Someone thinks Sally knows who murdered her father and it puts her life in danger.

RC 41830 DEAR JAMES

General Fiction-Friendship (Some Strong Language) Author: John Hassler A seventy-year-old woman travels to Ireland to meet her long time pen pal.

RC 41824 PARADISE WILD

Fiction-Romance (Explicit Sex) Author: Johanna Lindsey Corrine is looking for a man to marry so she can get control of her inheritance.

RC 42272 DOING SIMPLE MATH IN YOUR HEAD

Non Fiction-Mathematics Author: Butch Hoover Tips on rearranging and breaking up numbers in your head.

RC 42320 THE CLOISTER WALK

Non Fiction-Bestseller Author: Kathleen Norris Norris describes time spent at the St. John's Abbey and her immersion into the liturgical world.

RC 42343 BIOGRAPHY OF THE BLIND: THE LIVES OF ALL WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES AS POETS, PHILOSOPHERS, ARTISTS

Non Fiction-Handicapped Author: James Wilson Offers insights on the lives of blind people before the emancipators of the blind.

RC 42241 A BYZANTINE JOURNEY

Non Fiction-Travel Author: John Ash A five week journey from Istanbul through Anatolia with descriptions of historic sites and an account of the past.

KID'S CONNECTION

On The Shelf JUVENILE READING

RC 42440

Beast From The East Fiction-Juvenile-Grades 4-7 Author: R.L. Stine Ginger and her brothers get lost on a camping trip.

RC 42344

The Van Gogh Cafe Fiction-Juvenile-Grades 3-6 Author: Cynthia Rylant A little girl believes that the cafe she and her father own is full of magic.

RC 42152

Enchanted Storks: A Tale of Baghdad Fiction-Juvenile-Grades K-3 Author: Aaron Shepard A princess helps an enchanted stork get back to his home.

RC 42170 Bound For Oregon Fiction-Frontier Family-Grades 3-6 Author: Jean Van Leewen The journey of a pioneer family from Missouri to Oregon.



RC 42153

Science Projects About Weather Non Fiction-Weather-Grades 6-9 Author: Robert Gardner Twenty-two experiments designed to help you understand weather.

RC 42052

Everglades Non-Fiction-Juvenile-Nature-Grades K-3 Author: Jean Craighead George Naturalist describes life in the Everglades.

RC 41245

The Sweet and Sour Animal Book Non-Fiction-Juvenile-Grades Pre-2 Author: Langston Hughes A book of poems about animals whose names start with almost every letter in the alphabet.

RC 41556

Kindertransport Non-Fiction-Family-History Author: Olga Levy Drucker A little girl from Struttgart, Germany, describes her family's immigration to the United States.

Extended Service

Here's some exciting news for people who live in the towns of Hettinger, Beach, Tioga, Bowman, Crosby, and Harvey. Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) can now be heard by people living in these communities because of a project completed by Prairie Public Radio. Radio translators were installed in each of these towns and should give the needed power boost for people to pick up the DRIS daily broadcasts. Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the ND State Library has purchased additional receivers for these areas.

Patrons can hear broadcasts of daily newspapers from Minot, Bismarck, Jamestown, Valley City, Dickinson, and Williston over a special radio receiver. The program is provided free of charge to people who qualify because of a visual or physical impairment. If you are interested in more information on the service, please contact Shirley Ziegler-Leno at 1-800-843-9948.

Summer Reading Program

It's time to start thinking about summer and the annual summer reading program sponsored by the North Dakota State Library. This years theme is "Thrills and Chills" at the library and is open to children ages 6-14.

Everyone who signs up for the program will receive a packet of guidelines, catalogs and surprises. The dates to register for the program are April 21st - May 23rd. Prizes will be awarded to the top three readers in each category: ages 6-8, 9-11 and 12-14. All of the reading must be completed between May 26th and July 4th. To sign up for the program contact Stella or Terri at 1-800-843-9948 for registration information.

Last year's winners were Bryce Olson of Underwood and Jamie Goodburn of Lisbon. An awards ceremony was held at the ND State Library in honor of all the participants. Dr Wayne Sanstead, Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented Bryce and Jamie with certificates of participation, t-shirts and family passes to the Dakota Zoo in Bismarck. Exciting awards are planned for this years top readers.

Overdue Books

One question we are always asked is how long you may keep the books you receive. The guidelines that have been established by the ND State Library allow 12 weeks. We would appreciate it if you would follow this, so that other people waiting for a book have the opportunity to enjoy it too.

We sent out letters to a number of our patrons, letting them know they have overdue books checked out. Many of you called us and let us know what was going on or sent them back. We would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you received a letter and have any questions or problems concerning books you have checked out, please call us at 1-800-843-9948.

Extra Tapes?

If you happen to find an extra tape laying around that goes with a book you have already sent back to us, you may just put it in the case with another book you are sending back. We are getting quite a collection of books with missing tapes, so take a look around for any extras you may have and send them back to us when you can.

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