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## **Promoting Service**

North Dakota State Library Services for the Disabled kicked off a public awareness campaign this past May to promote the ND talking books program. The National Library of Congress produced and provided our library with public service announcements (PSA's) to help spread the word about free library service for print impaired citizens of North Dakota.

The PSA's were distributed to all television and radio stations in North Dakota and included information about the service as well as our toll-free number. The announcements are being broadcast in an effort to reach people who may not know about the services and who may benefit from talking books.

Stella Cone, Head of Services for the Disabled, said the media exposure has definitely reached our intended audience. "Since we started the campaign we have seen an increase in the number of calls inquiring about the program." Cone also said the coverage has made people more aware of the availability of programs for print impaired citizens.

North Dakota is the first state to receive these specially produced announcements to inform the public about the talking books program. We plan to continue our efforts to promote the talking books service as well as other services offered by the North Dakota State Library. We hope everyone who qualifies for the program has an opportunity to make use of this unique service.

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

## Moving On

Stella Cone, Head of the ND Services for the Disabled, has taken another position within the ND State Library. Stella has been promoted to Head of Reference Services for the library. She has already assumed her duties in that department but will continue working part-time with Services for the Disabled until a new director is hired.

Stella has been with the State Library since the talking books program began in the fall of 1995. She said the program has come a long way since then and said leaving her present position was a very hard decision to make. "I have enjoyed working with the great staff in the department and getting to know so many people across the state. I look forward to serving you in a different role at the State Library."

## Talking Book Readers

The ND State Library's talking book program serves people of many ages. We now have almost twenty-four-hundred active patrons. Some of them are over 100 years old and still enjoy listening to books! Here is a breakdown of the ages of our patrons.

### Ages

100 and over=13  
90-99=174  
80-89=423  
70-79=223  
60-69=121  
50-59=116

40-49=128  
30-39=84  
20-29=308  
10-19=342  
2 under=10  
other=402

(hospitals, schools, nursing homes)

## FOCVI Weekend

The second annual Families of Children with Visual Impairments (FOCVI) Weekend is scheduled for October 1-2 in Bismarck at the Doublewood Inn.

The weekend will include activities for the entire family. Childcare will be provided on Saturday so that you may relax, listen to the presenters and connect with other parents. The topics that will be addressed include low vision and daily living skills. A panel of people with visual impairments will share some of their experiences while growing up.

If you have any questions about the weekend, please contact Cheryl at the North Dakota School for the Blind at 1-800-421-1181.

**On the Shelf**  
Christian Fiction



RC 35977

**The King's Daughter**

Author: Isabella MacDonald  
Alden

Dell Bronson returns to New England to run her father's tavern. Her devotion to God will have a profound effect on her father and the town.

RC 29252

**This Present Darkness**

Author: Frank Peretti

An unknown force in the town of Ashton is trying to destroy this peaceful town but only the prayers of a few people can prevail against this evil force.

RC 41835

**The Gift**

Author: Davis T. Bunn

Two women find their spirituality growing after meeting during a stay in the hospital.

RC 45291

**Blind Faith**

Author: Judith Pella

Irene Lorenzo regains her faith while seeking out answers to the mysterious death of her ex-husband.

RC 46710

**No Strange Fire**

Author: Ted Wojtasik

An Amish boy who is a suspect in a series of blazes is missing.

RC 44194

**At Home in Mitford**

Author: Jan Karon

After years as a priest in the village of Mitford, Father Tom wonders if he should move on, then things began to change. *(Book one of a four part series)*

ND 00045

**Mountain's Son**

Author: Gloria Brandt

A new woman moves to town and tugs at Caleb's heart.

RC 21210

**Julie**

Author: Catherine Marshall

A newspaper reporter crusades against the ruthless owners of a steel mill.

RC 45992

**Shiloh Autumn**

Author: Bodie Thoene

The Tucker family loses its farm in the cotton market crash of 1931 and must go in search of a new life in California.

RC 30863

**Joshua**

Author: Joseph Girzone

When a woodcarver named Joshua moves to town and starts healing the sick, many people start asking questions.

## **Christian Non-Fiction**

RC 45709

### **Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul**

Author: Jack Canfield

A collection of over 100 inspirational stories intended to increase Christian values at home, at work and in the community.

RC 39962

### **How to Listen to God**

Author: Charles Stanley

The author offers help in learning how to distinguish God's voice from others and how to listen to Him through His scriptures, The Holy Spirit and Godly people.

RC 34978

### **Daily Reflections**

Author: Helen Steiner Rice

Bible scriptures are combined with inspirational poetry in this collection of meditations. Each selection ends with a brief prayer.

RC 42182

### **A Prophet with Honor**

Author: William C. Martin

In this authorized biography of evangelist Billy Graham, Martin portrays Graham as a man who is more interested in theology than in administrative duties.

RC 38973

### **More Than a Carpenter**

Author: Josh McDowell

McDowell used to think that Christians were "out of their minds" to believe that Jesus Christ was God. He has since changed his beliefs and now argues with those who believe as he once did.

RC 41164

### **When God Whispers Your Name**

Author: Max Lucado

Lucado explains his theory that God knows each person as an individual, not as part of a group and that if you listen to God he will ease your doubts and sorrows.

ND 00037

### **Growing up Lutheran**

Author: Janet Letness Martin

A rather humorous expose' of what it was like growing up in the Lutheran faith in North Dakota.

RC 42688

### **A Nonchurchgoer's Guide to the Bible**

Author: Michael Gantt

A nonsectarian overview of the Bible for persons who have an interest in "The Good Book," but little knowledge of it. It suggests how one might go about reading the best-selling book of all times.

## More Magazines

A company called the Associated Services for the Blind offers magazines that are not presently available through the National Library of Congress talking books service. The following magazines are available on four-track cassette for an annual subscription fee.

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| 1-Anthropology/Archaeology \$36.00       | 13-Pennsylvania Magazine \$28.00 |
| 2-Civil War Times Illustrated \$28.00    | 14-Popular Mechanics \$36.00     |
| 3-Computers \$36.00                      | 15-Popular Science \$36.00       |
| 4-Computerworld \$42.00                  | 16-Psychology Today \$30.00      |
| 5-Discover \$42.00                       | 17-Radio Digest \$36.00          |
| 6-Family Circle \$42.00                  | 18-Science News \$48.00          |
| 7-Forbes \$57.00                         | 19-Science and Medicine \$48.00  |
| 8-Fortune \$57.00                        | 20-Scientific American \$48.00   |
| 9-Harvard's Women's Health Watch \$36.00 | 21-Skeptical Inquirer \$22.00    |
| 10-Harvard Men's Healthwatch \$36.00     | 22-Smithsonian Magazine \$36.00  |
| 11-Ms. Magazine \$36.00                  | 23-Taste of Home Cooking \$28.00 |
| 12-Organic Gardening \$36.00             | 24-Trains Magazine 36.00         |

For information on how to order these magazine titles contact ND State Library Services for the Disabled at 1-800-843-9948.

## Volunteers

First Lady Nancy Jones Schafer addressed the North Dakota State Library volunteers at this year's recognition event. Schafer was the keynote speaker at the fifteenth annual volunteer recognition day held at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. She praised everyone for their contribution to the ND State Library and to disabled citizens of ND.

The theme for this year's event was "Celebrate the Magic of Volunteering." The library has over 60 volunteers who gave almost 3,000 hours of service over the past year.

Special recognition was given to volunteers Bud Schaeffer, Tommi Schaeffer and Jeannine Christy for individually donating 300 or more hours of service to the library.



*ND First Lady Nancy Jones Schafer visits with volunteers (right to left) Noah and Seth Bicknell with their mother Sue at this year's recognition ceremony.*

## **Patron Requests**

We get a number of calls from patrons inquiring about why they did not receive all of the books they had ordered.

One reason could be that some of the books you ordered are checked out to other patrons and may not be available at this time; this is especially true with many of the new releases. Another reason could be that you have run out of requests in your file and you need to provide us with more requests.

Here are a few suggestions to try so that you do not run out of books:

- *Try to order as many books as you can at a time. We usually suggest an order of at least 20 or more, that way there is a better chance that some of them are available.*
- *If you do not get a shipment of books at the time you normally do, please contact us to see if they have been mailed out recently or there is some other reason you have not received your regular shipment of talking books.*

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