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Director Hired

The North Dakota State Library recently hired a new director to head the ND Services for the Disabled. Traci Juhala began working as the new director in early November, and says she is excited about her new duties.

She was already employed as a cataloger and reference librarian with the library, but says this position opens up a new world for her. One of her goals is to look at



Traci Juhala is the new Director of ND State Library Services for the Disabled

expanding current services, and make sure the people who need the program feel welcome to use what is already available.

Juhala holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of North Dakota in Music and Norwegian. She also received a master's degree in Scandinavian Studies from the University of Edinburgh and a master of science degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is a native of North Dakota and a member of the Bismarck/Mandan Symphony Orchestra.

Former Services for the Disabled Director Stella Cone has been promoted to Head of Reference Department at the State Library.

ND Services for the Disabled offers talking books and a radio reading service of daily

newspapers to all citizens of North Dakota who qualify due to a visual, physical, or reading impairment. Please contact us at 1-800-843-9948 or 328-1408 for more information about the services that are available.

Famous Voices

Listeners of Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) were treated to a variety of Christmas stories performed by some famous North Dakotans. Each Wednesday during the month of December some well-known North Dakotans could be heard over the airwaves of DRIS Radio reciting some of their favorite holiday stories.

Governor Ed Schafer presented *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and Nancy Jones Schafer read a book titled *The Christmas Visitor*. Senator Kent Conrad was on hand to read *The Polar Express*, and Public Service Commissioner Leo Reinbold told of some of his Christmas memories as a child. Former KXMB weather reporter Faune Riggin wrote her own story about Christmas at the Riggins house titled *Momma's Little Christmas Elves*, and former Lt. Governor Lloyd Omdahl gave his personal analysis of *A Visit From Saint Nicholas*.



ND Senator Kent Conrad treats listeners to "The Polar Express" for the DRIS Christmas special.



Faune Riggin reads a Christmas story she wrote about her own children.



Former Lt. Governor Lloyd Omdahl performs his rendition of "A Visit from St. Nicholas".



Public Service Commissioner Leo Reinbold reflects back on Christmas with his family.

On the Shelf Adult Series

Series: Red River of the North

This series is a fictional account of pioneer life in the Dakota Territory.

Author: Lauraine Snelling

Book Numbers and Titles
1 ND 00048 Untamed Land

2 ND 00049 New Day Rising

#3 ND 00050 Land to Call Home

4 ND 00066 Reapers Song

5 ND 00087 Dakota Dawn

Series: Daughters of Dakota

This series is a true account of the women who pioneered in South Dakota.

Author: Sally Roesch Wagner

Book Numbers and Titles

1 ND 00081 A Sampler

2 ND 00082 Stories from the Attic

3 ND 00091 Stories of Friendship

4 ND 00092 Schooled in Privation

5 ND 00093 The Long Stories

6 ND 00094 From the Black Hills

Series: Left Behind

This series is about a priest who forms

a force to fight the Antichrist.

Author: Tim Lahaye

Book Numbers and Titles

1 RC 47462 Left Behind

2 RC 47463 Tribulation Force

3 RC 47464 Nicolae (not available;

in process

4 RC 47465 Soul Harvest (not

available; in process)



Series: Brotherhood of War

A series about the intertwined lives of professional army men and their families.

Author: W.E.B. Griffith

Book Numbers and Titles

1 RC 23292 The Lieutenants

2 RC 23293 The Captains

3 RC 23294 The Majors

4 RC 23295 The Colonels

5 RC 23377 The Berets

6 RC 24466 The Generals

7 RC 27738 The New Breed

8 RC 29212 The Aviators

Series: Rinehart Suspense Novel

This series is about a spunky copturned-private detective who takes on a variety of cases including murder, fraud, and missing persons.

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Author: Sue Grafton

Book Numbers and Titles # 1 RC 35069 A is for Alibi

2 RC 23778 B is for Burgler

3 RC 24838 C is for Corpse

4 RC 26296 D is for Deadbeat

5 RC 27723 E is for Evidence

6 RC 29054 F is for Fugitive

7 RC 31982 G is for Gumshoe

8 RC 33018 H is for Homicide

9 RC 34020 I is for Innocent

#10 RC 35906 J is for Judgement

#11 RC 39664 K is for Killer

#12 RC 40689 L is for Lawless

#13 RC 42875 M is for Malice

#14 RC 46116 N is for Noose

Note: If you are interested in ordering a series, you will be responsible for calling the library and letting us know which titles you are in need of.

On the Shelf Juvenile Series

This is a science fiction series where aliens invade Rod Albrechts' bedroom and his life.

Author: Bruce Coville

Book Numbers and Titles

1 RC 40831 Aliens Ate My

Homework

2 RC 40832 Left my Sneakers in

Dimension X

This series is about some miniature plastic figurines that come to life and bring a magical twist to a boy's life.

Author: Lynne Reid Banks

Book Numbers and Titles

1 RC 18512 The Indian in the Cupboard

2 RC 27800 The Return of the Indian

3 RC 35632 The Secret of the Indian

4 RC 36485 The Mystery of the Cupboard

Series: Chronicles of Narnia

This series is about a world of wicked dragons and magical spells and the best is brought out of even the most evil of people.

Author: C.S. Lewis
Book Numbers and Titles

1 RC 16982 The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe

2 RC 16984 Prince Caspian

3 RC 16985 Voyage of the Dawn

Treader

4 RC 16986 Silver Chair

5 RC 17438 Horse and His Boy

6 RC 16987 Magician's Nephew

7 RC 16988 Last Battle



Series: Golden Filly

This series is about a teenage girl and her love for her horse, as well as some of life's harder lessons.

Author: Lauraine Snelling Book Numbers and Titles

1 RC 38829 Race

2 RC 38830 Eagle's Wings

3 RC 38831 Go for the Glory

4 RC 38832 Kentucky Dreamer

5 RC 38833 Call for Courage

6 RC 38834 Shadow Over San

Mateo

7 RC 38835 Out of the Mist

8 RC 38836 Second Wind

9 RC 38837 Close Call

#10 RC 45825 Winner's Circle

Series: The Baby-Sitters Club

This is a series of books about a group of friends who form a club because they enjoy taking care of kids and being together.

Author: Ann M. Martin Book Numbers and Titles

1 RC 28392 Kristy's Great Idea

2 RC 28497 Claudia and the

Phantom Phone Calls

3 RC 28513 The Truth About Stacy

4 RC 28514 Mary Anne Saves the Day

Equipment Figures

The National Library of Congress furnishes machines and accessories to all of the libraries involved in providing talking book service to the patrons of their states. Here is a breakdown of the cost of some of the equipment and accessories that are available free of charge to patrons who use the service:

Fiscal Year 1999 Costs

Equipment			4500
Talking Book Machine	\$189.00	Batteries	\$9.75
Cassette Book Machine	\$221.00	Pillowphone	\$7.97
Cassette-EZ Book Machine	\$160.20	Breath Switch	\$50.00
Combination Machine	\$435.00	Amplifier Device \$60.00	
Remote Control	\$77.00	Headphones	\$14.00
Extension Lever	\$7.10		

Reading Materials

Cassette Books		Braille Books (per copy)	
English-Language Title	\$5.33	Press Braille	\$92.05
Foreign-Language title Duplicated titles	\$5.97 \$1.87	Print Braille	\$22.15
(Volunteer recorded)			

Magazines (per subscription)

Braille magazine	\$59.85	
Cassette magazine	\$45.43	
Flexible-disc magazine	\$23.44	

Note: If you have equipment or talking books that you are no longer using, we would appreciate it if you would return them for other patrons to use.

TV for the Blind

Television and movie programming is now available world-wide on the internet via their web site at http://www.narrativetv.com. The Tulsa based Narrative Television Network (NTN) has made their programming available free of charge, 24-hours-aday, seven days a week, and users can enjoy the programs on demand.

The Emmy Award-winning Narrative Television Network has made television, movies, and live Broadway productions accessible to blind and visually impaired people since 1988 by adding the voice of a narrator to existing programming soundtracks. In addition to the internet, NTN offers their programming via broadcast, cable and satellite, and includes 1,200 affiliates across North America.

NTN president Jim Stovall says this new technology will serve 13 million blind and visually impaired Americans, as well as millions more around the world.

Some of the titles available at your fingertips are: The Last of the Mohicans, The Perils of Pauline, Catherine the Great, and The Scarlet Pimpernel.

Loan Policy Changes From Three Months to Six Weeks

The new millenium will bring changes for our library. More and more North Dakotans are using the talking book service, and the recent growth has motivated us to re-evaluate our loan policy for talking books.

To serve our patrons better we are changing our loan period from three months to six weeks. This will enable our patrons to receive newer titles more quickly. This change will take effect on June 1, 2000.

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