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State Library Volunteer Event

At the annual Volunteer Recognition Event, volunteers had the pleasure and opportunity to meet Lauraine Snelling. Lauraine is one of the most popular authors with patrons and volunteer narrators enjoy recording her books, so, it seemed only fitting to invite Lauraine to be the guest speaker.

The event was held on Friday evening, May 18, at Trinity Lutheran Community Center. The celebration was well attended and well received. Her program was titled, "The Story Behind the Story," where she shared that behind each of her books is her own personal story or connection. Barnes and Noble sold her books at the event and Lauraine held a book signing.



Volunteer narrators who have recorded Lauraine's books for the State Library. From left: Rae Bloom, Diane Weber, Rebecca Sundhagen, Dorothy Schmitz, Lauraine Snelling, Sally Fleig, Lori Orser, Julie Cronin-Skaret, and Mary Ann Meidinger.

Volunteers contributed a total of 4,297.25 hours to the State Library between April 2006 and March 2007. Volunteers receiving recognition for the hours they accumulated over the years were: 300 hours – Dick Smith, Victor Lemke, Cheryl Bailey, and Jan Bond; 750 hours – Gerry MacMartin; 1000 hours – Diane Weber; and 1500 hours – Arlene Olson and Eva Braun.

The State Library is very grateful for the time and work that volunteers give to help make the Talking Books and DRIS programs successful.

HATS OFF TO THE VOLUNTEERS!!



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- Dakota Radio Reading Service..... 1-701-328-2185
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DRIS Booth Remodeled



Before

Spring is the time for renewal, and the North Dakota Lions Club did just that for DRIS by remodeling the recording booth. The Bismarck Lions Club headed the project and did a beautiful job of completely refurbishing the booth. A new ventilation system was installed, painting was done, new paneling applied, trim added, and additional sound insulation and new carpet were installed. A new plaque was mounted, indicating the booth is "Another Project of the Lions of North Dakota."



Bismarck Lions Club members who worked on the project were Oscar Blaskowski, Karl Venneberg, Bob Ebbesen, Bruce Schwartz, and Jenny Yearous. The State Library is grateful for their hard work, time, and funding of this project.



After

A Few Words About...Books in Series



A common concern with patrons is that they often have to read books in a series out of sequential order. Currently, the version of the database that's used to service customers does not allow for reserving books in a series so that they may be delivered in sequential order. There are generally two types of books in a series: one that follows a main storyline and one that seems to follow a certain character or characters. It is often the series of books that follow a single, main storyline or a developing theme that must be read in sequential order or the reader will miss critical information to the story. Series of books that follow a certain character or characters can sometimes be read out of sequential order because each book represents a different event in a character's life. If you feel as though you have received a book that is part of a series that must be read in sequence, please call Talking Books at 1-800-843-9948 or 701-328-1408 to see if the previous titles are available. Keep in mind that some of the early titles in a series may be quite old and difficult to acquire because of damage or condition of the book.

On the Shelf

ND 00022

Mostly Amusing, Always Amazing True Memories: North Dakota Seniors Tell Their Stories

Author: Everett C. Albers

Ninety-six North Dakota seniors, 50-something to almost 100-years-old, responded to the Governor's Committee on Aging contest to tell the amusing incidents from the past they most remembered. The authors remember hunting skunks, learning to drive with a Model-T Ford, and Christmas memories. Among the tales told are such titles as "Honeymooning on the Farm," "Halloween Humor," "Buy Mother's Basket," and "She Thought She Pulled Off Kitty's Tail." 1996.

ND 00046

Persian Pickle Club

Author: Sandra Dallas

As the crops wither without rain, members of the "Persian Pickle Club" keep up their spirits by swapping gossip and fabric scraps while quilting. The bonds among the "stitch and itch" ladies are tested when a newcomer investigates a murder in the small Kansas town of the 1930s. 1995.

ND 00056

The Little White Schoolhouse on the Prairie.

Author: Elfreda Ziniel. A history of elementary education in North Dakota. The main purpose of this book is to preserve the history of the little white schoolhouse on the prairie. 1998.

ND 00119

Dakota Day Trips

Authors: Cliff Naylor & Monica Hannan
Based on Cliff Naylor's "Off the Beaten Path" series on KFYZ-TV, this guidebook describes 75 sites of interest in North Dakota. Most are historical in nature. Directions for how to find the sites are included, as well as a brief synopsis of what can be found there and a contact number whenever possible. 1999.

ND 00134

Homesteading on the Knife River Prairies

Author: Pauline Neher Diede

Pauline Neher Diede describes the lives and struggles of Germans from Russia immigrants living in North Dakota and adapting to Anglo-Saxon America. 1983. A prequel to ND 00135 "Prairie Was Home."

ND 00135

Prairie Was Home

Author: Pauline Neher Diede

An account of Pauline Neher's life, written by herself, of life on the prairie from 1916 to 1936. This book offers a portrait of the traditional, strongly religious, hard-working German-Russian immigrants, and why they insisted on staying and taming the treeless, isolated prairie. A sequel to ND 00134 "Homesteading on the Knife River Prairies." 1986.

ND 00257

Until They Bring the Streetcars Back

Author: Stanley Gordon West

In St. Paul, Minnesota in 1949, Cal Gant's father drives a streetcar. Cal's life as a student at St. Paul Central High is fairly typical, until he meets Gretchen Lutterman, a plain, haunted-looking girl. He befriends her and learns about her family, plagued by abuse, incest, and even murder. His involvement with Gretchen involves Cal in petty crime, jail time, and nearly costs him his life. This is the story of a friend who refuses to turn away from horrifying reality. Prequel to "Finding Laura Buggs" (ND 00281). Some strong language and violence. 1997.

ND 00281

Finding Laura Buggs

Author: Stanley Gordon West

Sandy Meyer, an adopted, bright, and outgoing high school student, obtains an enigmatic clue to her family's past. This tale of long-hidden treachery is told in the richly nostalgic setting of 1949 Saint Paul, Minnesota. Sequel to "Until They Bring the Streetcars Back" (ND 00257). 1999.



ND 00302

Sanctuary

Author: Beverly Lewis

When her past comes back to haunt her, Melissa James leaves the husband and home she loves for the safety of an Amish community. Her husband, Ryan, is also dealing with destructive secrets from his own path. A suspenseful novel about spiritual healing. 2001.

ND 00328

Growing an Inch

Author: Stanley Gordon West

1949 Saint Paul, Minnesota. Donny Cunningham has lost his mother, and his father has a drinking problem. Donny struggles to keep his family together and still have time to enjoy his senior year at Saint Paul Central High School. Sequel to "Finding Laura Buggs" (ND 00281). 2003.

ND 00329

Daughter of Joy

Author: Kathleen Morgan

This series focuses on the women who marry into the MacKay family of Colorado. Abigail Stanton, after losing her husband and son, accepts employment as housekeeper for Conor MacKay and his young daughter. Prequel to "Woman of Grace." 1999.

ND 00435

A Vast and Open Plain:

The Writings of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in ND, 1804-1806

Author: Clay Jenkinson

This is the first book to feature all the journal entries, reports, and letters written within a single state by the members of the Corps of Discovery during their 215 days while in what is now known as North Dakota. 2003

ND 00437

Take This Job and Ship It

Author: Byron L. Dorgan

Senator Byron Dorgan is concerned that while

the exporting of jobs may be good for the giant corporations, it is a disaster for America as a whole. He offers a refreshing, bold strategy for putting our country back on track and America's preeminence in the world. 2006.

ND 00440

The Dream Maker

Author: Monica Hannan

An inspiring story about North Dakota native Patrick Atkinson who has given his life to helping others through his missionary work. Atkinson founded The GOD'S Child Project in order to help children in third world countries. 2006.

ND 00442

Where Seldom was Heard a Discouraging Word

Author: William L. Guy

Governor Guy was North Dakota's governor from 1961 until 1973 and is one of the most beloved public figures in the history of the state. Bill Guy writes a collection of humorous, poignant, yet deeply warming memories from his life. With his gift for description, he captures the major events and personalities of politics in North Dakota and the nation as well. 1992.

ND 00443

More Dakota Day Trips

Authors: Cliff Naylor & Monica Hannan

Based on Cliff Naylor's "Off the Beaten Path" series on KFYZ-TV, this second book features many new and interesting sites to explore, plus some fascinating stories about some of the state's little-known historical figures. Directions for how to find sites are included, as well as brief synopsis of what can be found there and contact numbers whenever possible. 2001.

ND 00444

Brushstroke Legacy

Author: Lauraine Snelling

Ragni Clauson, who is struggling with her job and her father's Alzheimer's disease, reluctantly spends her vacation fixing up her great-

grandmother's cabin and supervising her rebellious teenage niece, Erika. As they begin to clean, they uncover the secret paintings and life of Nilda, Ragni's great-grandmother, it is here that Ragni realizes how much she has in common with her great-grandmother. 2006.

ND 00446

Family Ties

Author: Bonnie K. Winn

Cindy Thompson moved all the way across Texas to escape her feelings for her future brother-in-law. When Flynn Mallory is widowed, Cindy finds that she is needed, especially his little triplet girls need her love. Moving to Rosewood is the last thing Flynn ever thought he would be doing, let alone setting foot in a church after all these years. Flynn discovers the one thing he needed to heal his battered heart was closer than he ever imagined.... 2002.

ND 00451

Sharing a Legacy

Author: Donovan C. Witham

Donovan Witham and his wife Betty, founded the West Fargo Pioneer, a weekly publication which expanded its printing services to a wide array of publications. This memoir came about from the encouragement of his daughter Kathy, who would ask him, "Dad tell me about you."

ND 06087

Crimson Mountain

Author: Grace Livingston Hill

Laurel Sheridan, once wealthy and sheltered but now orphaned, gets a job teaching school in the little town of Carrollton near Crimson Mountain. Phil Pilgrim, who is home from the army to sell the old family homestead to the government for a munitions plant, rescues her from danger. Then, at her boarding house, she

discovers a plot to blow up the munitions plant. Her tender reunion with Phil in the midst of disaster is a thrilling climax to a timely story. For high school and adult readers. 1975.

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DRIS Evening Schedule:

Monday through Friday (Central Time)

6:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Jamestown Sun &
Valley City Times

6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m. Williston Daily Herald
& Dickinson Press

7:00 p.m.—7:45 p.m. Minot Daily News

7:45 p.m.—8:15 p.m. Features

8:15 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Bismarck Tribune

DRIS Daytime Schedule:

Monday through Friday (Central Time)

2:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m. Jamestown Sun &
Valley City Times

2:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Williston Daily Herald
& Dickinson Press

3:00 p.m.—3:45 p.m. Minot Daily News

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Features

4:15 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Bismarck Tribune



Weekly Specials: Weekend obituaries are read every Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; grocery ads for Bismarck, Mandan, and Jamestown are read every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and grocery ads for Minot, Williston, and Dickinson are read every Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.


Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *Where can I find more information about the new digital talking book machine?*

A: Visit the National Library Service (NLS) home page at <http://www.loc.gov/nls>. Here you can find information and pictures of the new digital talking book machine.

Q: *When the new digital talking book machines come out, will I get one right away? How many books will be available?*

A: NLS plans to release some new digital talking book machines in 2008. NLS program recommendations are that veterans who want them be offered the new machines before other patrons. Since 2002, NLS has been digitally recording new books, so that by 2008 when the new machines are released, they expect to have 20,000 titles available for circulation.



Spring Cleaning

Please look around your home and send back any books that you are finished reading. Timely return of books and materials means others can read the book next without having to wait so long. Overdues were recently sent out; getting your account in good standing will be important in the transition to digital books.

Q: *Is it true that digital books will be available for download from NLS?*

A: Beginning in 2008, older titles originally produced in digital format by NLS between 2003 and 2007, analog to digital titles, and older RC titles now in digital format will be available for download. The download capability will enable readers with Internet access enrolled in the download program, to obtain digital talking books directly from the NLS Web site.



We Need To Know If You Are A Veteran

With the coming of the new digital machines, the National Library Service recommends that veterans receive priority in the distribution of the digital machines. Your help in notifying the State Library if you are a veteran would be greatly appreciated. Please call 1-800-843-9948 or 701-328-1408.

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