



# Discovery

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DOCUMENT

## Digital Talking Book Player and Cartridge

The National Library Service will begin distributing new digital talking book machines and books on flash memory cartridges in 2008.

### Here are some features of the new digital talking book machine:

- 24-hour battery life, with capacity to recharge in two hours.
- One-third the size and one-half the weight of the current C1 machine.
- Turns off after 30 minutes of non-play.
- Sleep mode available.
- No moving parts.
- Built in audio prompts make it easy to learn how to operate the machine.
- Significantly better audio quality than the C1.
- Large, well-spaced, color-coded control keys that are easier to press.
- Full range remote control.
- Remembers where you left off (if you are reading more than one book).



### Features of the new digital talking books:

- 95 percent of the titles will fit on one cartridge.
- Slightly smaller than cassettes but easy to insert with an audible signal when inserted.
- Large print labeling with Braille.
- The cartridge needs no rewinding.

The players will not be available for distribution until spring of 2008. Not all patrons will receive the new player the first year; therefore, circulation of audiocassette books and cassette players will continue for some time after 2008. The C-1 cassette machines will be around until at least 2014.

Talking Books Service..... 1-800-843-9948  
 Dakota Radio Reading Service..... 1-701-328-2185  
 Machine Lending Agency..... 1-800-421-1181



## OVERDUE BOOKS



We will now be sending overdue letters every three months to notify patrons of items that are past due. In order to fill all of our patrons' requests in a timely manner, we ask that when you are finished with a book, please return it to the State Library as soon as possible so it will be available for the next patron. Books and magazines have a checkout period of six weeks. If a longer period is needed, they may be renewed for an additional six weeks. Please give us a call if you have any questions concerning this matter.

## A FEW WORDS ABOUT EXCLUSIONS

An exclusion is a term used by the Talking Book library to describe the subject matter and other characteristics of a book that patrons do not wish to receive. For instance, if a customer does not want to receive books with strong language, then an exclusion is added to his/her reading preferences so that he or she doesn't receive any books containing strong language. The majority of exclusions on customer accounts are for books with strong language, violence, and/or sexually explicit material. The problem with these exclusions is that they sometimes keep patrons from receiving books by their favorite authors. For example, Danielle Steel, who writes widely popular romance novels, has 76 titles recorded, and only 16 are without strong language, violence, or sexually explicit material. The same holds true for Nora Roberts; of her 90 titles, none are without strong language, violence, and/or sexually explicit material. The exclusions don't just pertain to authors of romance novels. For instance, the mystery author Sue Grafton has 20 titles, and only three are without exclusions. If you've requested books by a favorite author and haven't been receiving very many, it could be because your exclusions are preventing you from getting them.

Please call us at (701) 328-1408 or toll-free at 1-800-843-9948 if you would like to reassess your reading preferences. Just think, many of our bedtime stories, like Goldie Locks and the Three Bears, would qualify as a violent exclusion in our catalog.

## COMMERCIALLY RECORDED BOOKS

*JUST TO LET YOU KNOW*-The National Library Service is purchasing more commercially recorded audio books in order to get books to patrons faster. In the past, it has sometimes taken as long as one year after a book is published until it is recorded and ready for distribution to Talking Book patrons. NLS changes the commercial tape speed to 15/16 ips, adds a four-track format, and inserts side announcements before distributing these tapes to libraries. Many of the books may also have background music.

## SPEED CONTROLS

If your tape is running too fast and sounds like Donald Duck, check to be sure that your speed selector switch is still set at 15/16. The speed selector switch is directly above the side selector switch on the right side of the machine. Another trick is to take the tape out and tap it firmly on a hard surface, which quite often will solve the problem.

# On the Shelf

## Winter 2007



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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ND 00055

### Legacy of North Dakota Country Schools

Author: Warren A. Henke

North Dakota citizens recount history of North Dakota's country schools. A legacy of the teachers who educated 90 percent of the state's students at the beginning of the 20th century.

ND 00419

### Return; Redemption #3

Author: Karen Kingsbury

After September 11, Luke Baxter leaves his family, his faith, and Reagan. Luke has no idea that he is about to be a father. A young firefighter is working to bring the Baxters together again. Sequel to ND 00418 "Remember."

ND 00420

### Rejoice; Redemption #4

Author: Karen Kingsbury

A pool party for Brooke and Peter's two daughters ends in disaster for three-year old Hayley. Peter tries to ease his grief in illegal ways that could destroy his life and his relationship with Brooke. In New York, a wedding takes place that is cause to celebrate. Sequel to ND 00419 "Return."

ND 00421

### Reunion; Redemption #5

Author: Karen Kingsbury

While planning a Baxter family reunion, one of the Baxter children receives a deadly diagnosis which threatens to tear the family apart. Instead, the Baxters remember that love always wins and that God reigns. Sequel to ND 00419 "Rejoice."

ND 00272

### Dakota Cowboy: My Life in the Old Days

Author: Ike Blasingame

Ike Blasingame was a Texas cowboy who went to the Cheyenne Indian Reservation lands in the Dakotas in 1904. He tells of life on the range during the years of the big cattle outfits. 1958.

ND 00436

### Natural Cures "They" Don't Want You to Know About

Author: Kevin Trudeau

This reveals Kevin Trudeau's story on how the advertising of drugs directly to the consumer is pushing the use to an all-time high and causing disease and illness to near epidemic levels. He shares many alternative therapies, medical practices, philosophies and potential cures that help your body regain its natural state of health.

**ND 00296**

**Second Helpings of Cream and Bread**

Author: Janet Letnes Martin

Further remembrances of rural life among Scandinavian-Americans. Includes a list of foods needed for a proper church basement lutefisk feed.

**ND 00439**

**The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers**

Author: Amy Hollingsworth

This is an intimate portrait of the real Mister Rogers that focuses on his spiritual legacy; teaching children for over 30 years the basic principles of the Christian faith - forgiveness, kindness, compassion, respect, and love.

**ND 00441**

**Did You Know That...?**

Author: Curt Eriksmone

This book is a collection of newspaper columns, written by Curt Eriksmoen, focusing on notable people, places, and events concerning North Dakota.

**ND 00438**

**A Promise for Ellie; Daughters of Blessing #1**

Author: Lauraine Snelling

Andrew Bjorkland and Ellie Wold plan to marry after harvest but will it take place. Here we follow the story of the blessings and hardships that Andrew and Ellie experience while preparing for their upcoming marriage.

**ND 00316**

**The Pattern; American Quilt #1**

Author: Jane Peart

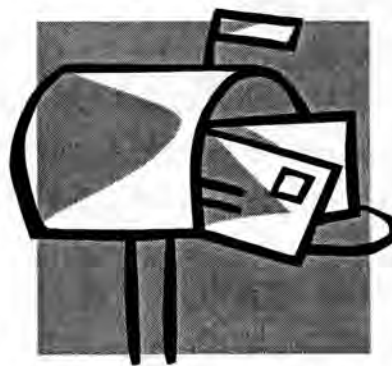
Johanna Shelby forsakes her life of ease and privilege to join her new husband, Dr. Ross Davison, whose practice takes them to the mountains of Appalachia.

**ND 05019**

**The Pledge; American Quilt #2**

Author: Jane Peart

Johanna's daughter falls in love with a seminary student who is cast out from the southern community when he chooses to fight for the North. Sequel to ND 00316 "The Pattern; American Quilt."



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**KEEPING UP WITH YOUR ACCOUNT!**

We appreciate it when patrons contact us with any changes to account information such as: name, address, phone number, e-mail address, contact person, and person authorized to act on your behalf. It is important to keep this information current at all times. If you move temporarily within the state or to another state (such as winter in Arizona), we can send materials to your temporary address. Please notify us of these changes even if you do not care to receive books at your temporary address.

**IMPROVING YOUR SERVICE**

There are several things that you can do to help make books available as quickly as possible to you and all of our patrons. Each cassette book is opened and examined when it is returned. The books are checked for completeness, for damage, and to see if all tapes have been rewound. You can play an important role in maintaining good quality service by rewinding every cassette when you have finished reading it. If you have listened to all four sides of a cassette, then the tape is already perfectly rewound. If not, place the cassette Braille side up into your machine, and push the rewind button. Rewinding and correct placement can prevent damage to the tapes while in transit. Also, please be sure that the correct tapes are in the container before returning the book. It helps to open only one book at a time and to finish that book before opening another container. If a book contains a bad tape, please put a rubber band or string around the defective tape so we can identify it. *Your help in caring for the cassettes is a valuable asset and is greatly appreciated. Remember that you can always call us for help, and quite often we can talk you through various problems on the phone.*



**UPDATED DRIS SCHEDULE**

**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

**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

**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.

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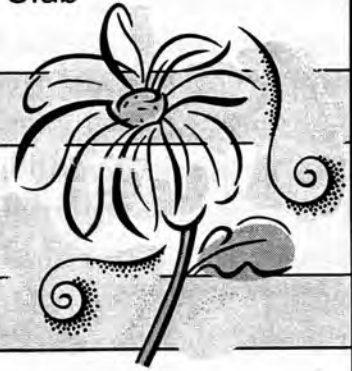
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