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Cassette Player to Digital Talking Book Machine

The C1 playback machine has been the mainstay of the talking books program for the past three decades. The first one rolled off the production line back in 1981. Twenty-six years and more than one million units later, the C1 is gearing down for retirement.



On February 17, 2007, player C1-1248113 rolled off the line. It was the final four-track cassette player to be produced for the National Library Service (NLS). From now on, the NLS is focusing all its resources on development and production of the new Digital Talking Book (DTB) player.

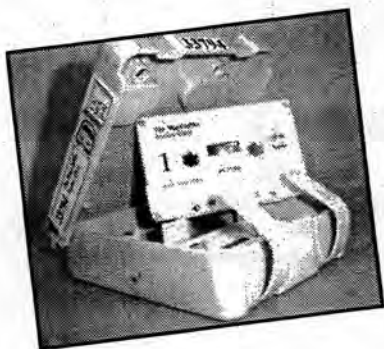


The State Library staff was given a demonstration on the DTB prototype this past summer. The sound quality is much better and the operation more user-friendly. The first production of the DTB players won't be available until sometime later this year. The current C1's will continue to be used until all are replaced with the new digital players. This transition is estimated to take anywhere from four to ten years.

The moral of the story is: please be nice to your current C1 player. When you do need a new player, please return your old player promptly so it can be refurbished and repaired. Your patience and understanding is appreciated during this extended transition.

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

www.library.nd.gov



Check Your Machine for the Last Tape

Before returning a book, please make sure that you have replaced all the cassettes in the mailing container. Don't forget to look in your cassette player! Lately a few patrons have contacted the State Library and confessed to having mailed a book back while leaving the last cassette in the machine. If you notice that you have not returned all the tapes for a certain book, please call the State Library and a reader advisor will tell you what to do to get the "orphaned" tape back. Thanks for your help!



Cassette Battery Information

For your convenience the cassette players have a built-in rechargeable battery. This will allow you to move it around without having to plug it in. If you wish to keep the battery charged, you must regularly unplug the machine and use the battery. It is best to unplug your player rather than leave it plugged in constantly as the battery will last longer if it is used. After 5-6 hours of battery use playing time, plug the player into an electrical outlet to recharge. The player will operate, plugged in, but it does not recharge the battery. The battery recharges whenever the machine is plugged in and turned off.

If you suspect a problem with a cassette player or battery, please call the State Library at **701-328-1408** or **1-800-843-9948**.

Book Orders

When a call is received for a book order or an order by mail, the books will go out the next day, providing the books are on the shelf. Mail cards are run by 8:00 a.m., so anything ordered after that will be processed the next day.

When you are starting your last book, it is a good idea to put in your next order so you will receive a book before you are finished with your current book.

When you call and leave us a book order on voicemail your order will go out the next working day, providing the books are available. You will not receive a call back to confirm your order; you can trust your order was received. If you do not receive books in a couple of days, it may be that copies were not available at the time of your order. After a few days, you may feel free to call to make sure your order was received.

On the Shelf

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Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

ND 00041

My North Dakota Prairie Childhood

Author: Rose Marie Brauer

The background history and story of a North Dakota child growing up in a Lutheran parsonage during the great depression. 1990.

ND 00063

Stone Johnny School

Author: Erling Nicolai Rolfsrud

Stone Johnny School turns back the clock to a one-room country school during the years of the Great Depression. Rolfsrud bases the story on his years as a rural schoolteacher in McKenzie County, North Dakota. For grades 5-8. 1983.

ND 00065

Lanterns Over the Prairies #2

Author: Erling Nicolai Rolfsrud

Twelve more brief accounts of North Dakotans. Sequel to "Lanterns Over the Prairies, #1" (ND 00064). 1950. Two sides.

ND 00070

Close the Door Gently

Author: Erling Nicolai Rolfsrud

While recovering from surgery, Ernie Johnson becomes a resident of Evenglow Home. There he meets Fred and they become close friends. When spring arrives, Ernie is ready to go home but he needs someone to live with him. He asks Fred to leave Evenglow and live in Ernie's home in Blythmore. Fred accepts the invitation and the two men leave Evenglow. They live in the same house until Fred dies and then Fred's wife Ruby moves in to take care of Ernie. Ernie's cancer has returned, and this time nothing can be done. Ruby cares for Ernie until he dies. 2007.

ND 00075

Out of the Top Drawer

Author: Erling Nicolai Rofsrud

The author wrote the back page of the "North Dakota Teacher" newsletter for many years. The page was called "Out of the Top Drawer". This book is based on some of those writings. 1951.

ND 00126

Minnie: A North Dakota Homestead Girl

Author: Minnie Karolina Haukass

Minnie Haukaas was born of Norwegian immigrant parents at Aneta, North Dakota, in 1905. This story traces the immigration of her father and mother from the "old country" of Norway to western North Dakota and the early days on the homestead. Mention is made of the return to Norway prior to World War I, and events that made a memorable impact on a young girl's life. 1999. One side.

ND 00150

Spaceship Over North Dakota

Author: Kevin Kremer

When Governor Ed challenges North Dakota students to help him improve the fitness of the state's citizens, Dr. KK's sixth graders accept the challenge. Led by a boy named Prez, the sixth graders become involved in an exciting adventure involving the Governor, an Elvis impersonator, a spaceship, and much, much more. For grades 4-7.

ND 00155

North Dakota, In Grateful Homage

Author: Pauline Neher Diede

In 'North Dakota: In Grateful Homage', Pauline Diede compiled stories that explain some of the benefits enjoyed by living in the state and gives vivid descriptions of the pride North Dakotans have in their state. This collection of stories is based on "The Prairie Echoes", a column Diede wrote for the Hebron Herald for over ten years and contributions by other North Dakotans. 1987.

ND 00425

The Straddlebug

Author: Nora Fladeboe Mohberg

This fiction book is based on events from the author's mother's life as a Norwegian immigrant. The story tells of their migrating from Norway, settling in Minnesota, moving to North Dakota then to Washington and back to Minnesota. The book title The Straddlebug comes from the term used when a homesteader staked his claim. He would build a tripod structure out of three boards to show that the land it stood upon was claimed by the person who marked it.

ND 00427

Prairie Wind, Blow Me Back

Author: Evelyn Dale Iverson

This story tells of a Norwegian immigrant family's experiences of settling on the South Dakota prairie. Their joys and sorrows, their defeats and triumphs, are pictured with believable care. 1988.

ND 00445

Blue Darkness

Author: Ernest Francis Schanilec

This story of relationships and chilling murder takes place in central Minnesota lake country. The quiet and peaceful small town life of New Dresen is disrupted when local resident ex-CIA agent Maynard Cushing is murdered in his country home. 2003.

ND 00449

With Love Libby

Author: Roxanne Henke

This is the final book in the "Coming Home to Brewster" series. A powerful story about following dreams and learning that God often has bigger and better plans for us. This story follows Libby Marsden's faith journey after she accomplishes her goal of writing a novel and how Vicki Johnson explores her personal passions and plans after her daughter goes away to college. 2006.

ND 00450

Horizontal World

Author: Debra Marquart

In this splendid family memoir, Debra Marquart explores the complicated geography of home and the relationship between place and identity. When Debra returns home for her father's funeral, she rediscovers a connection to the land and her family's history. In her writing, she chronicles this process of escape and return, not only from and to a particular landscape, but to respect and admiration for her father.

ND 00452

Promise of Grace

Author: Bonnie K. Winn

After surviving a serious accident and then being jilted by her fiance', Grace Stanton couldn't help wonder where God was in all of the bad things that had happened to her. She still had a long road to recovery ahead of her and the only saving grace seemed to be a small-town Texas doctor named Noah Brady. But was his healing touch strong enough to mend her broken heart and her faith in God? 2003.

ND 00453

The Towers

Author: Ernest Francis Schanilec

Tom Hastings has moved from the peaceful lake country of central Minnesota to Minneapolis. His move was precipitated by the trauma associated with the murder of one of his neighbors who lives in the high-rise apartment building known as The Towers. The building manager and other residents, along with Hastings, are caught up in the suspenseful events that build to a crisis while the local police are baffled. 2003.

ND 00156

Dakota: Four Inspirational Love Stories of the Northern Plains

Author: Lauraine Snelling

The wide open plains of the Dakota Territory form the setting for the lives and loves of four inspiring women making their way in the New World. This captivating volume combines four bestselling novels by Lauraine Snelling under one cover. 1996. Contents: Dakota Dawn, Dakota Dream, Dakota Dusk, and Dakota Destiny. The sequel to "Dakota Dusk" is "Dakota December" (ND 00361).

ND 00260

Believing the Dream

Author: Lauraine Snelling

Northfield, Minnesota, November, 1893. Thorliff Bjorklund pursues his college career while longing for family and friends back home in North Dakota. His job writing for the newspaper provides respite from his faltering relationship with Anji Baard, the sweetheart he left behind. Sequel to "A Dream To Follow" (ND 00165). 2002.

ND 00293

More Than a Dream

Author: Lauraine Snelling

Thorliff's dream of becoming a writer seems within his grasp when disaster strikes at home, calling him away from college just before graduation. Elizabeth, awaiting acceptance to medical school, works as a nurse in a Chicago women's hospital. Sequel to "Believing the Dream" (ND 00260). 2003.

ND 00297

Healing Quilt

Author: Lauraine Snelling

Four vastly different women band together to make a quilt for a benefit auction, raising money for a new mammogram facility. In the process of piecing together the quilt, they each face the ragged edges of their own lives and experience friendship and healing. 2002.

ND 00318

The Promise

Author: Jane Peart

Jana Rutherford, American-born, grew up on the beaches of Hawaii with her friend, Akela, and Akela's handsome cousin, Kimo. As Jana and Kimo left childhood behind, their friendship grew into something deeper, and they learned firsthand about the ignorance and prejudice around them. 1999.

ND 00330

Woman of Grace

Author: Kathleen Morgan

Colorado, April 1897. Even though her name means "grace", Hannah Cutler struggles to accept true mercy and love. Hannah, a former prostitute, is trying to begin her life anew. Devlin MacKay, the only man who remembers her past as well as she does, adds to Hannah's feelings of shame by unjustly blaming her for his own guilty past. 2000.

ND 00332

Child of Promise

Author: Kathleen Morgan

Beth MacKay returns to Culdee Creek after completing medical school. Reluctantly, her life becomes entwined with that of Episcopalian priest, Noah Starr, her first love. But Noah struggles with his faith and calling since his wife died during childbirth. When Beth becomes embroiled in a spousal abuse case between two of Noah's parishioners, she urges the battered woman to leave her husband for her own safety. Noah cautions the woman to try to work things out, and when the abuse ends in tragedy, it's the last straw for the already-doubtful priest. 2002.

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ND 00454

Otis

Author: Mary Ellen Erickson

Otis is a humorous story about a girl's coming of age during the 1950's. Her thoughts, dreams, and feelings conflict with her family traditions, religious philosophy, need for independence, and desire to understand the family secret. This book brings out the best and worst in human nature as discovered by a young farm girl who struggles to understand her own evolution into womanhood. Some descriptions of sex. 2004.

ND 00456

The Secret of Us

Author: Roxanne Henke

Housewife Laura Dunn and her workaholic husband, advertising executive Donnie Dunn, have been married for 23 years. As Donnie's career and business booms and their daughter, Stasha, plans her wedding, Laura longs for new possibilities. Could the dreams God planted in her heart years ago - like to become an artist - still be part of her purpose? Is there a new life of faith on the other side of struggle? This story about a woman's longing for meaning will resonate with readers of all ages. 2007.

ND 00458

Danger in the Keys

Author: Ernest Francis Schanilec

Tom Hastings has been looking forward to spending a month in Florida after surviving the aftermath of a series of murders in his Minneapolis apartment building. His vacation is interrupted by a group of desperate and greedy people who are after the Guni gem. They will stop at nothing to gain possession of the valuable gem. 2007.

ND 00461

Mavis

Author: Brenda K. Marshall

In North Dakota, a woman is killed in a car accident and her five sisters blame her husband who was drunk. When the man is murdered, sister

Mavis Holmstead, 60, announces she did it and calls a family reunion to explain. The others know she is covering for one of them, but who and why? 1996.

ND 00462

The Gift

Author: Lauraine Snelling

Turner McNeally's daughter has gone off to college, and her horse is demonstrating signs of loneliness. Rebecca Wilkinson's son hasn't spoken a word since his father's death, and the family counselor suggests a pet. This Christmas, the chance to hear her son's voice again would be the best gift Rebecca could receive. A story of holiday romance in which a simple advertisement for a horse's companion creates a family bond and sparks unexpected love. 2002.

ND 01677

Karen

Author: Borghild Dahl

The story is of sacrifice by Karen for her family. This young Norwegian girl came to the United States in 1870 and established herself in the Dakota Territory. 1948.

ND 01747

Bones of Plenty

Author: Lois Phillips Hudson

Hudson's powerful novel centers on a proud, determined and independent North Dakota wheat farmer, his hardworking wife, and their family as they struggle during the depression years of 1933 and 1934. 1964.

Mail this form to:

North Dakota State Library

Disability Services

604 E. Boulevard Ave. - Dept. #250

Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

Ordering Talking Books



Isn't it music to your ears when you request a talking book to hear the reader/advisor tell you the book is on the shelf? We all enjoy knowing that the book we have been waiting to read is sitting there just waiting for us. Sometimes, however, this just doesn't happen. One of the reasons is that often patrons call with a list of books they just can't wait to read but they currently have several books checked out in their name.

It is helpful for everyone if you send books back as you finish them before ordering more. When books are cycled in this manner, they are more readily available for other patrons. There really is no reason to be ordering more books if you already have more than a few checked out at the time. This way, everyone has a better chance of receiving the books they truly want in a timely manner.

Magazines

Many of your magazines will come to you in a green or black box; these magazines need to be returned after you have read them. On the outside of the box is a post card with your name and address. When you are done listening to these magazines, please turn the post card over and put the card back in the post card slot with the name and address of the North Dakota State Library showing. The box will then be ready for the mail.

If you have an issue of a magazine currently checked out, no further issues of that magazine will come to you until you return the issue you currently have.

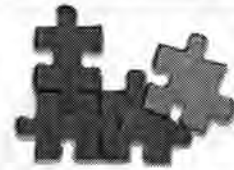
The checkout period for magazines on cassette is 6 weeks. However, you are encouraged to listen to each issue and return it as soon as you have finished. This is the best way to keep new issues coming to you as soon as they are available.

There are some magazines that come to you in a cardboard mailer. You need not return these; they are yours to keep. The company that records these magazines does not want these cassettes back. The next issue of a magazine automatically is sent to you when it is produced.



Returning Books

Please send back any books that you've finished. The timely return of books is helpful for two important reasons: other borrowers get to read them sooner and more books can be sent in their place.



Lost & Found

Have you noticed any odds and ends around your house or apartment that may belong to the Talking Book and DRIS departments at the North Dakota State Library? If you have a radio or cassette player you are no longer using, or if you have one that you have been meaning to send back, please let the State Library know! That way, staff can find out if you need a replacement or if you want to cancel the program. Additional items that you may have from the program that you are not using are: headphones, amplifiers, remote control units, a breath switch, extension levers or a pillow speaker.

If you were sent a new machine because your old one will not hold a charge or no longer works, please make sure the bad machine gets mailed back to the machine lending agency. You can do this by simply turning the card over on the box with the name and address of the ND State Library showing and put the machine in the mail.

Keep the Books Coming

You're ready for a nice long weekend, but you suddenly realize that you have only one cassette book on hand when you were sure you had at least two. It's frustrating to find yourself out of reading material when you need it most.

There are some things you can do to help keep those books coming regularly. If you know you are going to need extra books for a holiday or a vacation, call several days in advance so they may be put in the mail. If you request books on Monday, the books will go out on Tuesday. If you want to be sure you have books by Friday, it is a good idea to call no later than Tuesday.

If you select your own titles and run out of requests, you won't receive anything until you submit more selections. If you request your own titles but want to continue reading while compiling more requests, you might consider letting the computer select books for you. Books will be selected according to your reading preferences. If you are having trouble finding titles that interest you, a reader advisor may be able to suggest additional authors, titles and areas of interest for you to explore.

Please call toll-free at 1-800-843-9948 or 701-328-1408 if changes need to be made to your talking book service.

Radio Reading Service

The Dakota Radio Information Service, DRIS, brings printed materials to people who are unable to read or hold printed material because of blindness, low vision or a physical disability via a special radio broadcast. The radio reading service operates like a commercial radio station. The signal that is broadcast by the service cannot be received by an ordinary radio. Qualified listeners are lent a special receiver that is tuned for their broadcast area.



Volunteers contribute many hours of service each month to help broadcast news, grocery ads and current information from various print sources. Local newspapers included in the offerings are the *Bismarck Tribune*, *Minot Daily News*, *Williston Daily Herald*, *Dickinson Press*, *Jamestown Sun* and the *Valley City Times Record*. National publications are also included, such as the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today* and *Time Magazine*. This collection is balanced with informational articles and magazines.

If you are interested in receiving this service please contact:

Dakota Radio Information Service

North Dakota State Library

604 E. Boulevard Avenue

Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

701-328-1408 or 1-800-843-9948

Multi-Part Books

Some cassette books are so long they require two or more containers. When you are sent such a book, all the containers are sent together. When you send the book back, please do the same.

Please be sure to replace all the cassettes in the correct green plastic mailing container before returning a book; it is suggested that you have only one container open at a time to avoid errors.

Doing this right is trickier when it's a long book that comes in multiple mailing containers. Note that for a two-part book the containers are marked "A" and "B", the first four tapes, starting with sides 1, 5, 9, and 13, go in the part "A" container, and the rest go in the part "B" container. The book number printed on each tape tells you in which box it belongs; for example, RC 51028A and RC 51028B.

Mailing Reminder

Make sure you turn over the mailing card in the slot in the book container, and check that the North Dakota State Library's address is showing, before mailing books back. If you overlook that, you'll get the book a second time.

Thank you for your help!



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