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Digital Talking Book Player and Cartridge

The National Library Service will begin distributing new digital talking book players and books on flash memory cartridges in 2009.

Features of the new digital talking book player:

- 35 hour battery life, with ability to recharge in 2 hours
- "Battery low" announcement is made when battery charge is less than half an hour
- One-third the size and half the weight of the current player
- Turns off automatically after 30 minutes of inactivity
- Sleep mode available
- No moving parts
- Built-in audio prompts make it easy to learn how to operate the player
- Significantly better audio quality than the current player
- Large, well-spaced, color-coded control keys that are easy to press
- Remembers where patron has left off in 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
- No rewinding required
- No need to turn cartridge

Not all patrons will receive the new player the first year; therefore, circulation of audiocassette books and cassette players will continue after 2009. The current cassette players will be around until at least 2014.



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

What do I do if I receive a damaged or incomplete book?

The library appreciates when patrons call to report that a talking book has arrived either defective or missing cassettes. The staff does inspect all of the books mailed back, however, some defective cassettes do slip past, and you may occasionally receive a damaged or incomplete book. Whenever you receive a book that is defective, missing or has an incorrect tape, please contact a reader advisor to report the problem. It is helpful to the circulation department to know what is exactly wrong with the book so it can be corrected and a replacement copy sent to you. If the book is defective, do not rewind the cassette. Leave it where the defect occurred and place a rubber band around the damaged cassette. Place it on top of the other cassettes in the mailing container, check the box marked "Defective Book" in the upper left hand corner of the return mail card, and return the book.

Preparing for Digital Players and Books

You will need to hang on to the cassette players as you will need them for a variety of reasons during the digital transition. Not everything is going digital at once; it will be a gradual process with most people having both a cassette player and a digital player until the conversion is completed. Magazines, many books, and catalogs will still be in cassette format during the first few years. Cassette players and books will be available and in use until enough digital machines and digital book copies are produced to meet demand.

The demand for the digital equipment and titles will be greater than the supply our library will receive. The law requires that first priority will be given to those veterans interested in receiving the digital players. The second focus will be a gradual distribution to patrons over 100 years of age, then to those on a digital waiting list and in good standing. *A patron in good standing is one whose record shows they actively use the service and can be relied on to follow North Dakota State Talking Book Library policy by returning items on time.*

Snow Birds: Planning Ahead



Main Entry: **snow-bird**

Pronunciation: [snoh-bərd]

Function: *noun*

Definition: a person who vacations in or moves to a warmer climate during cold weather

Are you a 'snow bird'? North Dakota State Library Talking Books can continue to supply you with reading material by mailing your cassette books and magazines postage free to your winter address. Contact us with your temporary address before you leave home and your books will be mailed to you on your usual schedule. We would appreciate hearing from you before your return home so we can resume service to your North Dakota address.



Availability of Books on the Shelf

Talking Book patrons are sent their books just like a print library patron. If a requested book is on the shelf, it will go out in the next day's mail. If the book is not on the shelf, a hold will be placed on the book for the patron and the book will go out in the order the holds were placed.

When a very popular book or author is requested, it is possible there may be several other patron requests waiting for that book. Therefore, it cannot always be guaranteed there will be a copy of the book on the shelf when requested. However, it can be guaranteed that as soon as a copy is available, the book will be sent to you. It is for this very reason why it is important for patrons to read the book in a timely manner and to return the talking book as soon as you are finished. This allows a quicker turn around for other patrons to receive and enjoy the highly requested books. If you find you aren't able to read a book after having it for a period of time, please send it back and request it again. Your cooperation is appreciated!

How do I know When a Book is Due?

Books and magazines have a checkout period of 2 months. The due date is printed on the lower left hand corner of the mail card. If you are unable to read the due date, maybe a family member or caregiver can read it for you. If a book or magazine is needed for a longer period, it can be renewed. Patrons should make every attempt to return the books to the North Dakota State Library as soon as possible so that they will be available to the next reader.

Attention U.S. News and World Report Subscribers

U.S. News and World Report magazine is changing its publication schedule. Six more double issues will be done this year and some weeks will be skipped. In 2009, the magazine will be published every other week.

Diabetes Life Lines

Diabetes Life Lines Magazine is a new publication available to Talking Book patrons. Subjects discussed in the magazine are nutrition, medications and exercise. If you are interested in receiving this magazine please call North Dakota State Library Disability Services at 1-800-842-9948 or 701-328-1408.

Attention Schools

Remember to contact the North Dakota State talking book library with the student's current reading level. It is essential that this is updated on a regular basis so the student can receive books at their appropriate reading level. Whenever machines and talking books are checked out under the school's account, the school is responsible for returning the books in a timely manner. It is helpful to send the book back as soon as the student is finished reading it in order for us to circulate the book to other students.

Submitting Book Orders

When submitting a book order either by phone or mail, the Reader Advisors will do one of three things based on how a patron chooses to receive service:

1. If the book is available, it will be sent out in the next day's mail.
 2. If the book is not available and the patron wishes to receive it as soon as possible, it will be put on their reserve list, so as soon as a copy is available, it will be sent to the requesting patron.
 3. Place the book on the patron's request list, to be sent at a later date.
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Magazines Available on Cassette

In this issue of *Discovery*, **On the Shelf** contains a listing of magazines on cassette available from the North Dakota State Talking Book Library. We felt by listing these publications it would give patrons a chance to try other magazines. If you are interested in ordering a magazine, please limit your choices to **three**. If you want to cancel a magazine subscription, please contact us at 701-328-1408 or 1-800-843-9948.



About Your Mail Service

If you do not want to continue receiving the bi-monthly Talking Book Topics catalog, or a particular magazine subscription, it is important that you call the library to notify us rather than refusing the mail. When you refuse a particular publication, you are automatically suspended on **all** publication mailing lists.

In addition, when you telephone to notify us of a change in your address, it immediately takes effect in regard to your shipment of talking books. However, it may take up to three months or more for the change to fully take effect for publications.

Your cooperation in notifying us of your address change right away is very important if you want to continue to receive all of your materials without interruption.

**Magazines Available on Cassette
from the North Dakota State Library
Talking Book Program**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

AARP BULLETIN: A PUBLICATION OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

Get the latest news for people fifty and older including retirement planning, Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, politics and scam alerts.

BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS

Practical advice on home and money management, with recipes, how-to-do-it home plans, and decorating ideas.

BIRDS AND BLOOMS

Celebrates the joys of attracting birds and tending to beautiful backyard flower gardens.

CAPPER'S

Capper's maintains an old-fashioned sensibility in a modern world-offering readers a unique mix of good news, wonderful memories, practical advice and an inspiring look at life. Each issue features tasty recipes, health and money management help, gardening and crafts, short stories and more!

COUNTRY

Rural and small-town living; crafts and foods; reviews of country inns and farm vacations.

COUNTRY WOMAN

Household, farm and garden advice; crafts decorating and recipes.

DAKOTA COUNTRY

The hunting and fishing magazine of the Dakotas.

DAKOTA FARMER

Information about farming and farm families in South Dakota.

DIABETES LIFE LINES

Information pertaining to diabetes. Discusses nutrition, medications, and exercise.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT

Current information about diabetes research and patient care.

GOOD OLD DAYS

Articles written by Older Americans about experiences and memories from their childhoods.

GUIDEPOST

Inspirational stories and weekly features covering faith, spirituality, prayer, fellowships, and overcoming personal change.

MARTHA STEWART LIVING

Food and dessert recipes, entertaining and home decorating ideas.

NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS

Essays and book reviews on politics, literature, science and culture by eminent writers.

NORTH DAKOTA HISTORY

History and culture of North Dakota and the northern Great Plains. Published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

- NORTH DAKOTA HORIZONS**
Showcases North Dakota's quality of place, its abundant resources and its people.
- NORTH DAKOTA LIVING**
Articles of general interest, feature stories, editorial column, recipes and photos; geared to rural North Dakota.
- NORTH DAKOTA OUTDOORS**
Articles on Hunting, Fishing and outdoor recreation in North Dakota. Published by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.
- ORGANIC GARDENING**
Organic methods of gardening, cooking techniques and nutrition.
- PLAINS TALK**
This newsletter contains articles and information about events and projects that are being sponsored and held at the various historical sites around the state of North Dakota. Published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.
- REDBOOK**
Fiction; child rearing and family relations; home decoration ideas; fashion and beauty hints.
- REMINISCE**
General-interest articles with sentimental reflections on the past.
- SATURDAY EVENING POST**
General interest magazine containing humor, fiction and non-fiction articles.
- SMITHSONIAN**
Science, natural history, art, archaeology, history and ecology; events at the Smithsonian Institution.
- WOMAN'S DAY**
Home management with recipes, crafts and decorating ideas.
- BIOGRAPHY TODAY**
Contains biographies written for young readers. Profiles famous people such as musicians, public figures, and actors covering such topics as birth, youth, first jobs, career highlights, marriage and family. Each ends with a list of further reading and addresses.
- HUMPTY DUMPTY**
Humpty Dumpty is designed to keep young minds growing and active bodies healthy with stories, puzzles, and games. For ages 4-6.
- MIDWEST LIVING**
A regional publication that celebrates the richness of life in the Midwest. Provides its readers with a wealth of region-specific information and inspiration, focusing on travel and events, food and dining, and home and garden.
- SEVENTEEN**
An American magazine for teenagers.

Mail this form to:
North Dakota State Library - Disability Services
604 E. Boulevard Ave. - Dept. #250
Bismarck, ND 58505-0800

DRIS Grocery Ad Schedule Change

The Wednesday and Friday grocery ad segments have been combined and broadcast at 12:30 each Wednesday. The sequence for the ads is Bismarck/Mandan, Dickinson, Minot and Jamestown.



Happy New Year

From the State Library Disability Services Department!

Dave, Sue, Marla, Cathy, Chris, and Bernie

Holiday Hours

The North Dakota State Talking Book Library and Dakota Radio Information Service will be closed on the following holidays. Please place your book orders in advance so that you have plenty on hand.

February 16 th	President's Day
April 10	Good Friday



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