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Flood update

We are working to get things back to normal since the flood waters ran through the eastern part of the state. Fortunately the School for the Blind in Grand Forks came through the disaster without damage. Many of the employees at the school weren't quite as lucky. Most of them suffered damage to their homes and property. They have been spending much of their time in the past few weeks trying to clean up and get their lives back in order. May our thoughts be with them and their families during this time.

You may have had a hard time getting through to anyone to order replacement machines, but the staff is back at work and trying their best to catch up with a backlog of broken machines and new orders. Please try to be patient while they get up and running at full speed again.

We would like to thank the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library for helping us out during the flood. They sent machines out to some of our new patrons and replaced many broken machines when we couldn't get to our supply at NDSB. This was appreciated by our staff and the many patrons who were served by their generosity.

Due to the flood, NDSB is in need of volunteers to read the Grand Forks Herald for the ND News Voice program. Many of their volunteers were unable to return to their duties because of these unforeseen circumstances. Please contact Crystal for more information at 1-701-795-2713.

Talking Books Service 1-800-843-9948
Dakota Radio Reading Service 1-701-328-4189
Machine Lending Agency 1-800-421-1181

Locally produced selections

We have a number of books on tape that have been locally produced in the studios at the State Library. These books are narrated by our own volunteers and are available for check-out by all of our patrons.

If you have a request for a book that NLS has not recorded, under certain circumstances, we may be able to record the book for you. Each book that we record locally must be approved by the director of Services for the Disabled and must meet certain criteria.

We do not under *any* circumstances record textbooks or like material. If you are interested in getting textbooks on tape you may register with Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) in Princeton, New Jersey, by calling 1-800-221-7492. Contact us for further information on local production and RFB&D.

Below is a list of some of the locally produced books that are available for check out.

ND 09001 Herb Talk

Medicine

Herbs and their uses from A to Z.



ND 00022 Mostly Amusing, Always Amazingly True Memories

Short Stories

North Dakota senior citizens tell their stories.

ND 00007 Peleliu: Tracing the Triumph, the Untold Story of the Pacific Wars War

The Pacific War's forgotten battle.



On the Shelf

Adult Biographies

RC 42182

**Prophet With Honor:
The Billy Graham Story**

Author: William Martin

Length: 6 cassettes

The biography of Graham and the history of evangelism.

RC 27258

**Johnny Carson: The
Unauthorized Biography**

Author: Ronald L. Smith

Length: 2 cassettes

The biography covers Carson's career, marriages and feuds of this talk show host.

RC 42203

**Robert E. Lee:
A Biography**

Author: Emery M. Thomas

Length: 4 cassettes

The life and times of this famous Confederate commander.

RC 40079

**Story of the Trapp Family
Singers**

Author: Maria August Trapp

Length: 3 cassettes

Maria von Trapp discusses her role as a governess to seven motherless children and a look at their concert tours.

RC 38894

**Oprah! Up Close and Down
Home**

Author: Nellie Bly

Length: 2 cassettes

A look at Oprah's life from her birth in 1954 to becoming one of America's richest women.

RC 40115

Al Capone: The Man and the Era

Author: Laurence Bergreen

Length: 6 cassettes

A biography of the man who won hearts during prohibition and his connection to the mob.

RC 31009

All My Best Friends

Author: George Burns & David Fischer

Length: 2 cassettes

Burns' portfolio about his friends in show business, from silent movies to television.

RC 40458

First in His Class

Author: David Maranis

Length: 4 cassettes

President Clinton's life is traced during his school years and his political career.

On The Shelf

Juvenile Biographies

RC 33006

Johnny Appleseed: A Tall Tale

Author: Steven Kellogg

Length: 1 cassette

The man who became known as the legendary Johnny Appleseed.

Grades: 2-4

RC 33569

Lost Star: Amelia Erhart

Author: Patricia Lauber

Length: 1 cassette

A flashback to Erhart's childhood, youth and the spirit that lead to her pioneering efforts in aviation.

Grades 4 and older

RC 27586

Christa McAuliffe: Pioneer Space Teacher

Author: Charlene Billings

Length: 1 cassette

The story of the New Hampshire teacher who was killed when the shuttle Challenger exploded.

Grades 3-6

RC 39806

Cleopatra

Author: Don Nardo

Length: 1 cassette

A look at her life and relationships.

Grades Jr. High and older



RC 38006

Rare Air: Michael on Michael

Author: Michael Jordan

Length: 1 cassette

Jordan shares his extraordinary life and his career.

Grades: 4-7

RC 38997

Calamity Jane

Author: Doris Faber

Length: 1 cassette

A blend of truth and legend about the trouser wearing woman who worked for the Pony Express.

Grades 5 and older

RC 37298

Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography

Author: William Anderson

Length: 1 cassette

The biography of the little girl who lived the "Little House" stories.

Grades 3-6

RC 37395

Louis Pasteur

Author: Nina Morgan

Length: 1 cassette

The life of Pasteur and his scientific discoveries, including pasteurization and vaccination against anthrax.

Grades 4-7 and older

M.S. newsletter available

We now have the state Multiple Sclerosis Society's newsletter *Dakota MSenger* available on tape. The newsletter is produced quarterly and is full of information about M.S. including conference information, new technology and a variety of articles about the disease. Please contact us at 1-800-843-9948 to sign up for this publication.

Returning machines

If you are having problems with your machine and need to send it in for a replacement, please fill out the form that came with your machine or enclose a note stating the problem. Don't just send the machine back without letting us know the problem you are having with it. If you return the machine without an explanation, your service could get canceled even though you may just need a replacement machine. Contact NDSB at 1-800-421-1181.

Volunteers recognized

A volunteer recognition ceremony was held at the Kelly Inn in Bismarck on May 29. Over 40 volunteers for the State Library were acknowledged and thanked for their hours of service to the State Library, especially in serving the needs of the disabled through Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) and the Talking Books Program. They received certificates and a gift in recognition of their volunteer hours.

The keynote speaker was Mike Goehring, Director Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation, Jud, ND. Goehring brought a German Shepard pup named Mac to demonstrate how dogs are used to assist people with physical disabilities, including paralysis and seizures. Refreshments were served and entertainment was provided by the Bismarck singing group Surrogate Sisters.

David Lee received the 1997 Special Volunteer Award for outstanding service to the agency. A special plaque was unveiled with the names of volunteers who have given 300 or more hours of service to the State Library.



Author published

North Dakota author Richard Moquist has published his second novel and it is due out in July. Moquist decided to try a hand at writing ten years ago after he was diagnosed with macular degeneration. He says he took a writing class at Moorhead State University and it was there he was urged to take his writing more seriously. He also had a short story published in 1991 in a monthly detective magazine and his first book was published over three years ago by a small publisher.

The publisher of his new book is hopeful that his current mystery, titled *Eye of the Agency*, could be a top seller this summer. He is already working on another mystery set in his hometown of South Dakota, Minnesota. Moquist has been a patron of the North Dakota talking books program since 1989. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of his book you can call St. Martins Press at 1-800-221-7947.

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