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A Note from the Director

Greetings to you all! This special issue of *Discovery* is dedicated to our wonderful volunteers. These individuals donate their time and talents to help make talking books and the radio reading service in North Dakota a reality. They are really appreciated by our staff and patrons. In their honor we celebrated National Volunteer Week April 9-15, 2000, so why not take a moment now to remember not only our volunteers at the State Library, but all of those generous people in your own communities who give of themselves to make life better for those around them. Best wishes for a happy spring.

-----*Traci Juhala*----- Head of Services for the Disabled

What We Do

The Services for the Disabled is a vibrant department within the North Dakota State Library. Some of the services offered are well known including: talking book service and Dakota Radio Information Service. These services keep the staff busy checking books in and out, providing reader advisory services, processing applications, preparing materials for the radio service, maintaining a database of talking books, keeping track of patrons, and answering questions about the program. However, there is a lot more to the Services for the Disabled. The enthusiastic staff can answer your questions about descriptive videos, large print books, and recording of local interest materials. Outreach is a major component of the department, and can take on many forms including visiting health fairs and nursing homes around the state. Providing reference service is another main goal of the department. Staff is always willing to help patrons locate the kind of information they need, whether it is about a new reading machine or how to obtain a Bible on cassette. Phone numbers and addresses of many providers of services for people with disabilities are available through this department. Give us a call and find out for yourself what is available to you, your family, and friends.

Talking Books Service 1-800-843-9948

Dakota Radio Reading Service 1-701-328-4189

Machine Lending Agency 1-800-421-1181

Volunteers are Valuable

The North Dakota State Library talking book program has been serving citizens of North Dakota since the fall of 1995. Volunteers were instrumental in the initial set up of the program. They worked hundreds of hours entering data, labeling and shelving books. The need for volunteers did not end there.

Last year the volunteers gave over thirty-two hundred hours of their time to the State Library and the citizens of North Dakota. The truth is, without our faithful volunteers we would not be able to operate as efficiently as we do, or maybe not at all.



Arlene volunteers her time entering information about new talking books to the database.



Lillian spends most of her time fixing and making new copies of broken and damaged tapes.

How to Become a Volunteer

If you have ever thought you might like to become a volunteer, you should check out the opportunities at the North Dakota State Library. Our volunteers enjoy their jobs so much; some of them have been here for more than a decade!

If you like to read, we usually have openings in our talking book recording program. Volunteers record books and magazines for people who are unable to read standard print because of a visual, physical or reading impairment. The taping of these materials is done in a state-of-the-art-recording studio located at the State Library.

Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) is a radio reading service located at the library. Volunteers are scheduled daily, to read local newspapers over closed circuit radio. DRIS covers most of the state, except for the northeast area of the state including Fargo and Devils Lake.

All volunteer readers for DRIS and talking books are required to complete a taped audition to determine their reading abilities. Other volunteer positions include tape inspection, data entry, inventory, mailings, and special projects.

If you are interested in becoming a North Dakota State Library Volunteer, please contact our volunteer coordinator Shirley Leno at 1-800-843-9948 or (701) 328-4189 for an audition.

Volunteer Produced Books

Sometimes a patron calls and wants a specific title, but after searching we find that it has not been produced on talking book. Thanks to our volunteers we are able to fill some of these requests for titles that have not been produced by the National Library of Congress (NLS) or by another library. Some of our volunteers spend their time recording these types of books for our patrons to enjoy. This is a very special service because without their effort, these titles would otherwise not be available for our patrons listening enjoyment.

We do not record every book suggested by our patrons, but will consider the title if we think it might be of interest to other people on the talking book program. Once the book is recorded it is made available to all of our patrons, as well as patrons and libraries in other states.

We now have this list available in large print or on cassette. If you would like a copy of this to keep, please call us at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-843-9948, and we will provide you with an updated list of our volunteer-recorded titles.



Jim is one of the many volunteers who records novels on tape to add to our collection.



T.C. reads a wide variety of books for our locally produced collection of talking books.

Famous Quotations

Some people give time, some money, some their skills and connections, some literally give their life's blood. But everyone has to give something.

-----Barbara Bush-----

Teach us to give and not to count the cost.

----Ignatius Loyola----

Make yourself necessary to somebody.

----Ralph Waldo Emerson----



ND State Library Volunteer List

Maggie Anderson-DRIS
Jerry Azure-DRIS, talking book narrator
Cheryl Bailey-DRIS
Abby Bardell-DRIS
Jerry Bartz-talking book narrator
Frances Baumgartner-mail
Helen Baumgartner-DRIS board member
Rae Bloom-DRIS, data entry, talking book narrator, newspaper clipper
Eva Braun-tape inspection, book puller
Bill Carns-DRIS
T.C. Cermack-DRIS, talking book narrator
Jeannine Christy-tape inspection, book puller
Jim Cody-DRIS, talking book narrator
Joe Cullen-DRIS, talking book narrator
Linda Ehreth-DRIS
Duke Ellingson-DRIS
Belinda Fadness-DRIS board member
Valerie Fischer-DRIS board member
Sally Fleig-DRIS
Clarence Freimarck-DRIS, tape inspection, DRIS board member
Elaine Geiger-DRIS
Rose Goetz-tape inspection
John Graham-talking book narrator
Parrell Grossman-DRIS
Lou Hafermehl-talking book narrator
Priscilla Hanson-tape duplicator
Yvonne Harlow-DRIS
Peggy Harzinski-talking book narrator
Emelia Kreitinger-DRIS, newspaper clipper
Vivian Kuipers-DRIS
Karen Larson-talking book narrator
Adeline Ley-tape inspection
Al Ley-tape inspection
Ella Mae Lockrem-tape inspection

Gerry MacMartin-DRIS, newspaper clipper
Dennis Michels-recycling
Maury Millican-talking book narrator
Karen Mulligan-DRIS
Arlene Olson-data entry
Kathy Olson-DRIS, newspaper clipper
Richard T. Olson-DRIS board member
Sally Oremland-former DRIS board member
Bernie Prouty-DRIS
Mike Rempfer-DRIS, talking book narrator
Troy Rhoads-DRIS, talking book narrator, newspaper clipper
Doranna Robertson-DRIS board member
Jim Rouse-DRIS talking book narrator
George Saike-DRIS board member
Bud Schaeffer-library inventory
Tommi Schaeffer-library inventory
Belva Schilman-mailing
Marcella Schmaltz-DRIS, DRIS board member
Melinda Schmid-tape inspection, talking book narrator
Clarissa Schneider-talking book narrator
Frances Schwartzbauer-tape inspection
Linda Schwartzbauer-DRIS
Judy Semerad-tape inspection
Dwaine Shilman-tape duplication, recycling
Arlene Straub-mailing
Lela Suemper-tape inspection
Delores Tvenge-DRIS board member
Shirley Van Oosting-DRIS
Marian Sypnieski-tape inspection
Faith Wanner-DRIS
Mark Westgard-DRIS, talking book narrator
Ruth Wingerter-mailing
Denise Whitman-talking book narrator
Lilian Wilson-DRIS, fixes cassettes, tape duplication, typing
Mark Zimmerman-DRIS, talking book narrator

Reasons "I" Volunteer

The volunteers at the North Dakota State Library volunteer for many reasons. Here is a look at some of our volunteers and their personal motivation for giving their time in this manner.



Vivian-"I volunteer because I enjoy doing it. I never hesitate to tell others about the program and I like the pre-arranged schedule."



Abby-"Everyone should contribute to some volunteer effort."



Kathy-"Because they need me! I saw an ad on TV and thought I'd like to do that! I can read!"



Sally-"DRIS gives me an opportunity to volunteer doing something I really enjoy, reading and making the day a little brighter for someone else."



Marcella-"I like to read newspapers because it's a library service to constituents who can't come to the library; and it's fun."



Troy-"It's rewarding to help people less fortunate than myself."

Who We Are

The Services for the Disabled staff would like to say thanks to all of our volunteers and the patrons they serve.



Pictured: front left-Allison, front middle-Terri, front right-Marla, second row left Chris, second row middle-Traci, second row right-Shirley, back row left-Sue, back row right-Sandy