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## Services for the Disabled Staff

The year 2000 has brought about a few changes at the North Dakota State Library. We now have a new head of Services for the Disabled. Al Peterson joined our staff this past July and is in charge of expanding services and keeping operations running smoothly for patrons of the talking book program and radio reading service. Al is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and attended graduate school at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Terri Wilhelm has taken on new responsibilities as well as continuing her work with Services for the Disabled. Terri is now in charge of public relations, volunteer recruitment, and the summer reading program at the State Library. Marla Paulson and Dan McGurren are the two reader advisors for the talking book program. They are in charge of taking requests and helping patrons with their reading interests. Please feel free to call them on our toll free line with requests or questions at 1-800-843-9948 or 328-1408.

Allison Schumacher and Chris Hagburg are busy mailing out talking books and magazines. They work in the circulation department and try their best to keep everyone happy by mailing out and shelving hundreds of talking books a day. Cheryl Kunda joined our staff in August and works with Dakota Radio Information Service arranging the news, scheduling volunteers, and making sure the radio reading service is running smoothly.

Sue Bicknell and Cindy Olson work hard to keep our talking book database up-to-date. They make sure the book records are cataloged correctly and entered into the computer system.

We would also like to mention our wonderful volunteers who help keep things running smoothly around the library. We have over 50 volunteers who spend time inspecting and fixing tapes, cutting newspapers, pulling and shelving books, and recording books, magazines and newspapers.

We hope you had a great summer and we look forward to serving your needs in the future.

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

## Summer Readers Celebrate

Summer readers from around the state attended a statewide summer reading



*Governor Ed Schafer reads a book to the summer reading participants and their guests*

party this past August. The party was sponsored by the North Dakota State Library, and held in honor of students who spent some of their summer vacation participating in summer reading programs at their local library.

North Dakota Governor Ed Schafer spoke at the celebration and treated the participants to a special reading of the book *Wolf* by Becky Bloom. Also

contributing to the party were Dr. Wayne Sanstead, Superintendent of Public Instruction; folksinger Ann Putz; and Judy Fried and the Cookie Cutter Clowns.

Many of the participants of the North Dakota State Library's Governors Summer Reading Program attended the celebration. This year's theme was *Cosmic Connections at your Library*.

## Magazine Update

We have updated our list of magazines available free of charge to our talking book patrons. If you would like a copy of the updated list please call or write us and we will send you the new information.

Some of the changes include the availability of American History, Biography Today, Humpty Dumpty, New York Review of Books, and Reminisce magazine on cassette. Playboy magazine is no longer available in the cassette format, but can be ordered in Braille.

The National Library of Congress is still in the process of changing all magazines that are produced on flexible disc format to cassette. Many of the magazines formerly only available on flexible disc are now available in cassette format.

## Music

A program is available to persons with impairments who are interested in having music loaned to them by direct mail. Recordings for Recovery is a library of cassette tapes with a variety of music from the 1900's to present. The annual fee is only \$10.00 per year. The loan period for the music tapes is 60 days. If you would like information or a catalog of selections, please contact them at 1-800-798-1192 or write Recordings for Recovery, 5103 Eastman Place, Suite 101, P.O. Box 270, Midland, MI 48640-0270.

## On the Shelf

### Political Science

RC 48559

#### **Front Row of the White House**

Author: Helen Thomas

A White House journalist for more than five decades chronicles her works covering all of the presidents since John F. Kennedy. **Bestseller**

RC 43909

#### **Unlimited Access**

Author: Gary Aldrich

A former FBI agent's expose' of alleged security violations, hiring scandals, and ethical offenses in the Clinton White House. **Bestseller**

RC 44696

#### **The Ashes of Waco**

Author: Dick Reavis

This is an examination of the standoff in Texas, between members of the Branch Davidian religious community and federal law enforcement officials.

RC 46576

#### **Star-Spangled Men America's Ten Worst Presidents**

Author: Nathan Miller

The biographical profiles of American Presidents that the author judges to be the ten worst in the nation's history.

RC 47084

#### **High Crimes and Misdemeanors**

Author: Ann H. Coulter

The author discusses the Monica Lewinsky affair, Whitewater, Vince Foster, and fundraising issues.



RC 34292

#### **Why Americans Hate Politics**

Author: E.J. Dionne

The author claims that Americans have lost faith in the political system because the ideologies of the political parties have no connection to American values. **Bestseller**

RC 45058

#### **Character above all Ten Presidents from FDR to George Bush**

Author: Edited by Robert A. Wilson

This is a series of reflections by historians and journalists that considers the relationship of character to presidential achievement. Some of the Presidents featured include: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, and Jimmy Carter.

RC 44640

#### **Locked in the Cabinet**

Author: Robert B. Reich

A former secretary of labor chronicles his experiences with the president and other politicians and describes his personal crusade to narrow the gap between rich and poor. **Bestseller**

RC 49822-In Process

#### **Shrub**

Author: Molly Ivans

Texas journalists portray presidential candidate George "Dubya" Bush through and investigation of his record. They examine stories about Bush's oil company and his stands on education the environment and campaign financing. **Bestseller**

RC 48272

**All Too Human**

Author: George Stephanopoulos  
The author provides an insider's account on his year on Capitol Hill during President Clinton's first term in office. **Bestseller**

RC 48828

**I Ain't Got Time to Bleed**

Author: Jesse Ventura  
The former professional wrestler who was elected mayor of Brooklyn Park and Governor of Minnesota describes his politics and his life. **Bestseller**

RC 48525

**Shadow Five Presidents and the Legacy of Watergate**

Author: Bob Woodward  
Traces the effects of the Watergate scandal on the American presidency through five administrations. **Bestseller**

RC 44877

**Affairs of the State**

Author: Gil Troy  
An observation of first ladies in America from passive observers to active participants in the formulation of domestic policy. The author discusses why the public is apprehensive about the expanded role of presidential wives.

RC 40166

**The Breakup of the Soviet Union**

Authors: Williams Barbour & Carol Wekesser  
Political observers and leaders debate issues related to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

RC 49113

**John McCain an American Odyssey**

Author: Robert Timberg  
The biography of the Arizona senator, written as he sought the Republican presidential nomination in 2000.

RC 49118

**Gore a Political Life**

Author: Bob Zelnick  
A biography of Al Gore Jr. from his childhood in Tennessee and Washington, D.C., to his position as Vice President.

RC 36135

**Our Declaration of Independence**

Author: Jay Schleifer  
The details of events leading up to the Declaration of Independence being written and adopted. For grades 2-4 and older

RC 30524

**Whose Rose Garden is it Anyway?**

Author: Art Buchwald  
This anthology of Buchwald's columns focuses on newsworthy events of 1987-1988. His topics include the new presidential limo, the savings and loan industry, airline travel, and Dan Quale's golf scores.

RC 42524

**Call to Briefing**

Author: Marlin Fitzwater  
The White House spokesman for presidents Reagan and Bush recounts his decade in that post.

## **Walk-in Service**

Walk-in service is available to all patrons of the North Dakota State Library. This includes patrons of the talking book program. You are welcome to stop by and pick up your book orders, or get one-on-one assistance in choosing your reading material. It is a good idea to call and talk with a reader advisor about your order before stopping by the library. This gives us an opportunity to search for your requested material and have it ready for you when you arrive.

## **For the Best Service**

The library receives a large number of phone calls from talking book patrons every day. When you call and are unable to reach a reader advisor, they may be on the phone or with another patron and unable to take your call at this time. If this happens, please leave a message with your name and phone number and one of our staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

We would also like to remind you to call at least one day in advance with your book orders, so we can process your requests in a timely manner. It is not always possible to get your talking books out the same day you call. Please remember that when you order a specific title, it does not mean it will automatically be sent to you right away. Sometimes the books you order are not available, because they are checked out to other patrons. When this happens, the request is added to your file and sent to you when a copy becomes available. One thing you can do to prevent running out of books is to order plenty of titles so we have a larger selection from which to choose.

## **Medicare Handbook**

Copies of the Medicare: 2000 Beneficiary Handbook published by Noridian Health Services and the United States Department of Health and Human Services is available on cassette at no charge. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this publication, please contact us at 1-800-843-9948 or 328-1408. The contents of this publication include: participating Dr.'s and suppliers, claim processing, and explanation of Medicare benefits.

## **Problem Tapes**

If you experience problems with any of your tapes, please mark the defective tape with a string or rubber band and then call the library to inform us of the problem. Please provide us with the tape number and the side with which you are having problems. If you wish to receive another copy of the tape you must let us know because we do not automatically send another copy without a request from you. Due to postal regulations please do not send notes to us in the green tape containers. Hand written notes are not acceptable as free matter and must include postage.

## **Textbooks**

If you are in need of textbooks on tape for the classroom, you must order these directly from Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in Princeton New Jersey. This program does require a fee of \$75.00 the first year and then \$25.00 per year after that to use the service. If you are currently a member of RFB & D and need to order textbooks, please call them direct at 1-800-221-4792. If you would like an application you may contact the State Library and we will be happy to provide you with the information you need.

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