

# Discovery

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## School's Back In Session

With the fun days of summer behind us, we now turn our attention to the new school year. Our goal is to make sure that all students have access to the print materials they need for their educational and recreational reading needs. Many students who would benefit from the talking book service don't even know it is available. We would like to make sure that all students who need a different format of literature to meet their reading needs have equal access to these materials. To accomplish this we need the help of everyone who already knows about this service to spread the word. We hope that all teachers, students, and talking book patrons let others know about this wonderful service so all may read.

Please call or write us for information at:

**North Dakota State Library**

**Disability Services**

**604 E Boulevard Ave – Dept 250**

**Bismarck ND 58505-0800**

**Phone: (Local) 701-328-1408**

**Toll Free: 1-800-843-9948**

**E-mail address: [tbooks@state.nd.us](mailto:tbooks@state.nd.us)**

**Web page: <http://ndsl.lib.state.nd.us/>**

\*Please include your name, school name, address, and phone number along with what we can do to serve your needs.

Book titles, authors, and the format you wish to receive your books in is greatly appreciated. Please provide this information when sending an e-mail or leaving a phone message.

### Who is Eligible?

Any adult or child who cannot read conventional printed matter, hold a book, or turn its pages because of blindness, visual, physical, or a reading impairment may apply for free talking book service. The impairment may be permanent or temporary.

### How to Apply?

Request an application from the North Dakota State Library Disability Services by calling 1-800-843-9948. Complete the application and have it signed by a certifying authority. All students with learning/reading disabilities **must** have their application signed by a medical doctor.

**Talking Books Service 1-800-843-9948**

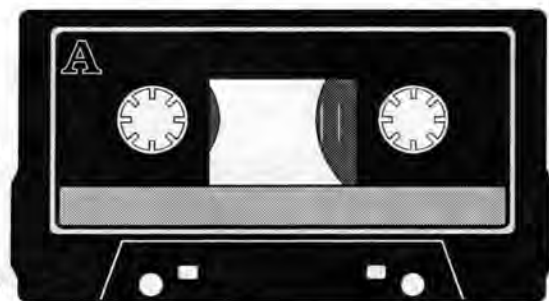
**Dakota Radio Information Service 1-701-328-4189**

**Machine Lending Agency 1-800-421-1181**



## Textbooks On Tape

Many talking book patrons are interested in getting textbooks on tape for educational or individual needs. The North Dakota State Library Disability Service does not record textbooks, but they are available through **Recordings for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB & D)**, in Princeton, New Jersey. RFB & D provides textbooks on tape for an annual fee and provides service to individuals and institutions. The cost to obtain textbooks on tape for individuals is \$75.00 the first year and \$25.00 each year after that. Institutions may choose from several payment plans, which depends on how many students they will be serving.



Applications for this service can be acquired directly through RFB & D, or by calling the State Library Disability Service and requesting an application form. RFB & D is a private organization which loans textbooks on tape from the fourth grade level through post-graduate college level. They have an excellent collection of volunteer recorded textbooks, hundreds of classic titles, and a collection of electronic books (e-books) available to their patrons.

In North Dakota, public school districts are required to accommodate every student with equal opportunity to education under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This means that school districts are required to make their programs and activities accessible to all individuals with disabilities. Talking books and textbooks on tape are one way for schools to make sure that students reading needs are being met.

Both of these programs use cassette tapes that contain four-tracks, and require a tape player that will play these specially formatted cassettes. These players are available at no charge to all eligible talking book users who have completed the application and stay active with the State Library Talking Book Service. Patrons must check out at least one talking book or cassette magazine per year to stay active. If you are only interested in using textbooks through RFB & D, you will be required to purchase your own four-track player.

For information about these programs and other available resources, contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-843-9948. To contact RFB & D directly call 1-800-221-4792 or check out their website: <http://www.rfb.org>.

## Readers Digest

The Readers Digest magazine provided to our patrons by American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is provided to talking book patrons at no cost, but they do appreciate donations for this service. Each year APH sends out a letter to its patrons asking for a donation to keep the magazine going. You are not required to donate anything to keep your Readers Digest subscription, but you **must** return the letter you receive from them in order to keep receiving the Readers Digest magazine on cassette.



## On the Shelf

(Books recorded at the North Dakota State Library)

### Send Titles Checked Below

ND 00154

#### **Speaking Out on Sod House Times**

Author: Pauline Neher Diede

These stories were compiled to commemorate words of the pioneers who settled on the prairies and built our churches and towns.

ND 00156

#### **Dakota: Four Inspirational Stories on the Northern Plains**

Author: Lauraine Snelling

The lives of four inspiring women who make their way in the New World. Three of the authors best-selling novels are included in this recording.

ND 00158

#### **Unwanted Bread: The Challenge of Farming and Ranching**

Author: Sheldon Green

North Dakota food producers give us a personal glimpse of their own lives by telling their story.

ND 00047

#### **Popcorn the Pearly Gates, and Other Kernals of Truth**

Author: Lonnie Melashenko

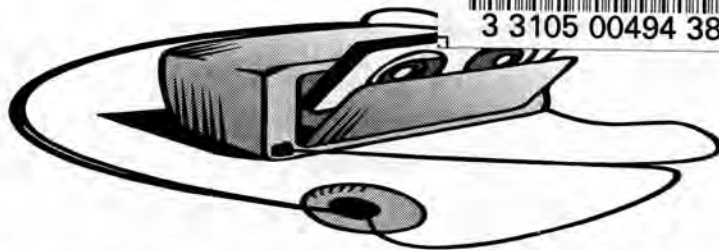
The author shares some insights on making the Christian life a joyous reality.

ND 00071

#### **Tiger-Lily Years**

Author: Erling Rolfsrud

A factual account of the authors life in western North Dakota during the 1920's.



ND 00104

#### **It's All About Power: A True and Accurate Eye Witness Account of the Gordon Kahl Shoot-out With US Marshalls**

Author: Steve Schnabel

Read about why the Medina shoot-out took place when and where it did.

ND 00105

#### **A Kremer Christmas Miracle**

Author: Kevin Kremer

The Kremer family of Mandan, North Dakota share their story of a Christmas miracle. (Child 4-7)

ND 00107

#### **The Vanishings**

Author: Jerry Jenkins & Tim Lahaye

In a moment, millions of people around the globe disappear. Those left behind face an uncertain future. Book #1 in the Left Behind Kids Series.

ND 00123

#### **Pioneer Women Teachers of North Dakota**

Author: Nellie Swanson

A true account of the women who taught and worked in education in North Dakota during the pioneering of this state.

ND 00133

#### **He is Alive**

Author: Cindy Yale

The inspirational story about a teenager that defied the odds after being severely burned in a train accident near Burlington, ND.

ND 00151   
**Only One Man Died: The Medical Aspects of Lewis and Clark**  
Author: Eldon G. Chuinard  
This account explores the general physical and mental health practices of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

ND 00167   
**Silent Towns on the Prairie: North Dakota's Disappearing Towns and Farms**  
Author: Ken C. Brovald  
Hundreds of small towns were established on the North Dakota prairie as the railroads stretched across the state. Many of these towns are dwindling away and becoming ghost towns.

ND 00171   
**North Dakota: Portrait of America**  
Author: Kathleen Thompson  
Based on the Portrait of America television series, a discussion of the history, economy, and future of North Dakota.

ND 00168   
**Letters to Ida: Farm Life in the Early 1900's**  
Author: Iris Wilhelm Swenson  
Ida moved to the Red River Valley in the early 1900's. To relieve her loneliness, her mother and sisters wrote frequent letters that have been compiled into this book.

ND 00152   
**More Dakota Mysteries and Oddities**  
Author: William Jackson  
Stories about people and events in North Dakota with an odd twist and a little bit of North Dakota folklore.

ND 00160   
**Aristocrat of the West**  
Author: Larry Woiwode  
Woiwode tells the story of North Dakota entrepreneur Harold Shafer.

ND 00181   
**Beyond the Red River: Centennial Book of the Diocese of Fargo**  
Author: Terrance Kardong  
A look back at the inspiring years during the development of the Fargo Diocese.

ND 00149   
**Sacred Hoops**  
Author: Phil Jackson  
North Dakota native Phil Jackson gives us an inside look at his coaching philosophy as head coach of the Chicago Bulls basketball team.

ND 00141   
**Sitting Bull: Champion of the Sioux**  
Author: Stanley Vestal  
A stirring account of Sitting Bull's struggle to keep his people free and united.

ND 00174   
**Trust Walk**  
Author: Susan Ekberg  
North Dakota children's author Susan Ekberg portrays the courage of a little girl in northern Minnesota. (Child 2-4)

ND 00169   
**Dakota Doughboy: The Otto Ihringer Story**  
Author: Marvin Baker  
A story of the young man from North Dakota who was awarded the Chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor, France's highest national honor.

## Summer Reading Celebration

The 2001 summer reading program was a huge success! Over thirty students signed up for this year's program, which made it the biggest summer reading program ever. The theme was **Reading Road Trip USA**.

All of the students who participated in the program received a t-shirt, reading incentives, and a special invitation to attend a celebration in their honor this past August. Governor John Hoeven presented certificates to the readers for their efforts.

KFYR weatherman, reporter, and author Cliff Naylor was the featured speaker at this year's event. Cliff shared stories of his travels throughout North Dakota while on assignment for KFYR TV. Cliff is also the co-author of the book *Dakota Day Trips*, a book about unique places to visit while traveling in North Dakota.

To find out more information about the summer reading program contact Terri Wilhelm at the North Dakota State Library.



*Governor John Hoeven poses with the summer readers at this year's celebration.*

## Improvements Made

For your convenience we have made a couple of changes to the mailing card that goes out with the talking books. On the return side of the mailing card, you will notice two boxes on the top left hand side of the card. If you have a problem with a talking book, you should check the box on the top left of the mailing card labeled **Defective Book**. This will let us know that you had a problem with this book so we can repair or replace the cassette.

We would also appreciate it if you would mark the defective cassette(s) with a rubber band to help us find the defective tape. If you would like the book returned to you after we have corrected the problem, please place a check mark in the second box labeled **Defective/Send Another Copy**. These changes will help alleviate the need for notes sent in the inside of the box. Sending hand-written notes is against postal regulations for free matter material. We do not automatically send another copy of a defective book unless you request another copy.

We have also added our toll-free number in bold print at the bottom of each card, so you will have quick access to our phone number if you need to get in touch with us. The loan period for all talking books and magazines is 6 weeks. If you wish to keep them longer than this, please contact us to renew your book or magazine.

## **Radio Survey**

If you are a patron of Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) through the North Dakota State Library, you may receive a phone call from one of our staff inquiring about the service we are providing. This survey is being conducted to get information about the current and future programming of DRIS. Please feel free to give us your opinion about our programming, so we can provide you the best service possible.

## **DRIS Signal Problems**

Patrons of Dakota Radio Information Service may have noticed some problems with their signal recently. Some of the signal problems we are experiencing are due to damaged phone lines caused by the recent tragedy in New York. The network that carries some of the programming is working to correct the problem. Please feel free to call us at 1-800-843-9948 to inquire about any problems or suggestions you may have concerning your radio service.

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