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Most Read Books 2002

Two thousand people across North Dakota are taking advantage of the Talking Book Program through the North Dakota State Library Disability Services. The patrons of this service enjoy a variety of reading material including: biographies, health, science, romance, classics, mysteries and westerns, just to name a few.

According to our statistics, more patrons read *Untamed Land* by Lauraine Snelling, than any other book available. Snelling is the author of the *Red River of the North* series. Listed is a summary of the six most read books during 2002.



- #1 ND 00048 *Untamed Land*-Lauraine Snelling
- #2 RC 52929 *Skipping Christmas*-John Grisham
- #3 RC 51892 *Lone Eagle*-Danielle Steel
- #4 RC 47432 *Tender Years*-Janette Oke
- #5 RC 52282 *Leap of Faith*-Danielle Steel
- #6 RC 52101 *Common Life: The Wedding Story*;
Mitford Years #3-Jan Karon

Horticulture Magazine Now Available

The National Library Service (NLS) will offer a cassette version of *Horticulture* magazine beginning with the March-April 2003 issue. The magazine has been selected as a replacement for *New Choices* magazine, which ceased publication last year. *Horticulture* magazine is the authoritative voice of gardening, providing inspiration, instruction, and entertainment for passionate gardeners.

Flower and Garden originally selected to replace *New Choices* magazine, has also discontinued publication, so readers should disregard the announcements of its selection in the March/April 2003 edition of Talking Book Topics and Braille Book Review.

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

Laugh it up @ Your Library

The 2003 Governor's Summer Reading Program, *Laugh it up @ Your Library*, is right around the corner. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this year's program. The program begins May 30, 2003 and will run through July 23, 2003.



Join us this summer for a laugh-filled journey through books. If you are between 5 & 18 years of age, and are a patron of the North Dakota Talking Book Program, you can sign up to be part of the **FUN**, and *Laugh it up @ Your Library*!

To register for the summer program, complete the application form and mail it to the North Dakota State Library. If you do not receive an application for the Summer Reading Program and would like to participate, call 1-800-843-9948 to request an application. The application is due to the State Library by May 30, 2003. You must order at least one Talking or Braille book by June 13, 2003 to qualify for prizes.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Disability Services at the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-843-9948 or local (701) 328-1408.

Talking Book Marker



If you have trouble staying awake and lose your place while listening to your talking books, you may want to consider purchasing a Talking Book Marker.

The Talking Book Marker is a simple switch that plugs into your cassette player. While you are listening to the tape, you hold a switch and as soon as you relax your grip, the talking book player stops playing. This is available for \$12.99 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling.

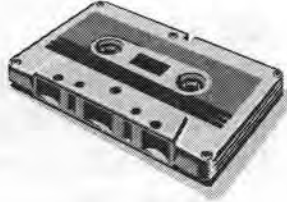
If you would like to learn more about the Talking Book Marker, or would like to order one, please call Jim Daily at (406) 782-2202, or write to The Talking Book Marker, 835 Emma Street, Butte, MT 59701.

Did you Know?

The average cassette book is 12 hours long, on 8 sides, and recorded on two cassettes. Almost 1,000 copies are produced and distributed to the libraries for the blind across the country. The average cost of each title is \$5.50 per copy.



**On the Shelf-
Bestsellers
Non-Fiction
Spring 2003**



Name: _____

Phone #: _____

RC 55015

Bush at War

Author: Bob Woodward

Reconstructs the inner workings of the White House following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

RC 54444

Firehouse

Author: David Halberstam

Account of the New York City firefighters from Engine 40, Ladder 35, who respond to the attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Of the thirteen men on duty only one survives.

RC 54346

You Cannot be Serious

Author: John McEnroe

Autobiography of notorious tennis champion who dominated the game in the 1980s. Dubbed "Super-Brat" by journalists, McEnroe reminisces about his athletic success as a child in Queens, New York.

RC 54029

Get with the Program! Getting Real About Your Health, Weight and Emotional Well-Being

Author: Bob Greene

A four-phase program requiring physical and emotional commitment to change behavior and attitude. Offers advice on dieting, exercising, and achieving the mindset to gain long-lasting effects.

RC 54036

Self Matters: Creating Your Life From the Inside Out

Author: Phillip McGraw

Explores how to find one's "authentic self" via introspection and other key elements that will lead to a stronger self-concept and self-esteem.

RC 53070

Crossing Over: the Stories Behind the Stories

Author: John Edward

Reminiscences of psychic medium and television show host. Discusses how to communicate with those who have died and passed on to an afterlife."

RC 53289

How I Play Golf

Author: Tiger Woods

The twenty-five-year-old champion explains his mental and physical approaches to winning. Woods analyzes every aspect of the game from putting to choosing the right club.

**On the Shelf-Bestsellers
Fiction
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RC 54687

From A Buick 8

Author: Stephen King

It looked like an ordinary 1954 Buick abandoned at a Pennsylvania gas station. But within hours, an investigating policeman has inexplicably vanished. The troopers put the car under lock and key, but it has a malevolent life of its own.

RC 54158

The Beach House

Author: James Patterson

A Columbia University law student investigates the death of his younger brother, Peter, who supposedly drowned.

RC 53067

The Smoke Jumper

Author: Nicholas Evans

Julia Bishop meets Ed Tully first but soon is introduced to his best friend and fellow forest firefighter Connor Ford. That summer a catastrophic fire forces Julia to choose between the two men she has come to love.

RC 53285

The Summons

Author: John Grisham

Law professor Ray Atlee arrives at the family home in rural Mississippi and discovers his elderly father dead, and three million dollars in cash. Ray decides not to tell his drug-addicted brother about the loot. But someone is soon after him and the money.

RC 53709

Daddy's Little Girl

Author: Mary Higgins Clark

Reporter Ellie Cavanaugh of Atlanta returns to Westchester County, New York, to protest the parole of wealthy heir Rob Westerfield, convicted of murdering her teenaged sister twenty-two years ago.

RC 54338

Sunset in St. Tropez

Author: Danielle Steel

Three couples decide to vacation in France one summer. Robert's wife dies before the trip, so he invites his new girlfriend and causes turmoil among his friends.

RC 51904

The Third Victim

Author: Lisa Gardner

The tiny sheriff's office of Bakersville, Oregon, appears ill-equipped to handle a school shooting by the sheriff's son.

RC 52915

Cinnamon

Author: V.C. Andrews

Cinnamon Carlson spends her time dreaming of imaginary worlds. It is her escape from a mother who has mental breakdowns, a father who always seems distant, and an overbearing grandmother. But it is her teacher who gives her the hope of real escape.

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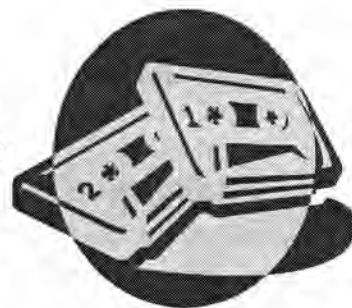
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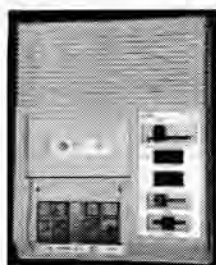
Names and Numbers

Have you ever received a book that has a different book number than the one you ordered? If this has happened to you, it could be because the National Library Service (NLS) re-records some of the titles they offer, updating older versions of the book. When a book is re-recorded, it is given a new RC (recorded cassette) number, and the old number is taken off the system.



If you have questions or concerns about your books or service, please don't hesitate to contact one of our reader advisors at 1-800-843-9948 or local (701) 328-1408.

Your Talking Book Machine



Your talking book machine is provided to you at no cost by the National Library Service (NLS). All patrons of the Talking Book Program are loaned a cassette machine for use with their talking books. You may use this machine as long as you stay active with the Talking Book Program. To stay active you must check out one book or magazine per year from the North Dakota State Library.

You can continue getting service from our library if you relocate to another state on a temporary basis such as attending school or relocating for the winter. Please contact our staff to discuss your options.

If you decide you no longer need this service, please remember to return the equipment you borrowed to the North Dakota State Library, or the machine agency located in Grand Forks. You must also return any talking books still in your possession.

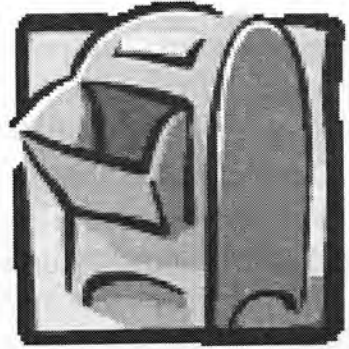
If you plan to move to another state, we can transfer your machine and records to your new place of residence. To transfer your records and service, contact the North Dakota State Library Disability Services staff at 1-800-843-9948, and tell them when you will be moving. Make sure to give them your new address and phone number and our staff will make sure the transfer to your new library is done as smoothly as possible.

E-Mail

If you are able to receive correspondence by e-mail, and would like the staff at the North Dakota State Library Disability Services to be able to communicate with you through e-mail; call, write, or e-mail us your contact information. You can also place talking book orders, ask questions, or let the staff know of any concerns you have about your service and they will respond using e-mail. Send your requests to: tbooks@state.nd.us. This is just one more way we can make serving you more efficient. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 1-800-843-9948 or local (701) 328-1408.

Return and You Will Receive

Have you wondered why you are no longer receiving your talking books? It could be because you have not returned any books recently. There are a few different ways to receive talking books from the library. We can send only books you request, only when you return books, or send them weekly or monthly.



When you became a Talking Book reader, you requested that your books be sent in a certain manner. If you need to update your type of service, or have not received your talking books recently, please call the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-368-948 or local (701) 328-1408, to talk to a reader's advisor.

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