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Radio Reading Service Expands to Eastern North Dakota

There is exciting news for persons living in eastern North Dakota that have a visual, physical, or reading impairment! Beginning in mid-November of this year, people in eastern North Dakota who are eligible, will have the opportunity to hear a variety of newspapers and magazines via closed circuit radio.

A partnership was recently formed with the North Dakota State Library, Minnesota Talking Book Radio Reading Service (RTB), and Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) Board to provide service to eastern North Dakota. Stella Cone, Head of Disability Services at the North Dakota State Library says, "This partnership is a significant milestone in providing citizens of eastern North Dakota access to another information source." Please Contact the North Dakota State Library at 1-800-843-9948 for more information about this service.

Cities in eastern North Dakota that will be in the listening area include Lisbon, Wyndmere, Lidgerwood, Hankinson, Wahpeton, Fargo, Hillsboro, Grand Forks, Drayton, Grafton, Park River, Adams, Lakota, Michigan, Aneta, Finley, Hope, Page, and Sibley.

DRIS patrons will be able to receive the Minnesota Radio Talking Book Program (RTB) 24 hours a day at no charge. The RTB program broadcasts many current local and national newspapers and magazines each day. The RTB network does not edit or censor any of the publications, so you will hear all material in its original form. Some of the newspapers and magazines broadcast include the Minneapolis Star-Tribune, Saint Paul Pioneer Press, New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, The New Yorker, and National Enquirer.

The expansion of services was made possible because of grants from DRIS, US Department of Commerce, National Telecommunication and Information Administration, Public Telecommunication Facilities Program, NODAK Electric Trust, BP American Volunteers (Mandan Chapter), North Dakota Association for the Blind, SERVE Foundation, and the Red River Lions Club, Grand Forks.

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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



Newsletter Available to Dog Lovers

A newsletter devoted to the health and happiness of your dog is now available in talking book and Braille. *Your Dog* includes useful and practical information for all dog owners. Each monthly issue can help you understand and respond to your dog's changing medical, behavioral, and nutritional needs. *Your Dog* is produced monthly by the Tufts University College of Veterinary Medicine.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of this or other newsletters or magazines, please contact the North Dakota State Library Disability Services at 1-800-843-9948, and the staff will assist you in signing up for a subscription to this or other material of interest.

Summer Readers Celebrate



Dr. Wayne Sanstead praises participants for their efforts during the 2005 Governor's Summer Reading Program celebration

Participants of the 2005 Governor's Summer Reading Program recently celebrated their accomplishments during a special outdoor party held in their honor.

Summer readers and their families attended an afternoon of fun and games at the North Dakota State Library. Dr. Wayne Sanstead, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was on hand to award certificates to participants and a special t-shirt for completing requirements for the 2005 Governor's Summer Reading Program.

The State Library staff along with Mary Verlinde, a vision outreach teacher with North Dakota Vision Services, provided interactive stories, games, and refreshments for everyone.

Our Loan Policy

The checkout period for talking books and magazines is six weeks. If you find you need to keep the material for a longer period of time, it may be renewed for an additional six weeks. The date the book was mailed will appear on the address card.

Please contact State Library staff at 1-800-843-9948 with any questions you may have about our loan policy.



On the Shelf Magazines

Dakota Catholic Action
The official newspaper of the Diocese of Bismarck. Published monthly except July.

North Dakota History; Journal of the Northern Plains
History and culture of North Dakota and the northern Great Plains. Published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

North Dakota Horizons
Current events, folklore, and resources of North Dakota.

North Dakota Outdoors
Hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation in North Dakota. Published by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

North Dakota Living
(Formerly REC Magazine)
Articles of general interest, feature stories, editorial column, recipes and photos; geared to rural North Dakota.

Plains Talk
This newsletter contains articles and information about events and projects that are being sponsored and held at the various historical sites around the state. Published by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Country Woman
Filled with country recipes, fiction, crafts, decorating ideas, and “good conversation” with country women.

Seventeen
A young woman’s style and beauty magazine and focuses on fitness, food, cars, and entertainment.

American History
An informational, thought provoking presentation which examines the changing times and growing history of the United States.

Humpty Dumpty
Includes cartoons, crafts, stories, puzzles, and healthful recipes to stimulate young minds and imaginations.

Saturday Evening Post
A general interest magazine that contains humor, fiction, non-fiction, and provides important health information of interest to the American family.

Wild West
Focuses on the history, people, places, and events that shaped the American Frontier.

Organic Gardening
An essential resource for any gardener including practical and timely information, and focuses on making gardening fun and easy.

Your Dog
A newsletter devoted to the health and happiness of your dog. Includes useful and practical information for dog owners.

Birds and Blooms
Celebrates the joys of attracting birds and tending to beautiful backyard flower gardens.

Better Homes and Gardens
Designed for people who are interested in turning home, cooking, and gardening inspiration into action.

Diabetes Self Management
Aimed at the diabetic population; containing articles of interest to all diabetics in subjects such as health, medication, and diet.

Biography Today
Profiles famous people such as musicians, public figures, and actors; written for younger readers.

Good Old Days
Each issue brings you feature stories and photos of the *Good Old Days* of 1900-1949 straight from the heart.

Sports Illustrated
Experience the inside track and keep in touch with major sports news.

Cooking Light
Every issue delivers dozens of recipes with cooking techniques, quick tips, and more.

****Order any of these magazines at no cost by calling the North Dakota State Library Disability Services at 1-800-843-9948, or choose magazine(s) and mail this form to:**

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Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage - Part D

Coverage under the new federal Medicare Prescription Drug Program begins January 1, 2006. The program will make it easier for many qualifying North Dakotans to pay for the prescription drugs they need to stay healthy.

State officials estimate that about 100,000 North Dakotans qualify for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage (Medicare Part D). Of these, about 10,900 people are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid and currently receive prescriptions through Medicaid – the state and federally funded health coverage program for low-income persons. Their prescription drug coverage will shift from Medicaid to Medicare beginning January 2006.

Everyone who qualifies for Medicare should carefully review all mail from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

People can select a Medicare Prescription Drug plan between November 15 and December 31, 2005. After December 31, 2005, the federal government will automatically enroll individuals who receive both Medicare and Medicaid into a prescription drug plan – if individuals do not select their own plans. Plan information will be included in the *Medicare & You Handbook 2006* that CMS is mailing to Medicare beneficiaries this fall.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans will vary in cost, covered medications, and participating pharmacies. Out-of-pocket costs will be different for everyone, but should be low for those who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

To learn more about Medicare's Prescription Drug Coverage, call 1-800-633-4227 (1-800-MEDICARE) or visit www.medicare.gov. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Please Call First

If you have trouble with your talking books not playing correctly and you think it may be your talking book machine, please call the State Library at 1-800-843-9948 before sending your machine back. Many times we are able to solve the problem over the telephone without you having to return your machine. If the problem is your machine, we can notify the machine agency about it so they can send you another one as quickly as possible.



If the problem is the cassette, we will send you a replacement copy of the book you need.

If you Like

If you like **Sandra Brown**, then try **Catherine Coulter**, **Julie Garwood**, or **Amanda Quick**.

If you like **John Grisham**, then try **William Coughlin**, **Steve Martini**, or **Scott Torrow**.

If you like **Mary Higgins Clark**, then try **Joy Fielding**, **Elizabeth Peters**, or **Phyllis Whitney**.

If you like **Stephen King**, then try **Dean Koontz**, **John Saul**, or **Anne Rice**.

If you like **Isaac Asimov**, then try **C.J. Cherryh**, **Robert Heinlein**, or **Orson Scott Card**.

If you like **Louis L'Amour**, then try **Zane Grey**, **Max Brand**, or **Loren Estleman**.

If you like **Janette Oke**, then try **B.J. Hoff**, **Belva Plain**, or **T. Davis Bunn**.

If you like **J.K. Rowling**, then try **Susan Cooper**, **Nancy Farmer**, or **Lemony Snicket**.