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AUDIO MAGAZINES TRANSITION TO DIGITAL FLASH CARTRIDGES

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) recently began to transition the audio magazine program to the digital cartridge format. Upon completion of the transition next year, all audio magazine readers will need to have a digital talking book player to continue receiving magazines. Patrons who don't already have a digital talking book player should contact North Dakota State Library Talking Books at 800-843-9948.

Currently, patrons receive magazines in cardboard envelopes that do not have to be returned. With digital magazines, that process will change. **Digital magazine cartridges must be returned**, since they will be reused. The process for cartridge return is the same for both books and magazines. Simply turn over the address card on the container and place the cartridge in its container for mailing. If magazine cartridges are not returned your service may be disrupted.

The blue digital magazine cartridges will ship in a dark red container with a distinctive logo. The cartridge may contain several magazines to which you subscribe. When a cartridge with more than one magazine is inserted into a digital talking book player, it will announce instructions for navigating among the multiple magazines on that cartridge. The cartridges will be sent out at the frequency of your most frequent magazine. For example, readers of *The Week* will receive their magazine cartridges once per week. Readers who receive *Talking Book Topics* on cassette will soon receive it on digital cartridge with their other audio magazines. The print order forms for *Talking Book Topics* will be mailed out separately from the magazine cartridge.

NORTH DAKOTA TALKING BOOKS AND DRIS CLOSURES :

November 12 - Veteran's Day

November 22 - Thanksgiving

December 24 - Christmas Eve (closing at noon)

December 25 - Christmas

THE 10 BEST REASONS TO HAVE A BARD ACCOUNT

1. Free, 24/7 access to as many NLS books and magazines as you choose.
2. Signing up is easy. You simply need a computer with a high-speed Internet connection and an email address.
3. You can avoid the long wait list for the most popular digital books.
4. Friends or family members can help you download books.
5. There's no need to wait for postal delivery of cartridges.
6. There are no due dates. Downloaded books do not need to be returned.
7. Manage your own collection of downloaded books on your computer. Download and delete books as many times as you want.
8. Magazines are also available for download.
9. Web-Braille is coming soon to BARD.
10. Talking Books staff can assist you with BARD. Just ask!

DIGITAL BOOKSHELF FEATURE

When a book cartridge or flash drive has several books or magazines on it, the user can jump from book to book by using the "Bookshelf" feature.

To activate this feature, hold down the green PLAY/STOP button for a few seconds. The player will announce, "bookshelf." The REWIND or FAST FORWARD keys can now be used to go back and forward from book to book.

When the announcement for the desired book or magazine issue is heard, press the green PLAY/STOP key to listen to that particular book or magazine.

CASSETTES BEING WITHDRAWN

As mentioned previously, it is time to start retiring the cassette talking book collection. Most Talking Books patrons currently have a digital player and use only digital books, so this will not affect those patrons. However, those patrons who still receive cassette books need to start switching to digital cartridge books.

The National Library Service has given all talking book libraries until 2015 to return all cassette books to the national recycling site. Talking Books staff will begin withdrawing cassettes soon and will continue until the switch is complete.

BARD MADE EASY!

Would you like to simplify the process of downloading books from BARD? The CDesk For Media software can help. CDesk is a high-contrast, large-print, fully speech-enabled desktop solution for downloading and managing access to BARD.

CDesk for Media requires three simple steps:

1. Enter a book title or author name.
2. Select from the results list.
3. Choose GET.

CDesk for Media will automatically retrieve the book from BARD, uncompress the files, store the book in its own directory on your disk drive, and transfer the book to your USB drive, digital cartridge, or VictorReader. The software is available for both personal computers and as a mobile application.

For more information or to purchase, visit www.cdeskforbooks.com. The website also contains tutorials, frequently asked questions, and online support.

RESETTING YOUR DIGITAL TALKING BOOK PLAYER

Some patrons request to read a digital book a second time and Talking Books is usually willing to honor this request. However, before you can re-read the book, the digital player needs to be reset. Resetting the player erases the saved current position of the book's history; erases all bookmarks; restores the default settings for the volume, tone, and speed; sets the player language to English; and erases the history button of presses. The battery statistics are not affected.

To reset the player's settings, make sure the player is off, then press and hold the following buttons at the same time: Tone Up + Speed Up + Volume Up while also pressing the Power Button. The message "creating new profile" will play to confirm the reset operation has been performed successfully. The player must then be powered off normally to save the reset profile to the player memory.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Talking Book service relies on volunteers to inspect returned books, make copies of books, narrate books, and broadcast the newspapers on DRIS. This work and dedication allows Talking Books to provide service to all. **Thank you, volunteers!**

NLS APPOINTS A NEW DIRECTOR

Karen A. Keninger was recently appointed as director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). Keninger succeeds Frank Kurt Cylke, who retired from federal service on February 28, 2011. Ruth Scovill was appointed acting director on March 26, 2011. Scovill continued her work as director of technology policy in Library Services at NLS while serving as acting director.

Since 2008, Keninger has been the director of the Iowa Department for the Blind, a leading provider in the United States of vocational rehabilitation and independent-living programs and library services for blind and visually impaired individuals. Keninger was selected from an impressive pool of candidates following an extensive search process that began in 2011.

MAIL DELIVERY CONSIDERATIONS

Before contacting Talking Books or the USPS about lost or delayed mail, please consider the delivery time. Delivery time varies from one class of mail to another. Talking Books utilizes "Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped" mailing privilege, which has a standard delivery time of 2-3 days inside North Dakota. However, the US Postal Service does not guarantee delivery time for "Free Matter" mail.

BOOKS THAT SHAPED AMERICA

The Library of Congress is observing the "Celebration of the Book" with an exhibition, "Books that Shaped America," which explores the important and varied ways that books influence our lives. Included in the exhibition is a list of books that shaped America. Visually impaired and disabled readers can enjoy most of the "Books That Shaped America" through the free Braille and talking book program of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS).

NLS director Karen Keninger said she was pleased that so many of the "Books That Shaped America" are already part of the NLS collection. "In the coming months we will make even more of them available to blind and disabled readers," Keninger said. "We want everyone to be able to read these books and take part in the cultural dialogues they continue to inspire."

If you are interested in the list of books, please call Talking Books at 1-800-843-9948.

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ON THE SHELF SUMMER 2012

Name: _____

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LD00596

The Day the Music Died

AUTHOR: Ed Gorman

The first book in the Sam McCain Mystery series. February 1958 in small-town Iowa Narrator Sam McCain, works as an investigator in Black River Falls for the wealthy and eccentric Judge Esme Anne Whitney. McCain discovers the body of the wife of Whitney's rotten nephew, Kenny, and then is unable to stop Kenny from killing himself. Everybody, including the loutish local police chief, is sure that Kenny murdered his wife, but McCain has his doubts. This book contains some strong language, violence and explicit descriptions of sex. 1999.

LD00599

The Woody I Know: George Woodrow Gagnon an Autobiography

AUTHOR: George Woodrow Gagnon

An autobiography of George "Woody" Gagnon, telling of his growing up in Page ND, living through the depression, his college years, his service during WWII, working for Governor Link and being a community leader In Bismarck. 2009.

LD00603

Turning Points

AUTHOR: George Sinner

George "Bud" Sinner was the Governor of North Dakota between 1984 and 1992, during one of the most difficult periods in North Dakota history. This long-anticipated political and spiritual memoir examines the life and achievement of an extraordinary North Dakotan who was a successful farmer, politician, and a leader in the Democratic Party. 2011.

LD00604

Dakota: Or What's a Heaven For

AUTHOR: Brenda K. Marshall

Seduced by the myths of opportunity driving the settlement of Dakota Territory, Frances dares to dream of a new world in which to realize her unconventional desires. Providing a counterpoint to the dramatic risks taken by Frances is the generous voice of Kirsten Knudson, the daughter of Norwegian homesteaders. As Kirsten grows from a voluble girl to a formidable woman, her observations reveal the heart of the novel. 2010.

LD00605

How Fargo of You

AUTHOR: Marc De Celle

When Marc de Celle and his family settled just outside of Fargo in the summer of 2005, strange things started to happen. Things they never imagined possible. Things that left them speechless until they found just the right thing to say... How Fargo of You. 2010.

LD00608

The Baggage Room

AUTHOR: Frederic Smith

This novel takes a sympathetic and fun-loving look at a day in the lives of some railroaders threatened with loss of their jobs and way of life. In addition, the troops of the Baggage Room have recently suffered the death of Skip Cavander. Was it the suicide that law enforcement called it - or murder? Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2011.

LD00609

There is a Road in North Dakota

AUTHOR: Sam W. McQuade

This is Sam McQuade's story, growing up Catholic in the 50s and 60s on the northern Great Plains, his travels and adventures in France, the auto accident deaths of two brothers, life as a college English professor, and his eventual return to Bismarck, ND, to enter the family beer business. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2010

LD00611

Dakota

AUTHOR: Martha Grimes

Andi Oliver, an amnesiac and drifter is hired by Klavan's, a massive pig farming facility that specializes in the dark art of modern livestock management. As Andi begins to uncover the truth about Klavan's, two men are on her trail, one a gunman hired to kill her, another who has followed her across three states demanding something from her forgotten past. Some strong language. 2008.

LD00613

Little Pink Slips

AUTHOR: Sally Koslow

Once there was a little girl from Fargo, North Dakota, named Maggie Goldfarb who grew up, moved to Manhattan, and morphed into Magnolia Gold, the highly paid editor in chief of Lady magazine. Inspired by real-life events, Little Pink Slips is about the fall, rise, and sweet revenge of a woman who witnesses corporate shenanigans at their most flagrant. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2007.

LD00615

Freedom to Love

AUTHOR: Rhonda Kulczyk

The year is 1858. This Missouri girl's only possession is a journal, placed in her hands by her dying mother. In the journal a secret is revealed -- a secret that could destroy her. Fearful that Shay will not marry her if he learns the truth, Alana decides it best to keep her secret from him. When Alana's secret finally surfaces, will it destroy the very relationship she so desperately tried to protect? 2009.

LD00616

Remember This

AUTHOR: S. T. Underdahl

When Lucy is almost sixteen years old, she spends a summer losing her best friend, dating a boy she previously despised, and watching her beloved grandmother fall victim to Alzheimer's disease. Includes author's note with facts about Alzheimer's disease. 2008

☐ LD00617

Combat Officer: A Memoir of War in the South Pacific

AUTHOR: Charles H. Walker

For the U.S., Guadalcanal was a bloody seven-month struggle under brutal conditions against crack Japanese troops deeply entrenched and determined to fight to the death. For Charles Walker, this horrific jungle battle-one that claimed the lives of 1,600 Americans and more than 23,000 Japanese-was just the beginning. This is the gripping tale of the brave young American men who fought with tremendous courage in appalling conditions, willing to sacrifice everything for their country. Some violence and some descriptions of sex. 2004.

☐ LD00618

Under the Twisted Cross

AUTHOR: Margaret M. Barnhart

Lying in his prone shelter on an Italian battlefield, Nick Bremer wakes to the sound of German voices. Without ammunition, his squad has no choice but to surrender. Thus begins months of peril as the men go from prisoners-in-transit to permanent internment in Stalag IIB, reported by 1943 Military Intelligence as the worst POW camp in Germany. But, can his tenacity and wit help him survive the brutal European "death march" to the Western Front? Some strong language and some violence. 2010.

☐ LD00619

Summer on Lake Tulaby

AUTHOR: S. T. Underdahl

Lake Tulaby is a quiet Minnesota retreat not generally known for scandal. As May gives way to June, a series of developments ripple the usually smooth surface of Lake Tulaby, culminating in a discovery during the annual Fourth of July Boat Parade that threatens to change the lives of the Lake's inhabitants forever. From Backcover. Some strong language. 2011.

☐ LD00620

The Last Hurrah: An Account of Life in the Mouse River Valley, Bone Town, Little Chicago and the Magic City

AUTHOR: Mark Timbrook

A history of Ward County and Minot, North Dakota from prehistoric times to 1930. 2008.

☐ LD00621

Death in Dakota

AUTHOR: Dorothy Derr

Tired of her boring marriage to a man who pays no attention to her, Janet Peterson leaves Minneapolis to go back to her small North Dakota hometown. The town she used to think of as deadly dull, turns out to be just deadly. Afraid her brother is a prime suspect, Janet teams up with a new friend to find out who the killer is. Before they get to the bottom of it, two more bodies turn up, and Janet finds herself in mortal danger. Some violence and some strong language. 2008.

LD00624

This Water Goes North

AUTHOR: Dennis Weidemann

From the tranquil farmland waters of Minnesota to the treacherous wilderness rapids of Manitoba, four young men in two old canoes experience an adventure that every kid talks about, but few take. They set out in 1979 to paddle 1,400 miles north to Hudson Bay. Experience with them the desolation of true wilderness and go on humorous escapades with local characters. 2007.

LD00625

Did You Know That...? Book 2

AUTHOR: Curt Eriksmoen

This book, the second in a series, is a collection of newspaper columns, written by Curt Eriksmoen, focusing on notable people, places and events concerning North Dakota. 2008.

LD00626

Did You Know That...? Book 3

AUTHOR: Curt Eriksmoen

This book, the 3rd in a series, is a collection of newspaper columns, written by Curt Eriksmoen, focusing on notable people, places and events concerning North Dakota. 2009.

LD00627

Never Subdued

AUTHOR: Franklin Hook

A true story about the Philippine-American War 1898-1902 and how it led to the Moro Campaigns against radical Islam 1902-1913. This is a tale of what it was like for a large number of young American men when they "went soljering" more than a century ago, in the steamy tropics of the Philippine Islands during the opening years of the 20th Century. This book contains some violence. 2011.

LD00633

Lonestar Sanctuary

AUTHOR: Colleen Coble

Though tragedy has wrecked her life, Allie Siders holds on to the hope that her five-year-old daughter, Betsy, will speak again. She heads to the peaceful Bluebird Ranch, a sanctuary for abused horses, and also for troubled youths. In the quiet safety of the Bluebird Ranch, old promises resurface and unexpected love brings new hope. 2007. Book one of a series.

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BARD WEBSITE UPGRADE WILL OFFER NEW FEATURES AND MATERIALS

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) site will soon be updated to include Braille materials, locally-produced magazines, instructional music audiobooks, Braille music scores, and foreign language materials.

The new “My Wish List” feature will allow patrons to store and access titles to download later. The “My Previous Downloads” feature will display a list of all of the titles that have been downloaded.

Every title and magazine issue will have its own details page, which will feature all of the information from the summary page and include some additional notes, such as navigation information for audiobooks, the transcribing agency for Braille books, and other information from the NLS International Union Catalog. Each details page will also feature links to other books by the same author, audiobooks read by the same narrator, books on the same subject, and books in the same series. Below the notes you will find the link to download the title and a link to add the title to your wish list.

With this update of the BARD website, the Web-Braille service will be discontinued. Web-Braille materials will continue to be accessible through active links in the NLS International Union Catalog as well as through the online version of Braille Book Review. However, you will be prompted to enter your BARD username and password when you access Web-Braille materials from these locations. To continue accessing Web-Braille materials, you must register for BARD service. If you have not yet registered, visit <https://nlsbard.loc.gov> and select the link for BARD Application Instructions. Then, choose the link to the BARD Application for Individuals.

On the BARD website, Braille listings will always follow audio listings with the exception of those in each user's individual wish list and previous downloads list, where they will appear in the order that users added them to the list. Whenever Braille materials are available, a link at the top of the page called Skip to Braille will lead readers directly to the Braille results.

To learn more, please visit <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/NLS/NewBARDOverview.html>.

Do you enjoy your Talking Book service? Do you know someone else who might benefit from the Talking Book service? Please tell them about North Dakota Talking Books or contact Talking Books staff to have an application mailed to them.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR TALKING BOOKS PATRONS

- The loan period for cartridge books and magazines is one month and two months for cassette books. An overdue letter is a reminder that your item is overdue. If an item is 2 months overdue, the patron will receive an overdue notification. If an item is 3 months overdue, the patron's Talking Books service will be placed on hold. To request more time with an item, please call Talking Books to request a renewal.
- Please return items promptly. Other patrons may be waiting on books that have not been returned. By returning items promptly, patrons help Talking Books keep books circulating to all patrons in a timely manner.
- Please do not put notes in the book containers or write on the mailing cards. The US Postal Service does not allow notes to accompany talking books and will remove the notes, if discovered. If you have any questions or need to request a service change or additional books, please contact Talking Books.
- In order to keep your Talking Books service active, you must borrow at least one book or magazine per year. Downloading a book from BARD will satisfy this quota.
- Please notify Talking Books with changes to your address or telephone number.
- Before you return a book, check that you have put the correct book in the correct box. If you inadvertently send back an empty box, please contact Talking Books. Staff will return the empty box to you so you can return the book safely.
- If you receive books that don't interest you, please contact Talking Books to adjust your profile and get books that are better suited to your reading interests.
- Save the shipping box for your talking book player. It was specially designed to hold the player securely and also has important information on the outside. The box is very helpful if you ever need to return your player for repairs.

REASONS WHY REQUESTED BOOKS DON'T ARRIVE

1. Patron is at the maximum number of books checked out.
2. Patron has not returned books or has overdue books.
3. Patron is out of requests. Call the library to request books.
4. Patron has moved and the library does not know of the new address.
5. The books requested are popular and have a long waiting list.
6. Patron has a long request list and has not yet worked their way down to the books in question.
7. Patron reading interests are too limited or specific to keep an adequate number of books in the request list.
8. Patron Talking Book service has been put on hold and Talking Books was not notified to restart service.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Are you a "snow bird?" If so, North Dakota State Library Talking Books can continue to supply reading material and mail books and magazines postage free to winter locations. Contact Talking Books with your temporary address before you leave home and your books will be mailed to you on your usual schedule. Call again when you return home so Talking Books can resume service to your ND address.

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