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TRANSITIONING TO DIGITAL MAGAZINES

Now that Talking Books has transitioned from cassette books to cartridge books, it's time to make the same transition for magazines. As of January 1, 2012 the following magazines will be available in digital format. We apologize if a magazine you are currently receiving does not appear on this list.

<i>AARP – The Magazine</i>	<i>GRIT</i>	<i>Playboy</i>
<i>Better Homes and Gardens</i>	<i>Guidepost</i>	<i>Reminisce</i>
<i>Birds and Bloom</i>	<i>Midwest Living</i>	<i>Reminisce Extra</i>
<i>Country</i>	<i>National Geographic Traveler</i>	<i>Saturday Evening Post</i>
<i>Country Woman</i>	<i>North Dakota History</i>	<i>Smithsonian</i>
<i>Dakota Catholic Action</i>	<i>North Dakota Horizons</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>Dakota Farmer</i>	<i>North Dakota Living</i>	<i>Wild West</i>
<i>Dakota Country</i>	<i>North Dakota Outdoors</i>	<i>Woman's Day</i>
<i>Diabetes Self-Management</i>	<i>Organic Gardening</i>	<i>Your Dog Newsletter</i>
<i>Good Old Days</i>	<i>Plains Talk</i>	

These digital magazines will come to you in a gray box. Just like digital books, magazines have a 4-week loan period. Please remember to return each magazine to ND Talking Books in order to receive the next issue.

NORTH DAKOTA TALKING BOOKS AND DRIS WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

February 20 - President's Day

April 8 - Good Friday

May 28 - Memorial Day

GET ON BOARD WITH BARD

With winter upon us, there will be more time to cozy up with good books. However, more people reading also makes getting popular books more difficult, since there are a limited number of copies available for each title. Thankfully, there is Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD), your solution for any book available in digital format.

Using the BARD service, patrons can download any digital book for free, as well as current issues of 50 magazines, including National Geographic, Consumer Reports, and Sports Illustrated, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. No more waiting lists; no more due dates; no more mailing books. And there are no limits: BARD users can download as many books and magazines as they wish!

Downloading books using BARD requires the following:

- NLS digital player or an authorized purchased player
- Computer with high-speed internet service
- Active email address
- Blank cartridge or USB flash drive (recommended 1-2 GB)

Also, there are a few computer skills that users should have to effectively use BARD:

- Navigating inside a web browser (Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox, Safari, etc.)
- Sending and receiving email
- Filling out online forms
- Downloading and extracting zipped files
- Connecting a cartridge or USB flash drive to your computer
- Creating new folders
- Copying and pasting files
- Removing a cartridge or USB flash drive safely from your computer
- Erasing files from a cartridge or USB flash drive

For more information or to register for a BARD account, please visit <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/ND1A/ApplicationInstructions.html>. If you have any questions please call Talking Books at 800-843-9948 or 701-328-1408.

DIGITAL PLAYER UPDATE

The National Library Service has released a new software update for the digital players. This update, DTBM 2.1.7, will start being added to digital cartridges by book producers. It is believed that this software update has been included as part of titles received by ND Talking Books beginning in early December 2011. All players currently being issued from North Dakota Vision Services and North Dakota Talking Books since November 2011 have been upgraded to the 2.1.7 version.

When a book with the new software update is inserted into a player that has not yet been upgraded, it will announce, "Updating your player's software. Please do not power off your player or remove the cartridge from the player." There will be a series of beeps while the player is updating. When the update is complete, the player announces, "Software upgrade completed. Stand by while your player is restarted." Do not remove the cartridge while it is updating the player's software.

You can also download a copy of this update from the BARD website. Instructions can be found at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/DTBM>. If you have questions or require assistance, please call 800-843-9948 or 701-328-1408.

RETURNING BOOKS: A FEW REMINDERS

- The loan period for digital books and digital magazines is 4 weeks and 8 weeks for cassette books.
- Digital books must be returned before additional books will be sent out. It works best to return a book as soon as you finish it, instead of waiting and returning your books all at one time. Remember, another patron is probably waiting to read the book you have.
- Double check to be sure the correct cartridge is inside the box before mailing.
- Be sure that the box is securely closed. Several empty boxes have been received by Talking Books recently.

SAVE THE PACKAGING

PUBLISHING NOTICE

This is the last time the Discovery newsletter will be offered on cassette. After this issue, it will only be offered in the large print format.

Please do not discard the box or packaging materials for your talking book player. If you need to send your digital player back for any reason, please send it back using those original materials.

TIPS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH NORTH DAKOTA TALKING BOOKS

Here are few suggestions that can help make your communication with North Dakota Talking Books more efficient:

When calling:

- Please turn off any background noise, such as radio, television, talking book player. These interferences make it difficult to hear you.
- Please start the call with your name and phone number. Before we can help you, we need to access your records and we cannot do that without your name.
- You may leave a voicemail for Talking Books 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. When leaving a voicemail, please speak slowly and clearly, especially when saying your name and listings book numbers. Talking Books staff will only return your call if they need more information or if you request a return call. Otherwise, you may assume the requested materials will be sent when they are available.
- Please notify Talking Books when your contact information changes. It is very important in order for us keep in contact with you and to deliver books to the correct address.

When writing:

- Please refrain from putting notes in the boxes. The US Postal Service does not allow notes to accompany talking books and will remove the notes if discovered.
- Please print as legibly as possible.

When emailing:

- Please include your first and last name. Talking Books staff cannot always recognize you by your email address. Also, if you have someone else sending emails on your behalf, please be sure they include your first and last name as the Talking Books patron.

When visiting the library:

- Please call a few hours in advance if you plan to stop by for talking books. It allows time to fill your order before your arrival.

ON THE SHELF

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LD00560

The Murdered Family

AUTHOR: Vernon Alfred Keel

“A wave of fear sweeps across the barren prairies of central North Dakota in April of 1920 with the tragic news that seven members of a farm family and their hired boy have been brutally murdered at their home just north of Turtle Lake in McLean County. A massive search for the killers begins immediately in the midst of an intense statewide election campaign. Three weeks later, eager investigators encouraged by nervous politicians get a signed confession from one of the prime suspects in the case. He is sentenced that same day to life in the state penitentiary. From the beginning, the man denies his guilt and says his confession was obtained under duress, intimidation and fear. In November, his lawyers file a motion in district court asking that his plea of guilty be withdrawn and for a trial upon the merits. Their motion is strengthened when some new evidence is discovered on the Wolf family farm only days before the motion is filed”--Publisher’s description. Some strong language and some violence. 2010

LD00561

Enoch’s Saga: Horsepower to Satellite In a Single Lifetime

AUTHOR: Enoch Thorsgard

Encompassing a period that marked a transition from agricultural practices 200 years old to an era of satellite-guided tractors, Enoch’s Saga is part history and part memoir-with some of the 91 years of accumulated wisdom to seed in. It is much more; in fact, it is the story of a man who in a real sense matched the American and North Dakotan plains and prairies. 2008.

LD00565

The Green Coat: A Tale from the Dust Bowl

AUTHOR: Rosemary McDunn

An inspirational novel about the emotional journey of a young North Dakota girl and her older brother grappling with changes forced upon them by the drought of the 1930s. For Grades 6-9. 2006.

LD00566

Enemies: World War II Alien Internment

AUTHOR: John Christgau

Christgau has taken a fresh, comprehensive look at our government’s flawed alien internment program of World War II. He makes the story poignant by focusing on the lives of several people at Ft. Lincoln, a prison camp near Bismarck, North Dakota.”-San Francisco Examiner. 1985.

LD00567

The American Journey of Eric Sevareid

AUTHOR: Raymond A. Schroth

A biography of the wartime correspondent and commentator for the CBS Evening News from 1964 to 1977. Relates the highly respected journalist to the events and issues he covered, from the Second World War to the civil rights movement, Vietnam, and Watergate. 1995.

LD00568

The Conquest of the Missouri: Being the Story of the Life and Exploits of Captain Grant Marsh

AUTHOR: Joseph Mills Hanson

This is the story of the opening of the Northwest seen through the eyes of Captain Grant Marsh, one of the greatest river pilots ever to navigate the shoals and rapids of the Big Muddy. Although this is a re-telling of Grant Marsh's reminiscences by another person, it has all the fresh vigor and excitement of a first-hand, contemporary account. 1946

LD00569

Mr. Wheat: A Biography of U.S. Senator Milton Young

AUTHOR: Andrea Winkjer Collin

Race of the century Guy vs. Young 1974 North Dakota U.S. Senate election.] This book chronicles Young's life from his early years as a LaMoure County farmer, service in the North Dakota legislature and through his 36 years in the U.S. Senate. 2010.

LD00571

How to Shovel Manure and Other Life Lessons for the Country Woman

AUTHOR: Gwen Petersen

Gwen Petersen is the Erma Bombeck of the farmhouse and the Ann Landers of the barnyard. The author shares her hard-won wisdom on surviving real rural life on the ranch or farm through tales of her own hilarious successes and failures. 2007

LD00572

Not So Wild a Dream

AUTHOR: Eric Sevareid

In this brilliant first-person account of a young journalist's experience during World War II, Sevareid records both the events of the war and the development of journalistic strategies for covering international affairs. He also recalls vividly his own youth in Velva, North Dakota, his decision to study journalism, and his early involvement in radio reporting during the beginnings of World War II. 1946.

LD00573

Keep Going: The Art of Perseverance

AUTHOR: Joseph Marshall

When a young man's father dies, he turns to his wise Lakota grandfather for comfort. He shares his perspective on life, the perseverance it requires and the pleasure and pain of the journey. An inspirational guide deeply rooted in Lakota spirituality. 2006.

LD00578

Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran

AUTHOR: Roxana Saberi

In this gripping and inspirational true story, Saberi writes movingly of her imprisonment, her trial, her eventual release, and the faith that helped her through it all. Her recollections are interwoven with insights into Iranian society, the Islamic regime, and U.S.-Iran relations, as well as stories of her fellow prisoners-many of whom were jailed for their pursuit of human rights, including freedom of speech, association, and religion. Saberi gains strength and wisdom from her cellmates who support her throughout a grueling hunger strike and remind her of the humanity that remains, even when they are denied the most basic rights. *Between Two Worlds* is also a deeply revealing account of this tumultuous country and the ongoing struggle for freedom that is being fought inside Evin Prison and on the streets of Iran. From her heartfelt perspective, Saberi offers a rich, dramatic, and illuminating portrait of Iran as it undergoes a striking, historic transformation. - Provided by publisher. 2010.

LD00585

I Wanted to See

AUTHOR: Borghild Dahl

Miss Dahl tells how she went through the public schools of Minnesota, on to the University, and from there to a career of teaching while dealing with a visual impairment. 1944

LD00590

Great Stories of the Prairie Post

AUTHOR: Keith Norman

This is a collection of 49 of the author's columns from the *Prairie Post*. The articles range from *Flags Across America*, the *Fort Seward Wagon Train*, to the history of Jamestown and surrounding areas. 2007.

LD00593

A Bicycle Built for Murder; Manor House Mysteries, #1

AUTHOR: Kate Kingsbury

The first book in the *Manor House Mystery* series. While the Germans bomb London and other strategic locations during World War II, the villagers of *Sitting Marsh* look towards Lady Elizabeth Hartleigh Compton as a role model. The townsfolk are unaware that Elizabeth is broke due to her late husband's gambling habit. Her only source of income is rent she collects on the cottages on her estate. The War Office informs Elizabeth that her *Manor House* will host American soldiers, a situation the class-conscious aristocrat loathes. At about the same time that Elizabeth prepares for the coming of the Yanks, Beryl Pierce's body is found on a nearby beach, an apparent drowning victim. Placing the American invasion on hold, neither Elizabeth nor the mother of the victim believes that Beryl fell off a cliff and drowned. Taking her leadership role to heart, Elizabeth sets out to prove murder occurred and to find the culprit. 2001.

LD00595

Uncommon Valor

AUTHOR: Dwight Jon Zimmerman

Since the Vietnam War ended in 1973, the Medal of Honor, our nation's highest award for valor, has been presented to only eight men for their actions "above and beyond the call of duty." Six of the eight were young men who had fought in the current war in Iraq, Afghanistan, or both. All of these medals were awarded posthumously, as all had made the choice to give their lives so that their comrades might live. *Uncommon Valor* answers the searing question of who these six young soldiers were, and dramatically details how they found themselves in life-or-death situations, and why they responded as they did. For the first time, this book also provides a comprehensive history of the Medal of Honor itself—one marred by controversies, scandals, and theft. Using an extraordinary range of sources, including interviews with family members and friends, teammates and superiors in the military, personal letters, blogs posted within hours of events, personal and official videos and newly declassified documents, *Uncommon Valor* is a compelling and important work that recounts incredible acts of heroism and lays bare the ultimate sacrifice of our bravest soldiers. 2010.

LD00598

North Dakota Legendary

AUTHOR: Neil D. Howe

A study of North Dakota's geography, history, government, and issues. 2007.

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 1984-1992, during one of the most difficult periods in modern 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 national leader in the Democratic Party. 2011.

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BARD FOR INSTITUTIONS

At first, BARD was only open to individual patrons, but now BARD is open to institutional accounts. This is a welcome addition for North Dakota's schools, hospitals and other institutions that assist patrons to download talking books.

BARD access may be granted to public or private schools and college disability centers that submit a list of the names of eligible students who will use the service. Contact the library for more information about institutional accounts.

READING BOOKS IN A SERIES

Talking Books receives many requests for books in a series. Unfortunately, the computer system does not have the ability to choose books in numerical order of the series. In other words, if all the titles in a series are added to your record, there's no way to make sure that the first book of the series arrives to you before the other books in the series. If this happens to you, please contact us; Talking Books staff may be able to send out the first one or two books in the series. When you begin reading a particular book in a series, we encourage you to request the next few books in the series. This is the only way you can be sure to get your series sent to you in the proper order.

Here are a few series suggestions from our North Dakota collection:

Annie's Attic – In this cozy mystery series, Annie Dawson, the main character, inherits her grandparents Victorian home in Stoney Point, Maine. Each one of these casual "Attic Mysteries" is just that: a puzzle surrounding something that Annie finds in the old attic.

Manor House Mysteries – In WWII England, residents of Sitting Marsh depend on Elizabeth Hartleigh Compton, lady of the Manor House, to take care of things - from sorting out local gossip to solving an occasional murder.

Sam McCain – This mystery series is about a young lawyer working for a judge in Black River Falls, IA. With his 1951 ragtop Ford with matching skirts and his quick wit, Sam McCain roars through the 50s and early 60s like a rock and roll detective.

FairAcres – Hattie McNair may be retired, but she certainly hasn't retired from life. In journals and letters to a friend, Hattie tells the stories of her fellow residents at a retirement home and of the immeasurable gifts and burdens of aging.

DIGITAL BOOK PLAYER BATTERY ALERT

Remember to check your battery level occasionally to see if your player needs recharging. To find out the level of charge, press the power button to turn on, then press power again. The player will make an announcement of the of power charge level amount. If less than 5 hours of charge remains, plug the player into a household outlet to recharge. The player will automatically turn on, press the power button off to fully recharge. It takes about 2 hours to recharge your player.

Indications of battery malfunction:

- Player says “battery charge remaining less than 1 hour” even after charging for several hours.
- Player has been charged but automatically shuts down when not plugged in.
- Player doesn’t hold charge long enough for you to listen comfortably.
- If the battery drops below 1 hour, your player may not recharge.

If any of these situations happen to you please call and we will help you.

1-800-843-9948 or 701-328-1408.

BOOKSHELF FEATURE

Several books and/or magazines can be downloaded to a blank cartridge or USB memory stick. The NLS digital player includes a bookshelf feature which allows the patron to review the list of downloaded books or magazines.

To activate the Bookshelf feature and review titles:

- Press and hold the Play/Stop key until you hear the word “Bookshelf”. Release the button.
- Use the Fast Forward and Rewind buttons to move through the list of title choices. The player will say “Book 1” and the book title and then continue to list all the books.
- Press the Play/Stop button to listen to the desired title.

If you are listening to the book titles and accidentally pass the book you want, press the Rewind button and go back through the titles.

NAVIGATING THE BIBLE ON AN ADVANCED DIGITAL PLAYER

The Bible can be a tricky book to navigate through using a digital player since it has so many levels of content (testaments, books, chapters, and verses). The best player to use when trying to navigate through the Bible is the advanced digital player (DA1).

When using the advanced digital player, first insert the cartridge or flash drive with the Bible on it before you turn on the player. Then push the Menu button to select which level you want to navigate by (testament, book, etc). Keep pressing the Menu button until you hear the level you want, you will hear the word jump after each level.

- Testament: Takes you between the Old Testament and the New Testament
- Book: Navigate in order through the books of the testament
- Chapter: Navigate through the chapters of the book you are in
- Phrase: Move through the chapter by phrases (verses)
- Bookmark: Place bookmarks at your favorite verses by pushing the Mark button, then jump from one bookmark to another.

When you've found the desired level, use the Next and Prev buttons to jump ahead or go back. These navigation features also work for other books as well, not just for the Bible. If you do not have an advanced digital player and would like one, contact us and we'll be happy to send you one.

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