



Library of Congress Braille and Talking-Book Program Releases Book Download App through Apple

People who are blind, visually impaired or have a physical disability may now download audio and Braille books to their iPhone, iPad or iPod touch, if they are registered at the North Dakota State Library, for the Library of Congress free library service.

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) Mobile app is now available through the Apple App Store. The app, which is free, allows readers to download audio and Braille books from their NLS BARD accounts. Access to BARD is provided through local cooperating libraries. BARD contains nearly 50,000 books, magazines and music scores in audio and Braille formats, with new selections added daily.

NLS Director Karen Keninger said, “The BARD Mobile app allows searching, downloading and reading Braille and talking books and magazines on one fully accessible, mainstream device. It’s a library in your pocket.”

She explained, “With BARD Mobile, patrons can play talking books and magazines on their iOS devices. Patrons may also read electronic Braille books, magazines and music scores using a refreshable Braille display connected to their iPhone, iPad or iPod touch through Bluetooth.” Patrons will be able to receive their reading materials faster and won’t have to be weighted down with bulky volumes or playback equipment. NLS is also working on an app for Android devices.

BARD Mobile will make reading not only more accessible, but more portable. “We anticipate that significant numbers of readers will adopt the app as their primary reading device,” Keninger said. “As a growing percentage of blind and disabled Americans adopt mobile devices, the app will provide a highly valued avenue to NLS materials.”

Thank you to those who took the time to complete the survey in the last issue of the Discovery. Your input is valuable to us. Thanks again.

*The Talking Book office hours have changed and now are
Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.*

Commercial audio books are now available for Talking Books

NLS recently signed an agreement with a major publishing group to offer commercial audio books to you the patrons. Some of these books are already available for download on BARD. All of these books will contain “commercial audiobook” in the summary on BARD. NLS hopes to make similar agreements with other publishing groups. The major advantage to such agreements is that these books will be available for download much sooner than if NLS produced the recordings. Some of these commercially-recorded audio books, however, may not be reviewed for sexual content, strong language, and violence. If you read the description of the book on BARD, “unrated” will appear in the summary. We just want to alert you to be aware that it may contain content that you do not want to read.

If you request one of these books through our Reader Services department, the reader consultant who assists you may not be able to advise you as to what levels of sex, language, and violence are in any of these books. If you are on automatic selection and have requested that your selections be screened for sex, language, and violence, you may still receive any of these “unrated” audio books until we are able to determine what those levels are and code them for the designated levels.

What to do if you get a damaged book

You may occasionally receive a damaged or defective book from us. If you have a damaged book:

- Notify the library of the problem.
- After turning the mail card over to return it to the library, mark an “X” in the appropriate box located in the top left corner of the mailing card, letting us know that it is a damaged book and if you want us to send a replacement copy of the book.

Don't forget!!

All magazines on digital cartridges that are in the red container MUST be returned. If you do not return the magazine, you could temporarily lose magazine service. Please read and return all items in a timely fashion.

Returning Cassette Machines

Just as the seasons change, so do things at the Talking Book Library. With the increasing number of digital cartridges available, we are now starting the process of returning the cassette collection to the National Library Service. This means that there are less and less cassette books available. A majority of the cassette books have been converted to the digital cartridge. So, if you still have a cassette machine in your possession and are not using it you may send it to:

**North Dakota Machine Agency
North Dakota Vision Services
500 Stanford Road
Grand Forks, ND 58203-2748**

USING THE BOOKSHELF FEATURE FOR MAGAZINES

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion about the magazines that come in the red boxes. If you subscribe to more than one magazine, there will be times that there are multiple magazines on a cartridge. When this is the case, the user can access each one by using the "Bookshelf" mode.

To activate this feature:

- Insert cartridge in player.
- Press and hold "Play/Stop" until you hear it say "BOOKSHELF".
- Press REWIND OR FAST FORWARD to search and select magazine/book.
- Then press "Play" again to listen.

**This same feature can be used when there are multiple books on a cartridge.

We recently welcomed Liz as our new reader advisor to our Talking Book staff. She is part time; her hours are 9:45 – 2:45 Monday through Friday.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY TALKING BOOKS – 1-800-843-9948

Battery Life of Digital Players

Some of our digital players have been having battery “issues,” to use a currently fashionable term. Ideally, the batteries on these players should charge up enough to give you 29 hours of playing time on a standard digital cartridge.

As the battery ages, a player may offer considerable less playing time after a recharge. In some cases, it may not recharge at all. If you experience either of these problems, here are some options to consider.

Hard Reset

- Plug the player into a working outlet. Remove the cartridge or USB drive you have been using.
- Press the red On/Off button and hold it down for seven seconds. The player will beep once and say “Player On.”
- Turn the player off and leave it connected to a live power outlet for at least three hours before you turn it back on.
- Press the On/Off button twice to see if the player has recharged successfully.

Preventing Battery Failure

- When you are listening to your player on battery power, never let it run all the way down! If the battery runs down below a certain minimal charge, it will not recharge.
- When the battery gets down to less than one hour of playing time, the player should announce “Battery Low” and turn itself off. When you hear this announcement, plug the player into a working power outlet and allow it to recharge for at least three hours before you turn it back on.

If neither one of these suggestions work, please call the talking books library.

We will be closed:

December 24 - close at noon

January 20 - Martin Luther King Day

December 25 - Christmas Day

February 17 – President’s Day

January 1 - New Years Day

ON THE SHELF FALL 2013

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Phone Number: _____

LD00657

THE MASCOT: UNRAVELING THE MYSTERY OF MY JEWISH FATHER'S NAZI BOYHOOD

AUTHOR: Mark Kurzem

When a Nazi death squad raided his Latvian village, Jewish five-year-old Alex escaped. After surviving the winter by foraging for food and stealing clothes off dead soldiers, he was discovered by a Latvian SS unit. Not knowing he was Jewish, they made him their mascot, dressing the little "corporal" in uniform and toting him from massacre to massacre. When the war ended he was sent to Australia with a family of Latvian refugees. Fearful of discovery--as either a Jew or a Nazi--Alex kept the secret of his childhood, even from his family. But he grew tormented and determined to uncover the story of his past. Shunned by a local Holocaust organization, he reached out to his son Mark for help in reclaiming his identity.--From publisher description. 2008.

LD00662

BLOWOUT

AUTHOR: Byron L. Dorgan

Senator Byron L. Dorgan is from North Dakota. When a top-secret research team is hired to develop a clean energy source to minimize America's dependence on foreign oil, Sheriff Nate Osborne and journalist Ashley Borden investigate a saboteur's attack on the experimental power station. Some descriptions of sex, some violence and some strong language. 2012.

LD00668

MY DAKOTA: TALES OF HAPPINESS AND HEARTBREAK ON THE PRAIRIE

AUTHOR: Alan Quale

Boyhood adventures, lessons of life and growing up in 1950's in North Dakota. Some violence and some strong language. 2011

LD00664

ON THE CORNER OF SOO AND HIAWATHA

AUTHOR: Joseph L. Gavett

This autobiography delves into Minot's history and how the author's family came to live there. This story traces the stages of the author's early life, from boyhood to young adulthood, and conveying a lifetime of good memories. 2005.

□ LD00666

ABERCROMBIE TRAIL: A NOVEL OF THE 1862 UPRISING; ABERCROMBIE TRAIL, #1

AUTHOR: Candace Simar

Evan Jacobson's life in Norway was half a world away from the new life he found in Minnesota, 1859. As a stagecoach rider across the state from Fort Snelling to Fort Abercrombie, Evan encounters the effects of the Civil War to the south, the challenges the frontier settlers along the trail faced, and the all-too-close dangers of the Sioux Uprising of 1862. This book contains some strong language and violence. 2009

□ LD00665

COLOR BLIND: THE FORGOTTEN TEAM THAT BROKE BASEBALL'S COLOR LINE

AUTHOR: Tom Dunkel

During the Great Depression, in drought stricken Bismarck, North Dakota, one of the most improbable teams in the history of baseball was assembled by one of the sport's most unlikely champions. A decade before Jackie Robinson broke into the Major Leagues, car dealer Neil Churchill signed the best players he could find, regardless of race, and fielded an integrated squad that took on all comers in spectacular fashion. But nothing could quite compare to Chrysler dealer Neil Churchill's team in Bismarck. . Dunkel traces the rise of the Bismarck squad, and follows them through their ups and downs, focusing on the 1935 season, and the first National Semipro Tournament in Wichita, Kansas. Some strong language. 2013.

□ LD00670

NOTHING HIDDEN

AUTHOR: Paulette Bullinger

In the quiet landscape of the Upper Great Plains in North Dakota, good people keep up appearances: Through holy works, and by imbibing in the spirit of bootleg moonshine, they navigate the waters between Heaven and Hell. It's a place where love triangles cross rivers and religious lines at the same time, and when a lover is spurned, the local medicine woman can join herbs and the fruits of the land into a potion that can cure anything-perhaps even a broken heart. In a landscape with few places to hide, it's a place where there's Nothing Hidden, but even murders can go unsolved-for generations. 2012.

□ LD00667

FROZEN IN TIME: AN EPIC STORY OF SURVIVAL, AND A MODERN QUEST FOR LOST HEROES OF WORLD WAR II

AUTHOR: Mitchell Zuckoff

On November 5, 1942, a U.S. cargo plane on a routine flight slammed into the Greenland ice cap. Four days later, a B-17 on the search-and-rescue mission became lost in a blinding storm and also crashed. Miraculously, all nine men on the B-17 survived. The U.S. military launched a second daring rescue operation, but the Grumman Duck amphibious plane sent to find the men flew into a severe storm and vanished. Mitchell Zuckoff offers a spellbinding account of these harrowing disasters and the fate of the survivors and their would-be saviors. 2013.

LD00642

**SPECTACULAR NORTH DAKOTA
HIKES: BRING THE DOG**

AUTHOR: Susan Wefald

Two of North Dakota's most avid hikers, Susan Wefald and her dog Sandy, share their notes on 50 of North Dakota's best day hikes. Armchair and seasoned hikers alike will enjoy exploring North Dakota's diverse landscape with Susan and Sandy. Learn the locations of spectacular vistas and bring your dog!"--Back cover. 2011.

LD00648

**CLUTCH: BOOTLEGGING, LOVE AND
TRAGEDY IN THE 1920S**

AUTHOR: John W. Anderson

Jim "Clutch" Doyer was a run-away farm boy who learned to fix cars, especially the fast cars owned by the big-time bootleggers on the north side of Chicago, who also occasionally asked him to "fix" some of their competition. With the death of his sweetheart and the end of Prohibition, Jim returned to North Dakota where he became a very successful businessman. The sudden death of his young son made him wonder if he was finally being punished for what he had done. Contains explicit sex, and violence. 2003.

LD00661

FOR THE LOVE OF NORTH DAKOTA

AUTHOR: Clay Jenkinson

A compilation of the first seven years (2005-2011) of a column published every Sunday in the Bismarck Tribune on life in North Dakota and the growing influence of the oil boom. 2012.

LD00649

**DECEPTION IN DAKOTA: MEDORA'S
MAGIC**

AUTHOR: Dennis Wayne Ziniel

In western North Dakota, John Pickett is about to lose the ranch he loves. While visiting The Chateau, a local resort, he intercepts a phone call from the secretary of Massachusetts Senator Sheila Montgomery. Thinking fast, John offers to let the senator stay at his ranch. With the money he'll make, he can hold off his creditors a bit longer. Upon their first meeting, Sheila believes John to be nothing more than a vagrant. John tries to convince the senator otherwise. Some strong language. 2005.

LD00655

DAKOTA BLUES

AUTHOR: Lynne M. Spreen

While visiting her Midwestern hometown after many years, workaholic Karen Grace risks a few extra days away from the office to get reacquainted with her extended family and childhood friends. When her tyrannical boss fires her, she's fifteen hundred miles from home, just one more middle-aged worker out of a job in a tough economy. To make matters worse, her husband just left her for his pregnant girlfriend. At a crossroads, Karen must find the courage to change. Needing time to think, she agrees to take an elderly neighbor on one last road trip, but on a deserted highway in Wyoming, Karen is forced to make a lethal and life-changing decision. Some descriptions of sex, language and violence. 2012.

LD00663

DEATH VALLEY; JACK PRESTER, #1

AUTHOR: Sandy Dengler

Jack Prestor, National Parks Special Agent, is sent to Death Valley to investigate the murder of an accountant. Ev Brant is sent in to help Jack by continuing the investigation of the funds where the accountant left off. Before they've even been there 24 hours, another body is found buried at the scene of the murder. With an attacker trying to stop them from leaving the valley alive, they continue investigating, hoping to find the killer before he or she gets them. To make matters worse, a group of aging Hell's Angels has taken over the park, and Jack is caught in the crossfire between the park rangers and the bikers. It seems that the park will erupt in violence before Jack can even solve his first mystery. 1993.

LD00654

NEVER FORGET; FOREVER AND ALWAYS, #2

AUTHOR: Sonni Lagodinski

After being kidnapped by her father's killer, Sara Young must return to everyday living in Edgemont, North Dakota. Tragedy strikes again after an argument with boyfriend Caleb Pierce. High school graduation and college also weigh heavily on Sara's mind as her best friend pressures her to move back to California and attend UCLA with her. Will Sara be able to handle all the questions and decisions that must be answered and made in a short amount of time? Can Sara make the right decision even if it means leaving behind the ones she loves? 2012.

LD00660

**GUARDIANS OF THE FRONTIER:
THE CROSS FAMILY CHRONICLE,
1836-1903**

AUTHOR: Joseph L. Gavett

Guardians of the Frontier the story of three generations: Isaac, Abraham, and William. An early death robs Isaac from fulfilling his dreams of adventure and exploration. Abraham retraces his uncle's footsteps in search of his son, William First Boy. Together, Abraham and William establish the Cross Ranch along the Wintering River, Dakota Territory. 2011.

LD00658

WHAT DO YOU DO ALL DAY?

AUTHOR: Amy Scheibe

This novel is a humorous take on the magic, manic days of young motherhood. Jennifer Bradley is a thoroughly modern mommy, a former night owl who is married to the man of her dreams and who quit a fabulous job at a New York auction house to raise her two children. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2005.

LD00659

**STAYING AWAKE: A TRUE STORY OF
LIFE IN DEATH**

AUTHOR: Thomas A. Lukenbill

This book chronicles the author's amazing journey to the other side. The subject of death is a delicate matter, evoking a range of emotions as no one is immune from its eventuality. Tom handles the subject with respect and compassion revealing his personal range of emotions as he and his family are faced with the decision to remove life support. 2011.

Magazines on Cartridge Loan Times

Now that the National Library Service (NLS) has been sending out magazines on digital cartridges for several months, they started finalizing some of the policies for the new service.

Due Dates: Magazine cartridges are either considered weekly or monthly. For weekly cartridges, the due date is 3 weeks from the date the cartridge was mailed from the distributor. Their thought is one week in the mail, one week to read, and one week to return mail. So using that same theory, the due dates for monthly magazines are 6 weeks. If a cartridge has both weekly and monthly publications on it, it will be due in 6 weeks.

Overdue cartridges: The distributor of the magazines will mark a cartridge as overdue after they have processed the mail on the day it was due. Once a patron has two overdue cartridges, they will stop magazine service until the overdue magazines have been returned. We receive a list from the distributor each day letting us know which patrons have an overdue cartridge and which patrons' service has been suspended. Since this is a change in the way magazine service has been handled in the past, we are reviewing the list weekly and notifying patrons if their name appears on the list. In this way we can catch any cartridges lost in the mail and hopefully prevent a patron's magazine service from being suspended. However, NLS only allows each patron 2 lost cartridges.

Helpful Hint:

What do you do if you are at the end of the book and want to start over at the beginning?

Press the "Play" button twice. This only works if you are where it says, "END OF BOOK".

Holiday Reads

Pull up a chair in front of the fire, settle in with a cup of hot cocoa, and enjoy these holiday-themed reads! Please contact your reader advisor with your request.

DB 59692 – *When Christmas Comes* by Debbie Macomber. Two strangers meet over the internet and swap homes seeking a quiet Christmas – only to discover new romance instead.

DB 64728 – *The Dog Who Came to Stay* by Hal Borland. A nature writer's account of his dog, Pat, a stray who wandered onto his farm one stormy Christmas night and found a lifelong home.

DB 72892 – *Christmas at the Mysterious Bookshop* by Otto Penzler. Seventeen short holiday mysteries about a New York City bookstore. Includes well-known authors such as Mary Higgins Clark and Anne Perry.

DB 72065 – *The Christmas Quilt: Elm Creek Quilts Novel* by Jennifer Chiaverini. Sarah discovers an unfinished Christmas quilt, along with antique ornaments and heirlooms, in the attic of her elderly friend Sylvia. Although Sylvia prefers a quiet holiday reminiscing about her family's traditions and the hardships they endured, Sarah infuses the season with joy.

DB 68511 – *The Christmas Sweater* by Glenn Beck, Kevin Balfe, Jason Wright. Twelve-year-old Eddie is mad that he didn't get a bike for Christmas—only a homemade sweater from his widowed mother. When Eddie's mom is killed on their way home from visiting his grandparents, his grandfather tries to teach the grieving boy about life, happiness, and faith. Bestseller.

DB 70292 – *The Christmas List* by Richard Paul Evans. Three weeks before Christmas, the newspaper erroneously publishes the obituary of Utah real-estate developer James Kier. Kier discovers what others really think of him and sets about making amends to the people he has hurt, including the cancer-stricken wife he's divorcing and his estranged son.

DB 63087 – *A Covington Christmas: Ladies of Covington* by Joan A. Medicott. The new pastor in Covington, North Carolina, discovers that his predecessor was never ordained—leaving five older couples’ marriages in limbo. With the church building in need of repair, friends Grace, Hannah, and Amelia take charge and organize a joint wedding in time for the holidays.

DB 43546 – *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Classic nineteenth-century Christmas story set in England describes the conversion of grasping old miser Ebenezer Scrooge when he is visited by ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future.

Making a difference

One of our patrons attended Adult Week at School for the Blind and shared her story. She was a D student at best until the eighth grade when she got her first talking book machine ~ a record player. Suddenly she was an A student. She could never spell and people just told her to “look it up in the dictionary”, which of course she couldn’t see and that didn’t help her reading either. She “read” 1,000 books between grades 8-12. What a difference reading can make in someone’s life.

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