



## MAIL SERVICE UPDATES

Some Talking Books patrons have noticed that the USPS is taking longer to deliver books. Changing expectations on how quickly the mail can deliver books may be in order. Here are some things you can do to receive a steady supply of books:

- Send books back as soon as you are finished, so North Dakota Talking Books can get another book sent to you as soon as possible. There's no need to wait until you have finished reading all of the books before returning individual books.
- Contact North Dakota Talking Books to adjust the number of books you receive, taking mailing and processing time into consideration.
- Sign up for Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD). This will give you immediate and unlimited access to thousands of books in digital format, which do not need to be returned. Patrons need access to a computer with high-speed internet, e-mail address, and basic computer skills to download books.

Because of the slower mail delivery times, North Dakota Talking Books cannot guarantee when books will be delivered to your home.

### **NORTH DAKOTA TALKING BOOKS AND DRIS CLOSURES :**

May 27 - Memorial Day

July 4 - Independence Day

September 2 - Labor Day

## BOOKSHELF FEATURE

One of the useful features of the new digital talking book player is that you can listen to multiple books or magazines on a single cartridge if you download books from BARD. This is called the Bookshelf feature, and it's easy to use. Simply follow these steps to utilize the Bookshelf feature:

1. Insert a cartridge into the player.
2. Press and hold the green "play" button until the player says "bookshelf- # of books."
3. Use the fast forward key to scroll to the next book.
4. Use the rewind key to go to the previous book.
5. Once you hear the title you want to listen to, push the "play" button and the book will begin playing.

## CASSETTE PLAYERS

Many Talking Book patrons are still happily using the old cassette players, while others don't have much use for the cassette player since most books and materials are being issued in digital format only. However, DO NOT throw the player away!

If you no longer wish to use cassettes or the cassette player, please box it up and mail it back to North Dakota Vision Services in Grand Forks. Please call North Dakota Talking Books to notify them that you are returning the cassette player.

## RESTARTING MAGAZINES

If you canceled your cassette magazines because you no longer have a cassette player, you'll be happy to know most magazines are now available in digital format. Please call North Dakota Talking Books if you would like to start getting your favorite magazines in digital format.

## NOTES IN BOOK BOXES

Please remember that handwritten notes are not allowed in the book boxes. Anything handwritten must be sent via first class mail and requires postage. Thank you!

## LOUISE ERDRICH HONORED WITH AWARDS

North Dakota author Louise Erdrich was recently honored by Governor Dalrymple with the North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award. Erdrich is the 39th recipient of North Dakota's premier commendation. She is also the winner of the 2012 National Book Award for her novel, *The Round House* (DB 75641) which takes place on a fictitious reservation in North Dakota. Erdrich grew up in Wahpeton, North Dakota, and is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa.

## AUDIO CASSETTE BOOKS UPDATE

The National Library Service (NLS) has announced that they are in the process of actively phasing out cassette (RC) books from the regional library collections. NLS has given this process a time frame of four years, ending in 2015. When ND Talking Books receives a book in digital format, it is no longer offered on cassette. Changes are being made to send fewer cassettes to patrons, and more digital cartridges. Please be advised that patrons will not be able to buy old cassettes; they are the property of the US Government and must to be returned for recycling.

## MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

Getting mail from Talking Book patrons is wonderful, but please don't forget to put your name on any book requests that you send. Writing your name on the Talking Book Topics order form is allowable under the "Free Matter for the Blind" guidelines. Patrons should always put their name on correspondence sent to Talking Books.

## LARGE PRINT BOOKS AVAILABLE

Talking Books are not the only books available from the North Dakota State Library. Talking Book patrons have access to a wide selection of large print books. These books can be mailed "Free Matter for the Blind," so there is no postage charge for returning large print books. Please call 800-843-9948 or 701-328-1408 if you would like to order large print items.

## "MEDICARE AND YOU" AVAILABLE

Medicare recipients with vision impairments may now request accessible versions of the 2013 edition of "Medicare and You", the program's official handbook, by calling 800-633-4227 or visiting [www.medicare.gov/publications](http://www.medicare.gov/publications). "Medicare and You" includes information of recent service changes, costs and coverage, prescription drug plans, and the rights of Medicare patients. The publication is available in Braille, audio CD, e-book, and large-print formats.

## BEST BOOKS OF 2012

The following list contains some of the best books of 2012, including fiction and nonfiction.

**DB 74457** – *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. Pulitzer Prize-winning writer's 2007-2011 observations of the inhabitants of Annawadi, a slum surrounding the luxury hotels at the airport in Mumbai, India. Boo shares both tragic and poignant stories about residents' efforts to raise families, earn a living, or simply survive. These unforgettable characters all nurture far-fetched dreams of a better life. Winner of the National Book Award for non-fiction. Violence and strong language.

**DB 74880** – *Bring Up the Bodies: A Novel* by Hilary Mantel. England, 1535. Katherine of Aragon is dying and rumors of Anne Boleyn's infidelity are flying around court. Thomas Cromwell is charged with deposing Anne so King Henry VIII can marry Jane Seymour. Sequel to *Wolf Hall* (DB 70074). Some violence and some descriptions of sex. Winner of the Man Booker prize.

**DB 74112** – *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green. A miracle drug may have given sixteen-year-old cancer patient Hazel a few more years, but she is still depressed. Then Hazel meets cute Augustus during a support-group meeting and her world shifts in unexpected and inspiring ways. Some strong language.

**DB 74888** – *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn. Nick and Amy alternate telling the story of their troubled marriage, their move from New York to Nick's Missouri hometown, and Amy's disappearance on their wedding anniversary. As clues implicate Nick, he learns more about Amy. Strong language, some violence and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 74646** – *Wild: from Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed. Author recounts the three-month, 1,100-mile solo hike she took on a whim in 1995, after years of devastating personal losses. She describes her encounters with rattlesnakes, locals, fellow hikers, and her own thoughts during her trek from Los Angeles to Washington State on the Pacific Crest Trail. Strong language.

**DB 74596** – *The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do In Life and Business* by Charles Duhigg. *New York Times* reporter Charles Duhigg draws on academic studies, interviews with scientists, and industry research to explore habit formation in individuals, organizations, and societies. Duhigg argues that by understanding habits, we can change them. He examines how changing habit loops affected the outcomes for alcoholics, Target shoppers, and others.

# ON THE SHELF SPRING 2013

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**LD00543**

## **Forever and Always**

AUTHOR: Sonni Lagodinski

Sara Young grew up in California, but after the accident involving the death of her father, she recently moved to North Dakota. She thought everything was back to normal seven years after her father's death. But just because she moved doesn't mean the killer can't find her. The drunk driver who hit them walked away with scratches but was put in jail. Angry and eager to harm Sara, he stalks her with text messages and threats. Sara meets Caleb Pierce, the popular boy in her new high school. And even though things with Caleb are going great, there's something that catches her eye. Some strong language. 2010.

**LD00623**

## **Death Before Dinner**

AUTHOR: Gerald Anderson

Could something like murder happen in Fergus Falls, a quiet Minnesota town known for its Scandinavian heritage and great fishing? Every August Dr. George Gherkin, the Fergus Falls State University president, hosts a faculty party. It's tradition for George to lock himself inside the kitchen to prepare his signature dish. But instead of Chicken Kiev, the guests

find their chef with a meat cleaver buried in his head. All the guests are suspects. Everyone has an ax to grind with the self-serving, manipulative university president. Can the small town sheriff solve this unsavory crime? 2007.

**LD00628**

## **Biting the Moon**

AUTHOR: Martha Grimes

A nameless young woman awakes in a strange bed-and-breakfast with a message that her "Daddy" will soon return. But she knows the man is not her father. Fearing the worst, she flees into the wilderness and meets Mary Dark Hope. Together, the two track down the one person who holds the key to the girl's identity, the man who abducted her. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 1999.

**LD00629**

## **The Last Ghost Dancer**

AUTHOR: Tony Bender

Looking back, as old men do, it's hard to imagine it really happened. But it did. One wise teacher, one perfect girl, one harrowing summer, can set the course of a lifetime. Meet Bones, the wry, funny, ever-observant, thoughtful and hapless narrator, a grease monkey at the only gas station in Pale Butte, whose most recent claim to fame is dropping an Edsel off the hoist. Now, some sixty years later, Bones, a dreamer of apocalyptic dreams, reflects on miracles small and large and his spiritual discovery that marked the summer of 1977. Some Violence, some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2010.



**LD00630**

**Resurrection Garden**

AUTHOR: Frank Scully

Jake Turner has been a lone drifter through much of the settling of the west. Opportunity was growing out of the newly turned sod of the North Dakota prairie in 1904 when he stopped to take a part time job as a Deputy Sheriff, expecting to move on again when the dark parts of his past catch up to him. An investigation into a murder of a man hated by everyone has threads that lead to his best friend, Isaac. Jake believes in justice, but before he had only his own life on the line. Jake knows there will be graves. He just doesn't know who will be in them. This book contains some descriptions of sex and some strong language and some violence. 2011.

**LD00632**

**Trusting Him**

AUTHOR: Brenda Minton

After being released from prison, Michael Carson decides to seek a second chance by helping troubled teens in a church youth group. Working alongside the youth leader Maggie Simmons, Michael could see his new life before him. When circumstances beyond his control threatened to pull him away from Maggie and the kids, Michael prays for resistance of old temptations and keep God and Maggie close to his heart. 2007.

**LD00636**

**Capital City Safari**

AUTHOR: William Jackson

A collection of curious stories pertaining to North Dakota history. Includes details of the murder of Alma Kruckenberg, baseball's best pitcher played for Bismarck, the first woman to run for governor, and many others. 2002.

**LD00637**

**Born to Fly**

AUTHOR: Gene Wink

This is the story of the life of a young man involved in three wars. His ambition to join the military and fly airplanes was met by attending West Point and flying school. Having to abandon his P-47 fighter over enemy territory, he tells of his harrowing adventures while evading Germans. He flew over 5,900 hours in thirty types of aircraft, and he never flew an airplane he did not like. He rescued a US Navy air crew shot down by Russian MIGs in the Sea of Japan, and devoted much time flying and supervising air refueling operations in the US, Europe, and Southeast Asia. Some Violence 2006.

**LD00638**

**Memoirs of an Unknown Sportswriter**

AUTHOR: Abe Winter

Abe Winter formerly of North Dakota has written a book entitled "Memoirs of an Unknown Sportswriter (Except in North Dakota)." Abe's book features 30 years of his life including banquet - roast circuit, his journey from Poland to North Dakota and many sports figures he has encountered. 2010.

**LD00639**

**Moments**

AUTHOR: Robert O. Wefald

Wefald reminisces about his life - from growing up in Minot to his life in the United States Navy; his time spent in politics to his life as a judge. It contains an appendix of Burleigh County legislative members starting from statehood, continuing to the present. 2010.

**LD00640**

**The Brother's Keepers**

AUTHOR: John H. Paddison

The Brothers' Keepers is the saga of the Lambson brothers. The story takes place in the fictional town of Farmington, North Dakota, during and after the Great Depression. In a sensitive yet realistic way, the storyline develops around the neglect and then abandonment of five young boys by their alcoholic mother and drifter father, as well as their development under adverse physical and social conditions and their eventual outcome. Events of the story are structured so as to bring light upon two social ills that plague America today-child neglect and child abuse. This book contains some strong language and some violence. 2010.

**LD00641**

**The Long Journey Into a Life**

AUTHOR: H. H. Gorder

Patrick Raymond McCray is your atypical thirteen-year-old boy living in the Midwest during the turbulent 1970s. Pat is a good-natured boy with the world by the tail wanting nothing more than discovering the truth about girls and maintaining

the friendship he has with his two best friends, Mike and Lenny. The younger of two children, his parents, Howard and Delores, raise him the best they can; and things are going well for Pat and his family until the unexpected death of his father. Together, they are forced to leap the hurdle laid at their feet and then come to the realization that life continues. Pat and his buddies befriend three young women from the Organization of the Rainbow in town for a week-long retreat, and Linda launches Pat's life into a tailspin. This is a story of living, of death, of love and the events that aid a young man in his development during the long journey into a life. This book contains some strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2009.

**LD00643**

**Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Maggie's Story**

AUTHOR: Marguerite Linsert Lentz

This memoir is about Maggie trying to decide whether she should make a commitment to Steinar, a Norwegian, who she met while traveling on a tramp steamer tour. Maggie, a middle aged woman, compares her romantic relationship with Steinar to Norway's topography, the Norwegian culture and her previous marriage. 1984.

**LD00644**

**Dakota Diaspora: Memoirs of a Jewish Homesteader**

AUTHOR: Sophie Trupin

Dakota Diaspora adds a little-known chapter to the saga of the settlement of America. In a series of vignettes Sophie Trupin recalls her childhood in "Nordokota," where her father built a sod house and farmed a quarter-section of rocky land before opening a butcher shop in the town of Wing. Against that background plays out the perennial conflict between her father; who had escaped the violent anti-Semitism of his native Russia and found here a man's freedom and dignity, and her mother; who felt "trapped, betrayed and helpless in this desolate land," far from her roots in the Old Country. But out of the struggle to bring in the harvest, survive the blizzards, and maintain a kosher home, a warm family life developed, as well as a sense of community with Jewish neighbors on scattered homesteads. 1984.

**LD00645**

**The Historical Significance of Fort Lincoln State Park**

AUTHOR: Arnold O. Goplen

State Historical Society of North Dakota. Reprinted from North Dakota History, volume 13, no. 4, October, 1946.

**LD00652**

**By Way of Hope: The True Story of Three Woman Homesteaders**

AUTHOR: Terry Taylor Dwyer

The author tells the story of his mother's adventure as a young woman and single mother in the early years of the 20th century. 2002

**LD00651**

**Another Man's War**

AUTHOR: Sam Childers

This book recounts the rise of Sam Childers from violent, drug-addicted biker to a man willing to risk everything to rescue the orphans and child soldiers of Sudan. This book contains some violence. 2009.

**LD00646**

**Medora: Boom, Bust and Resurrection**

AUTHOR: Rolf Sletten

This book is the fascinating story of Medora, ND. The Badlands cow town where cowboys, buffalo hunters, railroaders, gamblers, and gun fighters like E.G. Paddock and Two-Gun Billy Roberts shared the streets with Theodore Roosevelt and powerful European aristocrats. 2012.

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## FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q.** I just put my new digital book in the player and it says “end of book” and won’t let me play it. What do I do?

**A.** The digital talking book players are very smart. They know if you have already listened to a book and keep that information in their memory, even if you listened to it a long time ago. If you try to listen to a book more than once, it will automatically take you to the end of the book. To remedy this, hold the rewind button down until the player says “beginning of book.” If you still have problems, please call 701-328-1408 or 800-843-9948 for further assistance.

**Q.** How do I go to the beginning or end of a book?

**A.** Standard Player: With the player on, press and hold the Rewind (RW) button until you hear "beginning of book." Similarly, use the Fast Forward (FF) button to go to the end of the book. For Advanced Players: Select the bookmark level by pressing the “Menu” button until you hear "bookmark jump." Press and hold the “Prev” button to move the reading position to the beginning of the book. Similarly, use the “Next” button to move to the end of the book.

## A TALKING BOOKS SURVEY

The Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) is conducting a survey to understand how to better serve the needs of readers of talking books and Braille. Please complete the survey to let your opinions be heard and help NLS and ND Talking Books better serve you! To take the survey online or to learn more about it, please visit [www.LibraryOfCongressSurvey.org](http://www.LibraryOfCongressSurvey.org). You may also call 866-545-1618 to schedule a time to take the survey over the phone. You do not have to be a current NLS reader to take the survey.

The 25-minute survey is designed to learn more about patron experiences with talking books and Braille, what types of talking book and Braille materials and services you are looking for, and what NLS can do to get you interested in the free Library of Congress talking book and Braille program. If you aren’t currently using NLS, let us know what services you want and how we can add you to our list of NLS readers. If you are a current NLS reader, let us know what we are doing well, where we can improve, and what new services you would like NLS to offer. Your answers are kept confidential.

## NEW HEADPHONES FOR DIGITAL PLAYERS

New headphones created just for the digital players are now available to Talking Book patrons. They can be used on either the standard or the advanced models and connect directly to the player - there's no

need for an adaptor. They are also more lightweight than previous models. Please note that these new headphones will not work with the old cassette players. Please call 800-843-9448 or 701-328-1408 if you are interested in receiving a set.



## ALL MAGAZINES GOING DIGITAL

Magazines have been the last step in the NLS conversion to digital format, and we are happy to announce that NLS has recently started this process. Please do NOT throw away magazine cartridges! In the past, magazines that came in flimsy paper mailers could simply be discarded, but not anymore. If you do not return your cartridge, your subscription will stop until you send the cartridge back. The magazines will come to you in dark red plastic boxes. If you receive multiple magazines from CMLS, all of them will be placed on the same cartridge, with directions how to access them given on the cartridge. Please flip the mail card on the box so the return mail address is showing and return the magazines via the US Post Office, just as the books.

## ORPHANED BOOKS

Please help with orphaned books! ND Talking Books is getting a large number of boxes back with the cartridge missing from the box. Please double check before returning books to be sure the cartridge is in the box. Not only does this help ND Talking Books, it helps you get the next book faster.

## DIGITAL TALKING BOOK PLAYER BATTERIES

*Adapted from the Oregon Talking Book and Braille Service newsletter*

You may have noticed that your digital player is not charging up to its original 29 hours, and that, over time, the battery is allowing less usage per charge. If the battery wears down to a point where it is no longer holding a charge for a convenient amount of time, please contact ND Talking Books to request a new player. Here are some tips regarding battery care of your talking book player:

- The best thing you can do to preserve battery life is to keep your digital player plugged in as much as possible.
- If you will not be using your digital player for an extended length of time, it is best to leave it plugged in so that the battery does not completely drain and become damaged. Your battery will lose its charge if it is not plugged in, even if it is not being used.
- When your digital player announces the time remaining on the battery, this time is an estimate only. You may notice that the battery charge does not always drop in hourly increments. It may take a couple of hours of play time for a drop in charge to be recognized.
- Listening to books on a USB flash drive will drain the battery much quicker than if you use a cartridge. To avoid putting such a large drain on the battery, you can purchase blank cartridges (like the ones you receive from the library) from an outside source. Please call 701-328-1408 or 800-843-9948 for more information on purchasing blank cartridges.

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## TALKING BOOK SERVICE PATRON TESTIMONIALS

*"My mom just loves Talking Books and looks forward to getting her books. She recently told us this is the best thing we have done for her."*

*"Betty has truly appreciated talking books in the last years and it has been great company when she was shut in. Your services are priceless. THANK YOU!"*

*"I don't know what dad would do without talking books - he enjoys them so much."*