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BARD MOBILE FOR ANDROID

We are excited to announce that the Android version of the BARD Mobile app is now available! The application for Android devices can be installed on any smartphone, tablet or on a Kindle Fire device.

The app for the Android devices can be downloaded for free from the Google Play store; just search for “BARD Mobile” and find the app authored by the Library of Congress. For the Kindle Fire device, the app is available on the Amazon Appstore. Note that only second-generation Kindle Fire devices are equipped to run the BARD Mobile application. A list of acceptable Kindle devices is below; however, not all of these devices include accessibility features.

- Fire (2015)
- Fire HD 10 (2015)
- Fire HD 6 (2014)
- Fire HD 7 (2014)
- Fire HD 8 (2015)
- Fire HDX 8.9 (2014)
- Fire HDX 8.9 WAN (2014)
- Fire Phone
- Kindle Fire HD (2013)
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- Kindle Fire HDX WAN (2013)

This version of the BARD Mobile app enables NLS patrons to download talking books and magazines directly to their Android devices, provided they have BARD accounts and are using devices running Android OS 4.1 or later. The iOS version of the app, which facilitates download of braille and talking books, is available from the App Store.

In order to use BARD Mobile, you must already have a BARD account. You will be required to log in when you first open the app, but after that, the app will remember your login information. If you do not have a BARD account, visit <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/ND1A/ApplicationInstructions.html> and click the link for creating an account. You can also find a How-To page on our webpage with answers to some of the common questions we get about BARD Mobile.

The user guide is available from the bookshelf of the app and online in HTML format. Help screens are also available from inside the app and are accessed by selecting the More Options button and then selecting Help.

If you have any questions or run into a problem related to the BARD Mobile app, please feel free to contact us at 1-800-843-9948 or tbooks@nd.gov Happy Downloading!

UPDATED FEATURES FOR IOS DEVICES

The BARD Mobile app for iOS devices, version 1.1, is now available at the App Store. This updated version of the app includes the following features:

- Built-in sleep timer
- New setting that keeps device from sleeping while download is in progress
- Add to wish list directly from details screen
- Enhanced braille search function
- Improved VoiceOver hints and labels
- New braille shortcut key
- Improved Magic Tap response
- Works with iOS 9

The BARD Mobile app enables NLS patrons to download audio and braille books, magazines, and music scores directly to their iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, provided they have a BARD account. A refreshable braille display is required to read downloaded braille materials. The user guide is available in the Help section of the app and online in HTML format at: <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/apidocs/BARDMobile.userguide.iOS.1.1.html>.

REMINDERS

Please don't share talking books with other users. The books have a tendency to get mixed up or become overdue, which means that new books won't come as quickly to you. If a friend wants to read a book, have them request their own copy.

Please check the blue or grey book containers before putting them in the mail to make sure the right book cartridge is in the correct container. If you accidentally mail an empty book container, we will send a retrieval box so you can send the cartridge to us.

Changes to the US Postal Service are having an effect on delivery times for our books. Books we mail out get routed to Fargo to be sorted, which adds extra time between mailing and arrival both ways. These changes are out of our control. We appreciate your understanding.

ON THE SHELF: WINTER 2015

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LD 00715**The Fair Viking Princess: At First Sight: (Fair Viking Princess, Bk.1)**

AUTHOR: Marilyn Gregoire

At a junior high youth rally, a boy and a girl both prayed the same prayer. How else could God answer them except to reconnect them when the time was right? For the sake of this beauty, whose name he never caught, Alan Zimmermann would do anything to find her, the "Viking Princess," even if it meant deepening his faith and learning what God really wanted of him. Will he still accept her when he finds out the secret she's been keeping? Follow their journey back to the beginning, back before trust was lost. When promises were made and were meant to be kept. 2014.

LD 00716**Did You Know That? 47 Fascinating Stories About People Who Have Lived In North Dakota: (Did You Know That, Bk.5)**

AUTHOR: Curt Eriksmoen

47 fascinating stories about people who have lived in North Dakota. 2011.

LD 00717**Ripple Effect: (Prairie Rose, Bk.5)**

Author: Hadley Hoover

In Crosby, North Dakota, at the annual threshing bee, three lives cross paths: an author who has lost his muse -- and more; a homeless man living a hard-scrabble existence; and a deflated woman whose husband deserted their marriage. 2011.

LD 00718**Dakota Odysseus: At Home and Abroad**

Author: Sam W. McQuade

Sam McQuade's collection of travel writings and reflections on life abroad and at home compiled and recounted as the memoir of a life in progress set against a backdrop of history, family lore, and good old-fashioned values. This book contains some strong language. 2012.

LD 00719**Not All Heroes: An Unapologetic Memoir of the Vietnam War**

Author: Gary E. Skogen

Gary Skogen's tour in Vietnam (1971-72) was the best year of his life. Living with fellow Criminal Investigation Division investigators in an isolated hooch overlooking the South China Sea at the U.S. Base at Chu Lai, Skogen enforced military drug laws during his working hours and yet managed to pursue a life of perfect hedonism far from the farm in southwestern North Dakota where he grew up. This book contains some descriptions of sex, violence and some strong language. 2013.

LD 00720**Horse Tails**

Author: Bob Penfield

This is a collection of stories written by Bob Penfield, a cowboy and auctioneer from Bowman, ND. 2008.

LD 00721**Dakota Cross-Bearer: The Life and World of a Native American Bishop**

Author: Mary E. Cochran

This story is about a remarkable man, Harold S. Jones, a Dakota Indian who rose through the ranks of the Episcopal Church to become the first Native American bishop of a Christian church. Jones's biography sheds light on the importance of Christianity for the Dakotas and other Native American peoples during the twentieth century. 2000.

LD 00722**Dad Lemmon's Friends**

Author: Bob Penfield

A recollection of stories of the author's family and friends from the Lemmon SD area. 2009.

LD 00723**Since We Told The Truth: Our Life Can Never Be The Same: (Hutterites: The Nine: Our Story To Freedom)**

AUTHOR: The Nine

Follow-up to Hutterites: the Nine: our story of freedom (00677). Personal accounts from nine young adults who left the rural Hutterite community they grew up in and the consequences. 2014.

LD 00724**Past Darkness**

AUTHOR: Laurel Woiwode

Gabrielle Larson is a fifteen-year-old living in Chicago with reasonable plans for her life: to follow in her parents' footsteps as a Christian musician. But when tragedy strikes, Gabrielle finds herself forced to relocate to North Dakota, where she must learn to live with the difficult reality of her past in a strange and unfamiliar place. Enduring nature's windstorms and the loneliness of grief, she struggles to heal, and even finds herself face-to-face with the possibility of love in the most unexpected place. This book contains some strong language and some violence. 2013.

LD 00725**Stock Tradin'**

Author: Bob Penfield

This is a collection of stories written by Bob Penfield, a cowboy and auctioneer from Bowman, ND 2011.

LD 00726**Life on the Prairie: Memories of a North Dakota Boy**

Author: Ken Stein

This book is a bit of a light hearted look at our life on the plains that will bring back many memories for those who read it. 2007.

LD 00727**In Dreams**

Author: Gary Sand

It's been a decades-long guilt trip and Greg Cole believes the only way to ease his conscience is to find his first love and explain why he abandoned her just weeks before their wedding. But although some sins might be forgiven, things are not always the way they seem. This book contains some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2011

LD 00728**Riding the Prairie Winds: A Collection of Short Stories, memories of Growing Up and Living in Western North Dakota**

Author: Carol Ann Jones

Her tales include warm memories of family times, her adventures and disasters learning to operate farm machinery and the wild and sometimes harsh beauty of the prairie she dearly loves. This book contains some strong language. 2012.

LD 00729**Mike Wallace: A Life**

Author: Peter Rader

This biography is the story of how the world's most feared TV reporter transformed his inner darkness into a journalistic juggernaut that riveted millions and redefined the landscape of television news. In his four decades as the front man for 60 minutes, the most successful show in television history, Mike Wallace earned the distinction of being hyper-aggressive, self-assured, and unflinching in his exposes of injustice and corruption. This book contains some strong language. 2012.

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

LD 00730**Building a House, Making A Home: A History of the North Dakota Governor's Residence**

Author: Betsy Dalrymple, Janet F. Daley, Cathy A. Langemo

This book offers a look at the public and private spaces in the residence, the lives and experiences of the families who have lived there, and the history of the house itself, from conception to renovation to its present appearance. The book features comments on the residence from the initial planning and building process through 2014, and includes pictures and architectural drawings. 2014.

LD 00731**Phil Jackson: Lord of the Rings**

Author: Peter Richmond

With eleven championship rings to his name, Phil Jackson is internationally recognized as one of the greatest coaches in the history of the NBA. The author sheds light on Jackson's strange and remarkable journey, from his sheltered childhood and adolescence in Montana and North Dakota, through his years playing at Madison Square Garden, to his experiences coaching Jordan, Bryant, and more of the greatest players of our time. This book contains some strong language. 2013.

LD 00732**Finding Faith In The Field**

Author: Benjamin Duane Hylden

On a cold April day, Ben Hylden tried on his suit coat for the upcoming spring prom, then sped toward nearby Park River, North Dakota, for an appointment. Running late and driving too fast, he lost control of his car on ice, flipped the car, and was thrown out the passenger's door, plunging face-first into an icy field. As his battered body lay in the field, Ben's life seemed to be coming to an end. However, it turned out to only be the beginning of a journey of faith that showed him glimpses of life beyond this world, and gave him a new perspective on what matters most. 2014.

LD 00733**Important Voices: North Dakota's Women Elected State Officials Share Their Stories, 1893-2013**

Author: Susan Wefald

North Dakota's Women Elected State Officials Share Their Stories, 1893-2013.

LD 00734**The Fair Viking Princess: Prayers for Anna**

Author: Marilyn Gregoire

It's a whirlwind romance when Alan can finally prove his love, his passion for Anna. Confused and befuddled, stress builds while Alan is distracted realizing his business plan and her unstable heart gives into those tendencies that lead to more doubt, secrets and lies. How will God lead her back, from her darkness, back into his light and the love of her life? Follow them out onto the prairie to Mountain, North Dakota. 2014.

WANTED - FINISHED READING YOUR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES?

Please send items back when you have finished reading them. Other patrons may be waiting to read those titles. Newsletters and magazine cartridges also need to be returned so that they may be reused.

WHAT IS BARD?

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) is a free library service of audio and braille books and magazines for residents of the United States and American citizens abroad who are unable to read or use standard printed material because of visual or physical disabilities. BARD is provided by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, in cooperation with a network of regional libraries. This service allows Talking Book Library patrons to download digital audio and web-braille books and magazines either through the use of a computer onto a cartridge, on an iOS device or android device. As of December 1st, there are over 50,000 audio books, over 11,000 braille books and more than 50 magazines available on BARD. Please check our website <http://library.nd.gov/talkingbookservice.html> or give us a call if you want more information about BARD.

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HOW TO USE THE DIGITAL PLAYER BOOKSHELF FEATURE

Locating specific magazine or book titles on a cartridge containing multiple titles is easy if you use the Bookshelf feature on your digital player. It allows you to navigate back and forth through the cartridge to find the magazine or book title you want to read.

Follow these steps to locate the magazine or book you want:

1. Insert the cartridge into the digital player.
2. Listen to the number of items that are listed on the cartridge.
3. Press and hold down the green Play/Stop button until you hear the word, "Bookshelf."
4. Release the Play/Stop button and tap down on the white arrow-shaped Fast Forward or Rewind buttons to either side of the Play/Stop button to move through the titles on the cartridge until you hear the title of the magazine or book you want to read.
5. Press the green Play button to listen to the book or magazine.

To move back through the titles on the cartridge, hold down the Play/Stop button until you hear "BOOKSHELF" and then tap down on the white arrow-shaped Rewind button until you hear the title you are seeking.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Good news, if you receive magazines that arrive in a red cartridge box, NLS has extended the checkout time for magazines on those cartridge.

If you receive a magazine cartridge that has only weekly magazines on it, you will have three weeks to read them instead of one week.

If the magazine cartridge has weekly and monthly magazines on it, you will have seven weeks to read them instead of four weeks.

If the magazine cartridge has only monthly magazines on it, you will have seven weeks to read them.

Please contact Talking Books if you are interested in adding or cancelling any magazine subscriptions. 1-800-843-9948

BE MY EYES APP

Be My Eyes makes life easier for the blind, by connecting them with sighted helpers through a smartphone app. This allows the blind to handle big and small tasks, while the sighted get the joy of helping someone else in an easy and informal way.

It only takes a minute to choose the right tin can from the shelf, look at the expiration date on the milk or find the right thing to eat in the fridge — if you have full vision that is. For visually impaired individuals, smaller tasks in their home can often become bigger challenges. *Be My Eyes* hopes to change that!

Through a direct video call, the app gives blind people the opportunity to ask a sighted volunteer for help with tasks that require normal vision. The blind person “borrows” the helper’s eyes all through his or her smartphone. The sighted helper is able to see and describe what the blind person is showing the sighted helper via the video camera in the smartphone. That way, by working together, they are able to solve the problem that the blind person is facing.

Hans Jørgen Wiberg, who is visually impaired himself, came up with the idea for the application. Through his work at the Danish Blind Society, he recognized that blind people often need help to cope with smaller everyday tasks, where a “pair of eyes” could make a significant difference. In April of 2012, he presented the idea for an application at a startup event in Denmark. At this event, he met the rest of the *Be My Eyes* team, and together they won the prize for “the most innovative idea.” Since 2012, the BME team has worked hard to make the app a reality. The app was launched the 15th of January 2015 and only currently available on iOS.

Get more information at: <http://www.bemyeyes.org>

ATTENTION LARGE PRINT READERS

Large Print readers can access a listing of the most recent books the North Dakota State Library has added to the collection. Do this by visiting the North Dakota State Library Website at: <http://library.nd.gov> . Next click on the “Services for the Public” tab. Then scroll down and click on “New Items at the State Library”. This will bring up a list of the most recent additions to the North Dakota State Library and you can access any of the links under Primo Catalog New Bookshelf to see the newest additions. We hope this will give you some ideas of what large print titles are available from the State Library.

BOOKS AVAILABLE TO PATRON ON TALKING BOOK PROGRAM

The Talking Book digital library is growing every day. The National Library Service now records approximately 3,000 books a year. In addition to the new books being recorded, the National Library Service is also busy converting most of the former cassette collection to the new digital format. Of the 3,000 books recorded each year, the collection includes books for adults and children, both fiction and non-fiction. Even though this makes for a very well-rounded collection, it is important to keep in mind that when listening to a talking book you may hear “Other titles written by this author.” This refers to other books written by the author, but does not necessarily mean that they are available on Talking Books. We always want our patrons to ask for any book of interest to them; however, please note that not all books in print are in the Talking Book collection.



The Talking Book staff traveled to Fargo and Grand Forks on October 27th and 28th for staff training. They toured the Interagency Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT) in Fargo to learn about the different assistive technologies available to individuals with any type of disability. At the North Dakota Vision Services (School for the Blind) in Grand Forks, they toured the facility, met the staff and experienced the different classes that are available to individuals with a visual impairment. Pictured above are the Talking Book staff, James, Marla, Liz, Chris, Sue and Jeannie Krull from IPAT.

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TALKING BOOK CLOSURE DATES

January 18 – Martin Luther King Day – Closed

February 15 – Presidents' Day – Closed

March 25 – Good Friday – Closed