



Staff Introductions

There have been some staff changes in Talking Books over the last year. Dave Anderson has retired after 20+ years with NDSL. He first got his start in Talking Books and had most recently served as materials coordinator. We wish him a happy retirement! He will be missed.

Your current Readers' Advisors are Jenna Peneueta-Snyder and Mariah Ralston Deragon. Chelsea Sorenson is no longer with the State Library. Jenna has been with Talking Books since October 2021.

Are you subscribed to any North Dakota magazines through Talking Books? Did you know that local volunteers and Talking Book's own circulation coordinator, Chris Hagburg, narrate the various ND titles and magazines in our database? Now you do! A big thank you to Chris and all our volunteers for all their hard work.

Mariah Ralston Deragon

Mariah is originally from Bismarck, N.D. She received a B.A. in English from the University of Minnesota at Morris and a M.S. of Library and Information Science from Emporia State University. In 2016 she co-published a collection of poetry her father had written about his service in Vietnam.

She has been working in Talking Books as a Readers' Advisor since April 2022 and is really enjoying learning about this program and getting to know our wonderful patrons!

Steve Hammel

Steve Hammel is our new Patron Services Director. In addition to Talking Books, he is responsible for the Circulation, Reference, and Interlibrary Loans Departments. He has a double B.A. in history and classical languages and an M.S. in Library and Information Science, all from the University of Kentucky. Prior to coming to the State Library, he was the Library Director at the Valley City Barnes County Public Library for nine years.

Outside work he coaches multiple sports for Special Olympics and is involved in various musical activities playing trombone and singing.

Braille E-Reader Review

The new Braille eReaders have recently become available to all interested Talking Book patrons across the country. Jim, one of our local TB patrons, gave us the following enthusiastic review of his experiences:

“A couple of weeks or so ago, I received the eReader. I never thought I could enjoy reading Braille so much. I used Braille a lot throughout my lifetime, especially while active in the business world, but rarely read magazines or books in Braille because of the bulkiness. I have already read several magazines and a short book on this little machine.”

We asked Jim, 77, how difficult it was to learn to use the machine. “I received a HumanWare eReader 20-cell display. It works very, very well. I had to spend a couple of weeks learning how to use the unit. Now I just power up and read away. It even remembers exactly where I left off. No more searching to find my place.”

Jim had a few final thoughts. “The little machine can sit in your lap at home, traveling, or wherever you wish to read. The 20-cell display quickly and easily gives you all the reading you want! No more big, bulky volumes. No more tired hands from reading across pages of Braille. No more looking for ways to pile Braille books to be mailed back. This is a fantastic little machine. You would have quite a battle on your hands to take this wonderful little thing back.”

Where Are My Books?

If you ever feel like you are not receiving all your books, the following are some reasons why this may happen.

- You have reached the limit of cartridges allowed (5). Remember that cartridges in transit still count as being checked out to you.
- You have read all the books available written by your favorite authors.
- You are set up as “request only” and have not given us new titles to add to your account.
- Your desired reading interest preferences are too limited.
- You have exhausted your reading interest list, and there are no longer any books available to add to your request list. It may be time to pick a new author or genre to try.

Other Resources

- North Dakota Assistive

<https://ndassistive.org/>

North Dakota Assistive is a non-profit organization that strives to bring assistive technology devices and services into the lives of North Dakotans and Minnesotans of all ages. Appointment only, with locations in Bismarck and Fargo.

Fargo:
(701) 365-4728 Local
(800) 895-4728 Toll-free

Bismarck:
(701) 258-4728 Local
1-800-895-4728 Toll-free

- North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind (NDVS/SB)

<https://www.ndvisionservices.com/> ndsb@nd.gov
701-795-2700 Local
1-800-421-1181 Toll-free (ND residents)

North Dakota Vision Services provides statewide outreach services for the specialized needs of persons of all ages who are blind or visually impaired. Located in Grand Forks, with regional offices in Fargo, Jamestown, Minot and Bismarck.

- NFB Newsline

<https://nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-newsline>
866-504-7300

NFB-NEWSLINE is a free audio news service with more than 500 publications, emergency weather alerts, job listings, and more for the blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.

- Computers for the Blind (CFTB)

<https://www.computersfortheblind.org>
214-340-6328 outreach@computersfortheblind.org

Computers for the Blind is a non-profit organization dedicated to bridging the digital divide for the community of the blind and visually impaired in the US. They provide affordable, accessible refurbished computers and training.

ON THE SHELF: FALL 2022

CALL 1-800-843-9948 TO ORDER

LD 00851**Dakota Attitude: Interviews From Every Town in North Dakota**

By James Puppe

From the sailor who was on the USS Hornet for the splashdown of one of the Apollo capsules to the mother who had 21 children in 21 years, these tidbits of North Dakota life will leave you smiling. Meet the man who discovered his future wife after she pulled a rabbit out of a hat and, at 89, the oldest working nurse in the nation. Read the tale of the soldier who stood guard in the imperial palace during the occupation of Japan in 1945 and of a returning World War II warrior who had to walk through a blizzard to finally make it home. Between 2004 and 2018, James (Jim) Puppe traveled to every town in North Dakota to talk to 617 people about their lives. Organized by county and town name. 2019.

LD 00860**Equality at the Ballot Box: Votes for Women on the Northern Great Plains**

By Lori Ann Lahlum

On 10 December 1869, the Governor of Wyoming Territory signed the first full woman suffrage bill in the history of the United States. Suffragists in the neighboring territories of Montana and Dakota believed their prospects were similarly bright. Over the next twenty years, however, organizers' efforts to secure votes for women met only limited success. The fight for full women suffrage on the Northern Great Plains would take another three decades. 12 hours, 35 minutes. 2019.

LD 00861**Wilder Intentions: Love, Lies, and Murder in North Dakota**

By C.J. Wynn

On a November morning in 2015, Christopher Jackson waited for his fiancée, Angila Wilder, to pick him up from work as she always did. But this time, she didn't show—and Christopher's calls went unanswered. The police found what looked like a scene from a horror movie at their home. The backdoor kicked in. A bedroom splattered with blood. And a pregnant young woman violently stabbed to death. Could Christopher have murdered the woman he claimed to love? Strong language and violence. 11 hours, 5 minutes. 2020.

LD 00866**Misconstrued**

By Amber Duran & Talia Johnson

Henry Tudor, billionaire and CEO of Tudor industries, strives to make all the "right" choices. He found a beautiful woman to make his wife, he has more money than he knows what to do with, and he lives in a city where anything he could ever want is right at his fingertips. But something is off. His wife, Anne, is distant. Shrouded in loneliness and searching for answers, Henry lands in Jackson hole, Wyoming. Suddenly he is faced with another decision that could change his life forever. 14 hours, 30 minutes. 2017.

LD 00867**North Dakota Tough: Unknown and Forgotten Stories from a Rural State**

By Jeff Kolpack

Before Dave Osborn became one of the all-time great running backs with the Minnesota Vikings, he grew up on a farm near Cando, N.D., riding his horse to school even in the middle of winter. In the 1970s, the once-proud University of North Dakota hockey team fell on hard times, until a group of physical, fierce players were recruited into the program. In the early 1970s, Steve Blehm set a legendary high school basketball standard in Devils Lake, N.D., averaging 47 points per game. He was deaf. These are character stories that helped define a state. 8 hours, 5 minutes. 2018.

LD 00869**Girl Gone Missing**

By Marcie R. Rendon

Her name is Renee Blackbear, but what most people call the 19-year-old Ojibwe woman is Cash. She lived all her life in Fargo, sister city to Minnesota's Moorhead. She has one friend, Sheriff Wheaton. He pulled her from her mother's wrecked car when she was three. Since then cash has navigated through foster homes, and at 13 was working farms, driving truck. Wheaton signs her up for college. In between classes and hauling beets, drinking beer and shooting pool, a man who claims he's her brother shows up. 6 hours, 50 minutes. 2019.

Talking Book Topics

Talking Book Topics (TBT) lists a selection of titles recently added to the National Library Service (NLS) collection and the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service. Here are some of formats where you can access TBT:

- On the NLS website www.loc.gov/nls/tbt, view TBT in HTML with direct links to BARD for downloading or adding books to wish lists in BARD Mobile.
- On the NLS website www.loc.gov/nls/tbt, view TBT as a PDF, which include order forms for Adult, Children, and Foreign Language-Spanish titles.
- Audio cartridge, which comes with a large-print order form. We automatically sign up all North Dakota patrons for the audio cartridge.
- BARD audio magazine, downloadable to cartridge or to BARD Mobile.
- As a publication offered by NFB-NEWSLINE. Visit <https://nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-newsline> or call 866-504-7300 for more information.

There are also Braille options available for TBT. You can reach the NDSL Talking Book Readers' Advisors with any questions you might have at 1-800-843-9948 or tbooks@nd.gov.

Return of Equipment

When returning digital machines for any reason, please use the box and the repair sheet that came with the player. Please indicate on the repair sheet or on a piece of paper whether you need a replacement player or are suspending your service with the Talking Book program. If returning a machine for a relative who is deceased, please write deceased on the repair sheet as we do not usually know otherwise. This action will allow us to avoid unnecessary phone calls regarding the reason for the return of the equipment.

Thank You, Volunteers!

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Loaning Materials and Equipment

The materials and equipment that patrons check out from Talking Books are assigned to an individual account. Each patron is responsible for these items. Materials include digital and large print books, audio Bibles, and audio magazines. Equipment includes digital players and headphones.

Equipment and materials sent to our patrons are the property of the United States Federal Government (Library of Congress) and Talking Book Services. They are loaned to patrons of the Talking Book Program. Equipment and books should not be loaned to others, thrown away, sold, or donated to charities.

Sharing items among patrons is discouraged for several reasons. First, these materials are easily misplaced or lost. Second, if you share materials with other Talking Books patrons, this takes away from your ability to check out additional items.

If you want to recommend a title to a friend who is a Talking Book patron, please have them call and order their own copy instead of borrowing them your copy. Also, please remember that individuals who are not registered Talking Book patrons cannot use our books and equipment. Talking Books is limited to individuals who are eligible for the service due to specific disabilities outlined by the National Library Service. For more information, visit <http://library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html>.

The Talking Book Library does not endorse any particular product, but we're encouraged by new technologies which are created with accessibility in mind, and which may be useful for our patrons.

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TALKING BOOK CLOSURE DATES

September 5, 2022	January 16, 2023	September 4, 2023
November 11, 2022	February 20, 2023	November 10, 2023
November 24, 2022	April 7, 2023	November 23, 2023
December 26, 2022	May 29, 2023	December 25, 2023
January 2, 2023	July 4, 2023	

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