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Digital Magazines

We are pleased to announce the official transition of the NLS audio magazines from cassette to digital cartridge. Users who had been receiving cassette magazines have been receiving them on digital cartridge for a few months, and we invite any interested user, especially our newer ones, to also sign up for subscriptions. There are a wide variety of magazines to choose from, and a full list is available as a handout or on our website. These magazines are also available for download using BARD.

There are a few significant changes to the digital magazine program. The most important change is that magazines are being mailed directly from the producers, and **must be returned just like the audio books you receive**. The loan period for weekly magazines is 3 weeks, and the loan period for monthly magazines is 6 weeks. If you receive several magazines, you will most likely have several cartridges in circulation. The return mailing card will have the producer's address and the usual Free Matter postage already printed on it, so you can return magazines the same way you return books.

With the introduction of loan periods for NLS digital magazines, users will also receive overdue notices if their cartridges are not returned on time. Users will be allowed 3 overdue cartridges before their magazines are put on hold. However, magazine overdues will not impact a user's book service from our library, and as always, if you download your magazines directly from BARD there are no loan periods to worry about.

To distinguish magazines from books, the NLS has introduced distinctively colored mailing containers and cartridges for the digital magazines. The mailing containers are a bright red color with the Library of Congress book flag logo on the lid, and the cartridges are blue with a print/Braille label that includes the word "Magazine" on it.

Lastly, if you subscribe to several magazines you may find multiple titles on a cartridge. To jump from one title to another you can use the player's bookshelf feature. Simply press and hold the green Play/Stop button until the player beeps and says "bookshelf," then use the fast forward or rewind buttons to toggle through the magazine titles. Once you hear the title you want, press the Play/Stop button again.

EVENTS TO CATCH US AT :

August 15th - Senior Sensation (*Ramkota, Bismarck*)

October 10th - Vocational Rehabilitation (*Ramkota, Bismarck*)

Volunteer Recognition Event

On Friday June 21st, the North Dakota State Library hosted a volunteer recognition event at the State Capitol. Both the North Dakota State Librarian and Kirsten Baesler, Superintendent of Public Instruction, expressed their utmost gratitude for all of North Dakota State Library Talking Book Volunteers. Wayne Triska, a Vision Impairment Teacher for the Bismarck area, was the guest speaker and gave an outstanding presentation. He explained the different types of visual impairments, the different tools used to help a student with visual impairment, and some wonderful life experiences he has had working with visually impaired students. It was obvious that he is very passionate and dedicated to helping those students experience life the way anyone else would.

The North Dakota State Library offers many unique programs for persons with physical, visual, or reading impairments. Without the support from our volunteers, these services would not be possible. These services rely on volunteers to keep the daily operations running smoothly. This year, volunteers put in a total of 3,164 hours, or an average of 264 hours per month! From everyone at the State Library, we sincerely appreciate all of your hard work. Thank you! Below is a list of volunteers in alphabetical order by last name:

<u>Volunteer:</u>	<u>Hours:</u>	<u>Volunteer:</u>	<u>Hours:</u>
Sarah BaeHurst	340	Jan Bond	1039
Abby Bardell	644	Judy Boyle	193
Robert Bauer	13	Liz Bocker	403
Karen Bergstad	177	Katie Cashman	147
Marvia Boettcher	82	Liz Collin	84

<u>Volunteer:</u>	<u>Hours:</u>	<u>Volunteer:</u>	<u>Hours:</u>
Gwen Damlo	66	Tom Nehring	8
Nancy Davis	1	Pat Ness	5
Carolyn Desper	9	Sally Niessen	8
Dwight Driscoll	182	Rig Olsen	328
Phyllis Eckroth	276	Arlene Olson	2,222
Donna Ellison	70	Kathy Olson	571
Rose Erdahl	13	Theodore Pedeliski	255
Alyssa Feik	10	Marylee Prebys	47
Mike Fladeland	14	Diana Read	5
Marilyn Friedt	2	Becky Reis	26
Barbara Frey	26	Mike Rempfer	218
Parrell Grossman	71	Jake Rodenbiker	65
Judith Hammer	579	Jim Rouse	1,911
Priscilla Hanson	1,815	Robert Rowan	624
KaeLynn Hecker	1,615	George Saiki	221
Russell Holm	8,752	Joyce Sauer	498
Albert Holman	1,042	Ardis Schmautz	477
Carl Hoover	39	Linda Schwartzbauer	1,274
Kerry Horton	51	Nanc Skaret	682
Rita Huffman	345	Dick Smith	683
Karen Kalk	104	Marilyn Stumpf	335
Betty Lapp	67	Judi Swanberg	10
Elizabeth Lengenfelder	294	Bob Taylor	30
Phyllis Lindblom	542	Julie Ternes	9
Virginia Luger	9	Rebecca Ternes	121
Kaylee Magstadt	4	Wanda Thompson	15
Lorraine Manz	20	Harry Vadnie	1,112
Gerdie Marquardt	45	Pam Vukelic	74
Robert McConnell	665	Rosemary Watterud	26
Geri McLaughlin	130	Diane Weber	2,337
Randy Meissner	14	Doris Weiss	14
Joan Metcalf	102	Lilian Wilson	3,388
Katie Miller	976	Eric Wingenbach	10
Tonya Moe	150	Mark Zimmerman	532

Out with the old, in with the new

Have you been wondering why it is that when you request a book on cassette, you receive it in the new cartridge format? This is happening because the Talking Book library is very busy converting the Talking book collection from the old cassette collection to the new cartridge collection. If you are a patron who is already using the new cartridge player, but still has the old mustard yellow cassette player, please return it to North Dakota Vision Services in Grand Forks. You can do this by putting it in the box it was mailed to you in and turn the address card over so it shows North Dakota Vision Services on the address card, and put it in the mail.

Your books will now come to you on the new cartridge format. When placing book orders, we will be using DB book numbers. If you still have old catalogs you can use these to find titles or authors you might like, but your selected books will come out to you on DB.

The new cartridge has a much clearer audio sound and is easier to use. If you have any questions, please give us a call at 1-800-843-9948. We hope you enjoy our new cartridge format for many years to come.

Do you enjoy your Talking Book service? Do you know someone else who might benefit from the Talking Book service? Please tell them about North Dakota Talking Books or contact Talking Books staff to have an application mailed to them.

Satisfaction Survey Instructions

We are conducting a patron satisfaction survey, your feedback is important to us.

- 1. Please fill out the survey on the next page**
- 2. When completed; tear survey out and fold on the dotted lines**
- 3. Place a piece of tape on indicated spot, add postage**
- 4. Place in mailbox**
- 5. Thank you!**

Talking Books Patron Satisfaction Survey

1. When you call the Talking Books library, rate the assistance you receive over the telephone.

Excellent Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

2. If you have left a voicemail message, rate the staff's timeliness in returning your telephone call.

Excellent Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

3. How would you rate the selection of books and magazines you receive from the Talking Books library?

Excellent Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

4. How would you rate the Discovery Newsletter you receive from the Talking Books staff?

Excellent Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

5. How would you rate the overall service you receive from the Talking Books staff?

Excellent Satisfactory Unsatisfactory

6. Do you subscribe to BARD?

Yes No

7. If you marked No, please identify the reason listed below

- A. Never heard of BARD.
- B. I don't have my own computer and/or internet access.
- C. I tried it, but it's too complicated for me.
- D. I'd rather receive my digital books from the Talking Books Library.

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NORTH DAKOTA TALKING BOOKS AND DRIS CLOSURES :

September 2 - Labor Day

November 11 - Veterans

Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS)

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) is joining other states in re-purposing our radio reading service, Dakota Radio Reading Service (DRIS). Starting August 1st, DRIS will broadcast Radio Talking Book, a radio reading service provided by Minnesota State Services for the Blind. Due to declining usage and difficulty in receiving newspapers in the mail on time to prepare for broadcast, NDSL will no longer be reading local North Dakota newspapers on the air.

Radio Talking Book as provided by Minnesota Services is a free, closed-circuit news and information service that broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Radio Talking Book records and broadcasts current local and national newspapers and magazines each day including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Minneapolis Star Tribune, National Geographic, Reader's Digest, and many more magazines and newspapers. In Addition to reading newspapers and magazines, Radio Talking Book records and broadcasts a travel program, an exercise program, technology program focused on services for visually impaired people, an outdoor sports program, medical programs, and retirement information programs.

The North Dakota State Library is excited to continue to provide these great programs to our DRIS listening audience.

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THANK YOU, CONTRIBUTORS!

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