



## WHY YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED BOOKS

If you have not received books, and you are wondering why, here are some possible explanations. More than one may apply to your situation:

### You Have Not Requested Any Books

You have selected the type of service where you receive only the specific books you have requested (Request Only). The receiving of books depends on you sending or calling in a book request. Please be aware, that some of your requests may not be available. You need to provide an adequate number of requests to meet your reading needs.

### Your Request List Needs To Be Expanded

This means that your book request list cannot support your reading needs. For example, you have requested new and very popular titles that are in high demand. It may be that many of the books you have requested are on loan to other patrons. If you are an avid reader, your request list needs to contain an adequate number of titles from which to select.

### You Have Not Returned A Book

You have selected the type of service where books are sent when you have returned books (Turn Around). If you have not returned any of the books that are currently checked out to you, no new books will be sent to you. It is best to return each book as you finish. This will prompt a new book being sent out, and you should never be without books.

### Your Personal Maximum Number Of Books Is Too Low

Currently, the maximum number of digital books you can have checked out at any given time is 10. If your personal maximum number is lower than 10, you will not receive any new books until you have returned books. If you feel that your personal maximum is too low, you may want to contact Talking Books to increase your maximum number of books allowed.

### Your Reading Interests Need To Be Increased

You have selected the type of service where Talking Books staff selects books for you (Auto Select). Your request list is depleted, and the computer is not able to pick any new books. This may be a result of your reading interests being out of date, or you may have read everything available. You may want to contact Talking Books and add to the list of reading interests you originally requested.

### You Changed Your Address and Did Not Tell Us

Be sure to keep Talking Books up to date with your address changes. Talking Books may be sending books to the wrong address.

### Your Service Has Been Suspended

Talking Books may have received something in the mail that suggests that you are no longer interested in the Talking Books service. For example, did you write “send no more” on a returned mail card? This could have been interpreted as “cancel my service.” You may have received a third notice on an overdue book, and your service has been put on hold. If you are concerned that your service might have been suspended, please contact Talking Books.

If you have questions concerning your books and the Talking Book service, please contact Talking Books at 1-800-843-9948 or 1-701-328-1408.

## REQUESTING BOOKS

Your book orders are very important to us at the Talking Book Library. Our goal is to send out the books you order as quickly as we possibly can. If you place your book order with us today, your books will go out the next working day, provided there are copies of the titles you requested on the shelf. Just like a print library, we only have a certain number of copies of each title on the shelf. If all copies of a title you have requested are checked out, that title will go out to you as soon as a copy becomes available.

Sometimes there may be a waiting list for the more popular titles. Requests for any given title are sent out in the order in which they are received. Once the books leave the Talking Book Library, we cannot guarantee how quickly you will receive them. Delivery of the books depends on the punctuality of the U.S. Mail service.

## CALLING ALL LOST CARTRIDGES

Talking Books is receiving a large number of returned boxes from patrons with the cartridge missing from the box. Please remember to always double check and make sure the book cartridge is in its container before mailing the container back. Not only does this help Talking Books, it helps you get the next book faster. If you find a book cartridge that is missing its box, please call Talking Books and we will send a retrieval box for you to return the cartridge. Thanks!

**ON THE SHELF: SUMMER 2014**

CALL 1-800-843-9948 TO ORDER

**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. Adult Fiction

**LD00678****A Mark of the Divine**

AUTHOR: Russ Brown

The story takes place between 2012 and 2020. "The national debt in America continues its climb into the stratosphere. Runaway inflation and devastating unemployment are causing millions to find themselves without work and on the verge of insolvency. Religious persecution is ramping up as prohibitions on religious symbolism and prayer in public places continue to escalate and stimulate acts of violence towards Christian and Jews. Then a glowing trench suddenly and mysteriously appears in the Amargosa Desert in the southwestern United States. Many begin to believe this is a message from God, and the press dubs the trench The Line in the Sand. This trench spurs a secret, powerful and mysterious 'think-tank' group to recruit twin brothers, Ben and Robert O'Neill, to lead a massive mission aimed at providing relief to persons suffering from the deteriorating situations taking place in America. This mission leads millions on a path to wholeness and is reminiscent of the innovative spirit of our ancestors as they moved westward in the early days of America. The many tales of individual struggles, triumph and humaneness will capture your heart. 2011.

**LD00679****FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN: DAKOTA TERRITORY**

AUTHOR: Lee Chambers

This book describes everyday life for the soldiers, including their food, entertainment, and weapons at Fort Abraham Lincoln. 2008. Adult Non-Fiction

**LD00680****Dakota Boy**

AUTHOR: Rob Woutat

An account of a man's childhood in North Dakota's Red River Valley in the 1940's and early 1950's, depicting the haphazard, often comical, hit-and-miss process by which the child and adolescent tries to build an identity. This book contains some strong language. 2003. Adult Non-Fiction

**LD00681****Theodore Roosevelt and the American Political Tradition**

AUTHOR: Jean M. Yarbrough

Rough Rider, hunter, trust-buster, President, and Bull Moose candidate. Biographers have long fastened on Theodore Roosevelt as a man of action, while largely ignoring his political thought. Jean Yarbrough provides a searching examination of TR's political thought, especially in relation to the ideas of Washington, Hamilton, and Lincoln. The author sets out not only to explore Roosevelt's vision for America but also to consider what his political ideas have meant for republican self-government. 2012. Adult Non-Fiction

**DO YOU WANT BOOKS ON THE WEEKEND?**

The State Library is closed on Saturday and Sunday, so the best way to ensure you have enough reading material for the weekend is to call the library no later than Thursday. We will be happy to help!

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

**LD00682****Grasshopper Tails: Stories from North Dakota**

AUTHOR: Margaret Lamb

A collection of short stories set in North Dakota. 2011. Adult Fiction

**LD00685****Four Score and More: My Memoir, History and a Family Legacy**

AUTHOR: Lavera Edick

Memories of growing up on a Nebraska farm during the Depression, and later in Bismarck, ND, where the author spent many years at Provident Life Insurance and took up painting. 2013 Adult Non-Fiction

**LD00686****Elizabeth and Hazel : Two Women of Little Rock**

AUTHOR: David Margolick

The names Elizabeth Eckford and Hazel Bryan Massery may not be well known, but the image of them from September 1957 surely is: a black high school girl, dressed in white, walking stoically in front of Little Rock Central High School -- and a white girl standing directly behind her screaming racial epithets. David Margolick tells the story of two separate lives that unexpectedly merge. He recounts Elizabeth's struggle to overcome the trauma of her hate-filled high school experience and Hazel's long efforts to atone for a fateful, horrible mistake. This book contains some strong language and some violence. 2011.

**LD00687****The Anonymous Bride: Texas Boardinghouse Brides, #1**

AUTHOR: Vickie McDonough

It's been years, but Luke Davis is back, older and wiser and still alone. Returning as Lookout's new town marshal, Luke is determined to face the past and move on. When he discovers that the woman who betrayed him is now a widow, all his plans fall apart. Could Luke and Rachel possibly find love a second time? And then the brides arrive. Three of them, ordered for Luke by his incorrigible cousins. And none of the ladies is willing to let Luke go. 2010

**LD00688****Did You Know That...? 46 Fascinating Stories About People Who Have Lived in North Dakota, Vol. 4**

AUTHOR: Curt Eriksmoen

46 fascinating stories about people who have lived in North Dakota.

**LD00689****Wunnerful, Wunnerful: The Autobiography of Lawrence Welk**

AUTHOR: Lawrence Welk

The author writes of his rags to riches life story. He credits his success to the opportunities still available in this country, his own determination, and his faith in God. 1971.

**LD00690****Something about Sophia**

AUTHOR: Josie Blaine

The story of a young woman from Chicago, daughter of Bohemian immigrants, homesteading in North Dakota. Based on the author's own family history. 2013

**LD00692****Gridlock**

AUTHOR: Byron Dorgan &amp; David Hagburg

Two Iranian agents hand over one million dollars to a Russian engineer for a thumbdrive. The drive contains a deadly computer virus that could shut down all electrical power in the United States at a keystroke. Two nations are behind this deadly attack: Venezuela and Iran, intent on destroying the present world order and bringing an arrogant America to its knees. This book contains some descriptions of sex, strong language and violence. 2013.

**HELPFUL HINT**

What do you do if you are at the end of the book and want to start over at the beginning?  
It's simple! Press the PLAY button twice!

TIP: This only works if you are where it says "END OF BOOK".

**LD00693****Lessons from the Gym**

AUTHOR: Brenda M. Fasching

Krystal's mom has set the ultimate goal for an overweight, middle-aged woman. Since becoming widowed, she has packed on the pounds and now, with the wedding of her only daughter just months away, she has vowed to join a gym as a means to become a lean, healthy, vibrant mother of the bride. Little does the rude desk clerk know but this gym is about to change forever now that Krystal's mom has joined the membership ranks! Handing over her worn and tattered credit card to pay for a two-year membership, Krystal's mom embarks on her new adventure into gym life. For someone whose only form of exercise is pushing a grocery cart through the dairy aisle, taking a walk on a programmable treadmill provides Krystal's mom with the first of many lessons to follow on the inner workings of a fitness facility. 2012.

**LD00695****Deliverance from the Little Big Horn: Doctor Henry Porter and Custer's Seventh Cavalry**

AUTHOR: Joan Nabseth Stevenson

Of the three surgeons who accompanied Custer's Seventh Cavalry on June 25, 1876, only the youngest, twenty-eight-year-old Henry Porter survived that day's ordeal, riding through a gauntlet of Indian attackers and up the steep bluffs to Major Marcus Reno's hilltop position. The story of Dr. Porter's wartime exploits goes far beyond the battle itself. As Stevenson recounts in detail, Porter's life-saving work on the battlefield began immediately, and is followed through the harrowing 700-mile journey along the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers to the post hospital at Fort Abraham Lincoln near Bismarck, Dakota Territory. 2012

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

LD00703

**Blooming Prairie: Abercrombie Trail, #4**

AUTHOR: Candace Simar

Widow Serena Gustafson returns to Pomme de Terre where her husband was killed during the Sioux Uprising. Her dreams of financial independence dissolve when land values plummet after a scourge of Rocky Mountain locusts. Serena must release the past before she can embrace her future. Increasing Indian tensions in Dakota Territory threaten to spill over into Minnesota, renewing old fears and bitter memories from the 1862 Uprising. This book contains some strong language. 2012.

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## LIMITS TO BARD MOBILE DOWNLOADS

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In order to protect downloaded books from unauthorized distribution, the BARD server will only issue 100 read authorizations to any one BARD Mobile patron in any 30-day period. If you exceed this limit, you'll get a message that says "you are not authorized to read this book." Currently the only cure for this block is to wait until the next day in hopes that your rolling 30-day total of titles requested will drop back below 100.

This limit does not apply to the number of books you download on your personal computer and listen to them on your digital talking book machine; only the number of books you listen to on your mobile device.

### SAVE THE PACKAGING

Please do not discard the box or packaging materials for your talking book player. If you need to send your player back, please send it back using those original materials.

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



## BATTERY INFORMATION

Patrons nationwide are experiencing diminished battery capacity on their digital talking book machines, but do not be alarmed if you notice your machine holds less of a charge than it used to hold. Some players announce they have up to 29 hours of charge remaining, but be aware the number of hours remaining can vary from machine to machine and will inevitably decrease over time.

According to the NLS, if your player reads for 12 hours or more, the machine is in good working order and there is no need to replace it. Charging time can drop dramatically from one usage to the next, especially if you have been using a flash drive instead of a cartridge. Here are some tips for managing your machine battery:

- When listening to your digital machine at home, keep it plugged in. This will help preserve the battery life.
- When recharging, make sure it has fully recharged before unplugging it. It is fine to let the battery run down to zero; in fact, the battery will not recharge until it is less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  charged. You will know the battery is fully charged when the player says, “greater than x number of hours.”
- Even when the battery will not charge at all, it will still play for a long period of time.
- If you are not going to use your player for a long period of time, please make sure it is plugged in to prevent battery damage.
- If the battery will not charge at all, please let us know and we will send out a player with a fresh battery as soon as possible.

### REMINDER

When sending in a book order, please remember to put your name on the order form. We have received orders without a name on the order form and envelope, when this happens, we cannot fulfill that request.

## **VOLUNTEER ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL**

On May 16th, the Talking Book Staff hosted the annual Volunteer Recognition Event by having an ice cream sundae social. It was held at the State Library, and State Librarian Mary Soucie shared her experiences with Talking Books. Besides honoring all the volunteers for their time and dedication with certificates, four volunteers were honored for volunteer milestones. Robert McConnell and Nanc Skaret were recognized for 750 cumulative hours, and Priscilla Hanson and Jim Rouse for 2000 cumulative hours. Our volunteers contributed 1,922 hours by either narrating books or magazines, inspecting books, reading newspapers, filing articles, or stuffing envelopes. Thank you to our volunteers!!

## **CASSETTE SERVICE WILL END AUGUST 1ST**

As many of you know the National Library Service ceased production and maintenance of cassette books and the cassette players in 2010. For the last four years, Talking Books has been able to continue cassette service, but the time has come to phase cassettes out. Therefore, cassette service for all patrons will end August 1st. Patrons must return their cassette books and players at that time. The National Library Service requires NDSL to return all cassettes and equipment. Talking Books cannot allow you to keep them, nor will they be for sale.

A majority of patrons have already cancelled their cassette service and are pleased with the wide selection of digital books. Talking Books is continuing to add new digital titles on a regular basis.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. We want to make this transition easy for everyone. If you still have a cassette machine in your possession, you may send it to:

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

## RETURNING MAGAZINES IN A TIMELY MANNER

If you are a patron who subscribes to magazines, we would like to offer a helpful hint. Many magazines are time sensitive, and in order to stay current you should listen to your magazines as soon as you receive them. You will not receive the next issue of any magazine until you have returned the issue that you currently have in your possession. If you do not return your magazines in a timely manner, before long you will be behind on the current magazine issues. Remember, listen to magazines as soon as you receive them, and then put them back in the mail so you receive the next issue.

## MULTIPLE MAGAZINES ON A CARTRIDGE

For those patrons who 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.

## LARGE PRINT BOOKS AVAILABLE

Talking Books are not the only books patrons of the North Dakota State Library Talking Books program receive from us. We also have a substantial selection of Large Print books (over 10,000!) available. Qualifying individuals with a visual or physical impairment that are able to read large print can receive large print books from the State Library. These books go out "Free Matter for the Blind" so there are no postage charges for receiving or returning large print books. Please call us at 1-800-843-9948 or 1-701-328-1408 if you know of anyone who may benefit from this service.

## GOING GREEN

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, the North Dakota State Library is making more documents available online and printing out less materials. If you would like to start receiving this newsletter via e-mail in the future please send your e-mail address to [tbooks@nd.gov](mailto:tbooks@nd.gov).

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**TALKING BOOK CLOSURE DATES:**

September 1 – Labor Day

November 11 – Veteran’s Day

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