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Talking Books

Discovery

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NEW TECHNOLOGY WORKING TO IMPROVE SERVICE

The National Library Service is always looking for better ways to serve the literary needs of its blind and visually impaired patrons across the country. It recently adopted a new computer system which will allow talking book libraries to give patrons better access to their records, make changes to their personal information more easily, and order and receive books more efficiently.

The North Dakota State Library Talking Books Program was chosen as one of the first libraries to use this new system. It has been in place since mid-November. We are proud to be a part of something that will improve our patrons' reading enjoyment regardless of age or ability; however, starting something new doesn't come without a few growing pains.

For instance, some of you may now be getting several books by the same author at the same time, or you may be getting computer-selected books before you get the books you actually request. Some of you may suddenly be getting more books than you want, and some of you may suddenly be getting fewer books than you're used to. You may have also noticed that some of your mail cards no longer tell you when your books are due back.

The Talking Books Staff is aware of these problems. They are only temporary, and we apologize for any inconvenience they may cause. We are working hard to correct them as soon as possible, and we greatly appreciate your patience as we try to fix the errors. We would also appreciate your assistance in identifying anything wrong we may not yet be aware of. We value your positive input, and we know that by working together we can make the transition to this new computer system much smoother.

It is our goal to serve you as best we can. That has not changed, and this new computer system will enable us to do that well into the future. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like more information, please give us a call at 1-800-843-9948 or e-mail us at tbooks.nd.gov.

US CURRENCY READER PROGRAM

NLS has partnered with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) in support of its U.S. Currency Reader Program, which will provide currency reader devices, free of charge, to eligible individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The program is part of the U.S. government's Meaningful Access Initiative to assist individuals who experience difficulties identifying U.S. currency. A national rollout of the U.S. Currency Reader Program began in January 2015.

The currency reader, called the iBill Talking Banknote Identifier, is a compact device that announces a note's value in one of three ways: voice, pattern of tones, or pattern of vibrations. Just insert a note into the device and press the button on the side to have the denomination identified. The currency reader does not identify foreign or counterfeit banknotes. The size of a key fob, it can be carried in a pocket or purse, clipped to a belt, or attached to a keychain or lanyard. It operates on a single AAA battery, which typically lasts for more than a year. The initial battery is included. To learn more about the U.S. Currency Reader Program or other aspects of the U.S. government's initiative to provide meaningful access to U.S. currency visit www.bep.gov or call (844)815-9388 toll-free.

If patrons have problems with their currency readers they can contact the Bureau of Engraving and Printing call center at 1-844-815-9388.

A QUICK REMINDER

When calling the North Dakota State Library Talking Books Department and leaving a message, please remember to give us your first and last name. It is also important that you give us your telephone number in case we need to clarify your book order, concern or question. If you are leaving us a book order, please remember to read the numbers slowly so we can write down each book number or title as you read it. There are times when the book numbers or titles are read so quickly, it is difficult to understand the caller or to write them down quickly. Your help in this matter would greatly assist us in serving you better.

ON THE SHELF: SPRING 2015

CALL 1-800-843-9948 TO ORDER

LD00669

My America, Your America

AUTHOR: Lawrence Welk

The popular orchestra leader expresses his faith in the human race and reflects on his life, trials, and successes. Included are stories, backstage glimpses, and a strong commitment on religious beliefs. 1976.

LD00684

Grand Forks: A History Of American Dining In 128 Reviews

AUTHOR: Marilyn Hagerty

In her weekly Eatbeat column in the local paper, Marilyn gives the denizens of Grand Forks reviews of the mom-and-pop diners that eventually gave way to fast food joints, and the Norwegian specialties that finally faded away in the face of the Olive Garden's endless breadsticks. This is a loving look at the shifts in American dining in the last years of the twentieth century. 2013.

LD00691

Birdie: (Abercrombie Trail, #3)

Author: Candace Simar

Birdie continues the story of Evan and Inga Jacobson, eleven years after the 1862 Sioux Uprising. They struggle to raise their five boys and Ragna, orphaned by the Uprising, in the midst of bank failures and the grasshopper plagues. 2011.

LD 00696

The Way It Was: the North Dakota Frontier Experience: Book Six Townspeople

Author: D. Jerome Tweton

The final book in a series of memories of the frontier experience, collects personal histories of those who came and lived in the first towns, most often created by the railroad companies as a center of commerce for those who came to break the sod and farm the land, that endless sea of grass that challenged their strength and spirit. 2004

LD 00697

World's Strongest Librarian: A Memoir of Tourette's , Faith, Strength, and the Power of Family

Author: Josh Hanagarne

Josh Hanagarne was born to Mormon parents in rural Utah and was diagnosed with Tourette syndrome. By the time Josh turned twenty, his tics were too drastic to ignore. Desperate for liberation, Josh tried all possible treatments, but the results were dismal. It turned out to be weight lifting that provided the most lasting relief, as Josh learned to "throttle" his tics into submission in the weight room. At an imposing 6'7" and literally incapable of sitting still, Josh is not your average librarian. This book contains some strong language. 2013.

LD 00698

Al Gustin's Farm Byline: Reflections On North Dakota Agriculture

Author: Al Gustin

Collection of Farm Byline columns published from 1974 to 2013 in North Dakota living. 2013.

LD 00699

Theodore Roosevelt InThe Badlands: A Young Politician's Quest For Recovery In The American West

Author: Roger L. DiSilvestro.

In this work, the author chronicles the turbulent years Roosevelt spent as a rancher in the Badlands of Dakota Territory, during which the character and commitment of the future president and conservationist took shape. 2011.

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

LD 00700

Close Encounters of the Fargo Kind

Author: Marc de Celle

This book is a follow-up to How Fargo of You. For this book, de Celle collected over 80 stories of anonymous kindness experienced by residents from the Fargo area. 2013.

LD 00702

Little Bookstore Of Big Stone Gap: A Memoir Of Friendship, Community, And The Uncommon Pleasure Of A Good Book

Author: Wendy Welch

Wendy Welch and her husband had always dreamed of owning a bookstore. A story of beating bad odds with grace, ingenuity, good books, and single malt, this memoir chronicles two bibliophiles discovering unlikely ways in which daily living and literature intertwine. Their customers come to the shop looking for the kind of interactive wisdom electronics don't spark. There, they find friendship, community, and the uncommon pleasure of a good book in good company. 2012

LD 00704

Dig Deep For Murder(Manor House, #4)

Author: Kate Kingsbury

Lady Elizabeth has turned the Manor House lawn into victory garden plots for the villagers. But an uninvited guest-in the form of a corpse-wilts the festivities.

LD 00705

Paint By Murder (Manor House Mysteries, #5)

Author: Kate Kingsbury

In World War II England, the quiet village of Sitting Marsh is faced with food rations and fear for loved ones. But Elizabeth Hartleigh Compton, lady of the Manor House, stubbornly insists that life must go on--except for her kindly tenant, who's been murdered. 2003.

LD 00706

Rocket Girl: The Story of Mary Sherman Morgan, America's First Female Rocket Scientist

Author: George D. Morgan

In 1938, a young German rocket enthusiast named Wernher von Braun had dreams of building a rocket that could fly him to the moon. On the opposite side of the world, a young farm girl named Mary Sherman was attending high school in Ray, North Dakota. When von Braun and other top engineers could not find a solution to the repeated failures that plagued the nascent U.S. rocket program, North American Aviation, where Mary Sherman Morgan then worked, she was given the challenge. Her work resulted in a new propellant, Hydyne. While von Braun went on to become a high-profile figure in NASA's manned space flight, Mary Sherman Morgan and her contributions fell into obscurity. Some strong language. 2013.

LD 00707

Last American Highway: A Journey Through Time Down U.S. Route 83: The Dakotas: (Last American Highway, #1)

Author: Stew Magnuson

Descending 1,885 miles straight down the center of the United States from Westhope, North Dakota, to Brownsville, Texas, is U.S. 83, one of the oldest and longest of the federal highways that hasn't been replaced by an Interstate. Award-winning author Stew Magnuson takes readers on a trip down the road and through the history of the Northern Great Plains. This is a love poem to the natural beauty of the prairie and the fascinating people-both past and present-found along the road. 2014.

CHANGE IN SERVICE

Reminder: Please contact the Talking Book Library anytime you have a change in address or phone number as this will affect your talking book service or if you would like to change the number of books or frequency of receiving books. We appreciate your help in keeping our records up to date. Call 1-800-843-9948 or 1-701-328-1408.

LD 00708

By The Banks of Cottonwood Creek

Author: Gayle Larson Schuck

Kelly Jorgenson's twin brother died on a California beach when they were teenagers, devastating his family and forcing Kelly, and his brother's girlfriend, Briana Davis, on a desperate search for the meaning of life. He finds hope when he adopts his brother's Christian faith. 2013.

LD 00709

Miles Apart

Author: Hadley Hoover

Urged by a trusted friend, Molly Winstead agrees to accept a passenger for her trip from California to Minnesota. She is unnerved when her intended fellow traveler is the one person she had hoped never to see again after their humiliating one-time meeting. Molly is a respected, energetic, self-sufficient librarian who models her life after "The Plan." Secrets and attitudes clash in the age-old struggle between love and truth. 2001.

LD 00710

Where I Came From

Author: Michael Matthew Casey

This memoir of the Casey family's fate rises up from the coulees and frozen tundra of North Dakota during the Great Depression and The Dirty Thirties. Some descriptions of sex, language and violence. 2012.

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 after the books says "END OF BOOK". The player will restart your book at the beginning.

LD 00712

The Frackers: The Outrageous Inside Story of the New Billionaire Wildcatters

Author :Gregory Zuckerman

Things looked grim for American energy in 2006. Oil production was in steep decline and natural gas was hard to find. But a handful of men believed everything was about to change. Far from the limelight, Aubrey McClendon, Harold Hamm, Mark Papa, and other wildcatters were determined to tap massive deposits of oil and gas that Exxon, Chevron, and other giants had dismissed as a waste of time. This book chronicles the untold story of how they transformed the nation and the world. Zuckerman also tells the story of the angry opposition unleashed by this revolution and explores just how dangerous fracking really is. This book contains some strong language. 2013.

LD 00713

Theodore Roosevelt and the Assassin: Madness, vengeance and the campaign of 1912

Author: Gerard Helfrich

Based on contemporary newspaper reports, police interrogations, and eyewitness testimony, this book is a day-by-day, minute-by-minute account of the attempt on Roosevelt's life. This book contains some violence. 2013.

LD 00714

Running With The Antelope: Life, Fitness, and Grit On The Northern Plains:

Author: Melanie Carvell

This beautiful memoir tells the story of Melanie's remarkable journey, from the agricultural village of Mott (population 732) to world duathlon and triathlon competitions, then a splendid career as a physical therapist, director of the Sanford Women's Health Center in Bismarck, North Dakota, and a widely sought-after motivational speaker. Running with the Antelope is part self-help book, part prairie memoir, and part song of love to North Dakota, which is undergoing a rapid transformation from its agrarian past to a carbon extraction industrial future. 2014

BOOKSHELF FEATURE ON YOUR DIGITAL PLAYER: A HOW TO GUIDE

The bookshelf feature is used to find multiple books and/or magazines on a digital cartridge or flash drive. The following steps are used to access and use the bookshelf feature:

- Step 1 – Press Power on the player.
- Step 2 – Insert the digital cartridge or flash drive.
- Step 3 – Press and hold the Play/Stop button for 4 seconds or until you hear "Bookshelf." If there are multiple books and/or magazines on the cartridge, the machine will beep once and tell you the number of items on the cartridge. It will say "books" for both magazines and books.
- Step 4 – To find the title you want on the bookshelf, press the Fast-Forward button once for each title. To go back, press the Rewind button once for each title.
- Step 5 – When you find the title you want, press the Play/Stop button twice to listen to your selection.
- Step 6 – To find another title, repeat steps 1 to 5.

*Note: If there is only one book on the cartridge or flash drive, the book shelf feature cannot be accessed.

CHANGES TO MAGAZINE LOAN PERIOD

Subscribers to NLS magazines now have more time to enjoy their favorite publications. The new loan periods for magazines are:

- 3 weeks for cartridges containing only weekly publications
- 7 weeks for cartridges containing at least 1 monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly publication

Please make sure to return magazines promptly so cartridges can be reused. Red magazine containers are mailed directly back to the producer so send only magazine cartridges in those containers. A list of NLS audio magazines appears in each issue of Talking Book Topics. Please contact ND Talking Books with any questions or concerns.

OVERDUE BOOKS

Talking Books has a policy to send out overdue letters to our patrons and we do this for a number of reasons. First, it is a gentle reminder that the books or magazines you have checked out are past the due date. We encourage you to call if you have questions or concerns about the overdue letter. If you need more time, we can easily renew the item for you. We want you to know that your service will never be suspended due to overdues and you will never be assessed a fine.

It also helps us keep track of our patrons. Sometimes a patron will move and forget to inform the library of the address change. When the letter is returned to us, we will attempt to contact you so your record can be updated.

Sometimes patrons never receive a certain title that is checked out to them or the patron sent the book back some time ago and the library never received it. Sending the overdue letter helps bring this matter to our attention.

Something to keep in mind is that other patrons could be waiting for that overdue book. If it is a popular book, most likely there is a waiting list for it. So returning your books in a timely fashion is important.

The loan period is 6 weeks.

Please always feel free to give us a call about any of your talking book concerns. You may reach us at: 1-800-843-9948 or 1-701-328-1408.

TALKING BOOKS DISPLAY CASE

The North Dakota State Library is currently displaying talking book machines from the past and present. If you stop by the State Library, take a quick look at how the technology has changed!

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY TALKING BOOKS — 1-800-843-9948

TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGE

The North Dakota State Library Talking Book Service wants to provide our patrons with books wherever they are. If you spend the winter months in a warmer climate or at a temporary address such as a nursing home, an assisted living facility, or even with a family member, your Talking Book service doesn't have to be interrupted. If you have a temporary change of address, you don't need to send the reading equipment back and stop using the program. If you would like to continue enjoying your favorite stories, please give us a call with the change of address and phone number and we can continue to serve you.

REQUESTED BOOKS

The Talking Book Library handles book requests just like any other library. If the book you request is on the shelf, it will be sent out in the next work day's mail. If the book is not on the shelf, a request will be placed on the book and it will be sent to you in the order the request was placed.

If a request is made for a popular book or author, most likely there is a waiting list for that book. Therefore, we cannot guarantee there will be a copy on the shelf. We can guarantee however, that we will get a copy to you as soon as we possibly can. It is important for books to be returned in a timely fashion so that other patrons on the waiting list can receive a copy to read in (good time?). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us turn around books for the good of all patrons.

PROBLEMS WITH DIGITAL PLAYER OR CARTRIDGES

Whenever you experience problems with your talking book machine or a talking book cartridge, we encourage you to call us at 1-800-843-9948 or 1-701-328-1408.

Most of the time, we can help you remedy the problem over the phone. If the materials are sent back, that also alerts us to watch for a defective machine or cartridge so we can address the issue.

Please do not put notes in the box with your talking book machine or inside the cartridge box. Including a hand written note inside the boxes changes the shipping rate from Free Matter to First Class mail which requires postage. Thank you.

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