



NEW EASY WAY TO ACCESS MULTIPLE BOOKS ON CARTRIDGE!

NLS recently released an important revision to the software that controls the Digital Talking Book Machine. The much-anticipated update will enable users to sequentially play multiple books on a cartridge without having to use the Bookshelf feature.

A growing number of NLS network libraries are distributing cartridges with more than one book on them. If you subscribe to more than one audio magazine, you already may be receiving cartridges that contain multiple titles.

Most users love the convenience of having several books or magazines on a single cartridge, but not everyone is comfortable using the Talking Book Machine's "Bookshelf" feature to navigate among titles. If you're one of those people, then the new sequential-play feature may be just the thing!

With the Easy Method, the player will announce "End of book, press Play/Stop to go to the next book." Tap the play button to go to the next book or magazine. The updated software is included on all cartridges that contain multiple books or magazines and installs itself automatically when a cartridge is inserted into the Talking Book Machine. No action is required on the part of the user.

The new feature makes it easy to play multiple books in sequence just by pressing a single button. **For those users who want more flexibility, the standard Bookshelf mode will still work as before, allowing users to play multiple books in any order they wish.**

Beginning Monday, December 17th, our phone hours will be 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you call us after 2:00 pm, your call will go to voicemail. Please leave a message, and we will return your call the following day of business.

ORDERING BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Patrons may find that book delivery is slower during the holiday season due to the increased volume of mail the postal service handles this time of year. **Please note that the Talking Book Library will be closed December 24th and 25th. Because of the extended weekend, we encourage our patrons to order extra books in advance so they will have plenty of reading material on hand.**

BREATH SWITCH HARDWARE NOW AVAILABLE

For patrons unable to use the buttons on a digital talking book machine NLS now has a breath switch adaptor. The switch attaches to the machine through the USB port next to the headphone jack. Using a combination of short and long sips and puffs of air, the breath switch provides control of all functions of the digital player except power on and off.

A separate application form with certification is required to obtain the switch. You may download and print the form at: <http://www.loc.gov/nlsold/networkdocs/forms/breath.pdf> or you may contact us and we will send you a copy.



Breath Switch



Breath Switch, shirt clip and mouth tube connected to DTBM.

BARD EXPRESS

BARD Express, a Windows-based application for those who download from BARD using a PC, is available from the National Library Service (NLS).

BARD Express simplifies the process of downloading and transferring audio materials to a cartridge or USB flash drive. The major advantage is that BARD Express unzips and transfers the files to a cartridge for you with the click of a button.

If you are a BARD user and want to start using BARD Express, you must first download the software to your computer. It is available on the BARD main page under “Additional Links, BARD Express.” Some FAQs, a User’s Guide and some helpful screenshots are also available within this BARD Express link.

If you are not a current BARD user and want to start, you will first need to apply for BARD by calling the Talking Book Library at 1-800-843-9948 or emailing tbooks@nd.gov and giving us your email address.

After logging in with your password, you will not need to login again for up to one year.

Several short NLS produced YouTube videos are available for further help with BARD Express at <https://youtube.com/>. Search for BARD Express.

BARD Express will manage BARD materials downloaded to a PC and categorize them by books, magazines, read items, and unread items for easy sorting. It also provides device management options from the main menu for customizing the process.

BARD Express is designed for use on Windows personal computers running XP, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, or 10. BARD Express is not for use on mobile devices or Macintosh computers.

MARLA PAULSON RETIRES FROM TALKING BOOKS

Longtime employee Marla Paulson recently retired on September 30th after 24 years at the North Dakota State Library. Marla began working in the Talking Book Department in 1998. Marla was a Reader Advisor up to 2006, then took the position of cataloging the talking books. Marla assisted many of you by setting up your account, taking your book requests and helping you in many other ways. She will be missed, but we wish her well and much enjoyment in her retirement.

Congratulations, Marla!

ORDERING BOOKS

Our patrons often have a long list of new books they want to read after receiving the latest issue of Talking Book Topics. You can either mail the order form, email the book numbers or call the library with your order; however, if you are requesting books by using the title or author name, we are now limiting your request to 6 books per call, so that reader advisors have time to assist as many patrons as possible during business hours.

NEWSWEEK READERS

Newsweek will no longer be available effective October 31, 2018. American Printing House has discontinued this service for this magazine. We do not know if it will be available in the future, but we are hoping that may change because many of our patrons enjoy this publication.

ENHANCED SECURITY FOR YOUR BARD ACCOUNT

If you haven't used your Braille & Audio Reading Download (BARD) account for one year or more, the library will automatically mark your BARD account as "Inactive/Suspended," which will prevent you from logging into BARD. If you find you are unable to login to BARD, please contact us, and we can quickly and easily reactivate your BARD account. To prevent this from happening to your account, you must download a book or magazine from BARD at least once per year.

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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 books allowed. Remember books in transit still count as being checked out to you.
- You have read all the books 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.

ARE YOU ACTIVE?

Individual readers are considered active in the Talking Book program if they borrow or download at least one book from our library during a twelve month period, or if they have an active subscription to a magazine. If you have not checked out a book or magazine recently, please contact us before your account becomes inactive.

CARTRIDGES NOW AVAILABLE FOR PATRONS TO DOWNLOAD BOOKS

The Talking Book Library will now be able to loan patrons one cartridge and a cartridge cable to download books from BARD. If interested, please call the library at 1-800-843-9948 or email at tbooks@nd.gov.

BARD SUPPORT

Occasionally, there are some issues with BARD that your local library is unable to help you with. In those cases, you may contact NLSDownload@loc.gov for support.

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RETURN OF EQUIPMENT

When returning digital player machines for any reason, please use the box and the repair sheet that came with the player. On the repair sheet or on a piece of paper, please let us know if 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.

ON THE SHELF: FALL 2018

CALL 1-800-843-9948 TO ORDER

LD00757

Valley of Dreams: (Wild West Wind, #1)

By Lauraine Snelling

Cassie Lockwood's mother died when she was little, so Cassie traveled with her father's Wild West show and became an amazingly skillful trick rider. When her father died, Cassie stayed with the show. With Chief, a Sioux Indian who's been with the act for twenty years, and Mica, the head wrangler, she leaves the show and a bundle of heartache behind in Dickinson, North Dakota and begins a wild and daring adventure. 2011.

LD00759

Last American Highway: (Last American Highway, #2)

By 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. What ties together President Eisenhower, the architect Frank Lloyd Wright and author Truman Capote? Highway 83, of course. 2015.

LD 00761**Strangers Before the Bench: A Historical Novel**

By David Hecker

George Schwartz prides himself on his job as an immigration naturalization service hearing judge. Schwartz has no doubt that he is doing things the American way. But all that changes when Schwartz discovers that his Germans from Russian ancestors had suffered greatly at the hands of officials who acted much like Schwartz himself. This discovery, along with his budding romance with a candid reporter, forces Schwartz to rethink his stance. Some descriptions of sex. 2014.

LD 00764**Washington: Small Town Romance in Four Distinct Novels**

By Wanda E. Brunstetter

This books contains four novels: The Neighborly Thing; Talking for Two; Race for the Roses and Song of Laughter. Meet four distinctly different women who, by choice or through life's circumstances, have found themselves alone, seeking a haven and hope in the rural northwest. 2005.

LD 00767**The Long Ago**

By Charles H. Lee

The long ago : facts of history from the writings of Captain Alexander Henry, Hon. Charles Cavileer, H. V. Arnold, Colonel C. A. Lounsberry and others ; compiled by Charles H. Lee. This book contains some violence. 1898.

LD 00770**Cowboy Logic Family Style**

By Ryan M. Taylor

The third collection of Ryan Taylor's syndicated humor column 'Cowboy Logic,' which runs in agricultural newspapers in the Western United States and Canada. 2012.

LD 00772**Laughing and Dancing Solo**

By Judy Buchholz Freuh

Joel Linton has been a foster parent for several children -- but always with his wife, Melissa. He decides to renew his foster parent license, becoming a single dad to six-year-old Carson Reynolds. Jasmine Kirmis has also endured lonely nights but the six-year-old next door, Ryan, has begun to bring life into her home again. Carson is also her student, and when she meets Joel, she is surprised -- why would someone choose to be a single parent? She doesn't think it's for her, until she's faced with the possibility she might need to. 2011.

LD 00773**Crazy Quilt, Euncie's World, A Little Lunch and More**

By Ruth Jesness Tweed

In The Crazy Quilt, bits and pieces of life in stories of people, both real and imaginary, are embroidered with poetry and light verse. 1982. In Euncie's World, Euncie's world was small. It revolved around a farm in the Midwest and the immediate neighborhood. Although fiction, the author draws from her own memory to bring the "old days" to life. 2014. In A Little Lunch and More, these stories and poems mix the simplicity of the "good old days" with the sometimes sad realities of everyday life -- and can leave you chuckling in recognition. 2005.

LD 00777**Theodore Roosevelt and the Making of American Leadership**

By Jon A. Knokey

President Theodore Roosevelt forever transformed America, ushering the country into the arena of world supremacy. While a graduate student at Harvard, author Jon Knokey unearthed hundreds of unpublished letters and interview notes from Roosevelt contemporaries. The stories from Harvard chaps, idealistic political reformers from New York, coarse cowboys from the Badlands, and tough-as-rawhide rough riders from the nation's interior all combine to illuminate the maturation process of a man learning to lead at every stage of his life. 2015.

LD 00778**How Mommy Got Her Groove Back**

By Rebecca Udem

Rebecca Udem finds herself returning to her hometown in rural North Dakota to help with the family business. How mommy got her groove back takes you on Rebecca's journey of self-discovery, liberation from the expectations of others and confidence to redefine success. 2016.

LD 00779**Gift of Death: A Message of Comfort and Hope**

By Monica Hannan

Through the use of personal stories, Monica Hannan has opened for us a light into an often dark subject. Her in-depth interviews with those who have experienced death, either their own or the deaths of those close to them, offer proof not only that our lives do not end here, but that there is no need to fear our final hours or what comes next. 2016.

LD 00780**Love Finds You in Wildrose, North Dakota (Love Finds You, #34)**

By Tracey Victoria Bateman

Rosemary Jackson has traveled all the way to the frozen tundra of North Dakota Territory to visit her twin sister, Rachel. But Rosemary arrives to find only a grave, a grieving brother-in-law, and an underfed baby. She has no choice but to stay and see her sister's family through the long winter. When the wildflowers arrive with the spring, will Rosemary be forced to leave everything she's come to love in Wildrose, North Dakota? 2012.

LD 00781**A Witness: The Haiti Earthquake, a Song, Death, and Resurrection**

By Renee Splichal Larson

The 2010 earthquake in Haiti buried Renee Splichal Larson in concrete rubble, killing her husband and leaving her a widow at age 27. This is Renee's story of love, grief, survival and new life. Most of all, she proclaims her hard-won witness: that in Christ, love and life conquer death. 2016.

LD 00782**Shelterbelts**

By Candace Simar

Shelterbelts chronicles the life of a Scandinavian community struggling to return to normal after war, true to history while rich in the complications of the human spirit. This novel is an engrossing portrayal of Norwegian farmers whose passive aggression tamps down their real passions. A moving, disturbing and hilarious story of postwar rural America. 2015.

LD 00783**Laney's Kiss: (Kansas Home, #3)**

By Tracey Victoria Bateman

Laney Jenkins and Luke St. John are made of the same mettle -- stubborn and determined. Luke, a rancher, believes Laney is the one for him and will follow him to Oregon. But Laney has ideas of her own. 2008.

LD 00784**Dinosaur Cafe: A Semblance of Monstrous Prairie Creatures**

By Ron Vossler

From the title piece, in which a shadowy artist on the ceiling of a small town cafe, creates murals of a startling and paradoxical richness; to the plaintive monologue of an elderly farm-woman standing in the way of the plow that threatens the graves of babies she has sworn to protect; to the marvelous powers of an overworked faith-healer: these stories shaped from the lore, superstitions, and history of the Dakota Germans, reveal the intense inner world of an unknown ethnic group, working out its destiny on the immensities of the American prairie. 2015.

TALKING BOOK CLOSURE DATES

December 24 and 25, 2018

January 1, 2019

January 21, 2019

February 18, 2019

April 19, 2019

May 27, 2019

July 4, 2019

September 2, 2019

November 11, 2019

November 28, 2019

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FOR THE BLIND

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Miriam Machell, Stephen Hayton, Twylah Larson, and
Carole & Emmett Skreen

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