



Number Of Cartridges Increased Per Patron

One of the projects we are working on this summer is returning our physical copy books to NLS. All the active patrons are now receiving books via Duplication on Demand, meaning each cartridge is specifically duplicated for each patron. With this change, it has been decided to increase the maximum number of cartridges you can receive to five. If you would like to increase your number of cartridges, please call 1-800-843-9948 and let Liz or James know.

Need Help?

- Not getting the books you like?
- Not getting enough?
- Getting too many?
- Have you changed your address or phone number?
- Do you need to update your address?

If you ever feel like you are not receiving all of your books, there are several reasons this might happen:

- You have exhausted your list with all the books written by your favorite authors or reading interests.
- You are set up as “request only” but have not given us new titles to add to your account.
- You are at your limit and need to return some items.
- Your desired reading preferences are too limited.
- You have overdue items.

Screen Magnifier

Thanks to the generosity of the Bowman Regional Public Library, the Talking Book Library now has a Merlin Enhanced Vision screen magnifier. Anyone can come to the library to use it or ask for a demonstration.

This useful tool makes it easier for those with low vision to enlarge objects for easier viewing. It is located in the Talking Book Department.



Thanks again, Bowman Regional Public Library!!

By the Numbers

Our fiscal year runs October 1 to September 31. Here's a look at some statistics that might be of interest to you from the first 6 months of this fiscal year.

- Number of patrons – 1504
- Items loaned – 30,127 Monthly Average – 5021
- Phone Calls and Emails – 1734 Monthly Average – 289 Calls / Emails
- BARD Patrons – 105
- BARD Downloads – 3113 Monthly Average – 519 Downloads
- New Patrons – 124 Monthly Average – 21

As you can tell, we are a busy library.

How It All Began

Have you ever wondered how the Talking Book service for the blind and handicapped got its start? It was an Act of Congress in 1931 that officially established the National Library Service (NLS) and this government sponsored program to serve blind adults.

After WWI, many US veterans returned home with injuries that made it difficult for them to read standard print. U.S. Representative Ruth Baker Pratt of New York and U.S. Senator Reed Smoot of Utah introduced a bill authorizing the Library of Congress to appropriate funds to establish a collection of embossed books to circulate among adult blind U.S. citizens. The Pratt-Smoot Act became law on March 3, 1931, and in 1933, it was amended to include audio books on recorded discs.

The act was expanded to include children in 1952 and again in 1966 to include individuals with physical disabilities that prevented reading standard print.

NLS distributes materials to cooperating network libraries, which they circulate those materials to eligible patrons. All 50 states and U.S. Territories offer the talking book service.

There have been many changes over the years. The formats have gone from records to cassettes, to digital cartridges and are now downloadable on smart devices. Talking Books have come a long way in 88 years. Just imagine what the future holds.

The Lost is Found

It's that time of year when spring/summer cleaning takes place. You can help us out by checking around your home for any misplaced books or cases. Lost books count against the number you can check out at a time, so please take a moment to check in that side table or in the couch cushions.

If you have an empty case and can't find the book, go ahead and send the case back empty. If you have a book cartridge but can't find the case, give us a call and we'll send you an empty case to ship it in.

NASA: Fiftieth Anniversary of the Moon Landing

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 became the first manned mission to land on the Moon. This minibibliography, created by Wolfner Talking Book Library in Missouri, lists NLS books on the Moon Landing and other NASA programs. It includes more than two dozen titles and is divided into three sections: Astronauts, Ground Crew and History, and Unmanned Missions. You can find it on the NLS website at <https://go.usa.gov/xEdyZ>

Books about the Power of Friendship

August 4th is National Friendship Day. To honor that day here are a list of books about friendship:

DB 47056

Friendships in the Dark: A Blind Woman's Story of the People and Pets Who Light Up Her World

By Phyllis Campbell

Totally blind since birth, the author tells of growing up on a small Virginia farm and going away to a residential school with her older sister (who is also blind) and becoming a church organist. She describes in loving detail the animals and other friends she meets along the way.

DB 54766

Friendship with God: An Uncommon Dialogue

By Neale Donald Walsch

The author writes that his relationship with God has evolved into a friendship. Walsch advocates viewing God as a friend rather than as a judgmental being to be feared. Conversations Walsch has had with God are displayed in dialog format.

DB 57644**Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship**

By Jon Meacham

Chronicles the vital friendship between British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and US President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the years 1939-1945.

DB 61182**We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success**

By Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt

Personal accounts of three childhood friends in Newark, New Jersey, who made a pact to finish high school, go to college, and attend medical school. Describes the power of their mutual support to help them overcome poverty and community violence and become role models for others.

DB 87442**Andy and Don: The Making of a Friendship and a Classic American TV Show**

By Daniel de Visé

Dual biography of actors Andy Griffith and Don Knotts, including stories of the making of the Andy Griffith show.

LD 00439**The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers**

By Amy Hollingsworth

This is an intimate portrait of the real Mister Rogers that focuses on his spiritual legacy; teaching children for over 30 years the basic principles of the Christian faith - forgiveness, kindness, compassion, respect and love.

Helpful Hints and Reminders

- When calling the Talking Book Library, please identify yourself so we can access your account immediately.
- When placing book orders or leaving general messages on the phone: please speak as clearly as possible, leave you first and last name and give the phone number associated with the account.
- Please do not write on the containers, cartridges, or the machines. All of our items are recycled and sent to other patrons after each use. Please help us conserve funds by not damaging our items in any way.
- In order to maintain an active status as a Talking Book patron, you must check out or download one item each calendar year. Maintaining an active status ensures that you receive this newsletter as well as other updates.
- Please retain the box the digital player arrives in. This box can be used to send the item back should you need a replacement or decide to discontinue service. Do not use duct tape on the box. The player can be mailed back to the library via the “Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped” mail program. There is an address card in the sleeve on the box that has our address on it, so just pull it out, turn it over and slide it into the sleeve.
- You do not need to send back the “New Patron Packet”, used headphones or breath switch. These items are yours to keep.

New York Times Best Sellers From Summers Past

Take a trip back in time by choosing some titles that made their mark at Number One on the New York Times best-seller list in summers past.

FIVE YEARS AGO – JUNE 1, 2014

DB 78496

Unlucky Thirteen; Women's Murder Club, #13

By James Patterson

When the FBI sends San Francisco Detective Lindsay Boxer a photo of a killer, Lindsay's happy world as a new mother is shattered. The picture shows beautiful Mackie Morales--the most deranged and dangerous mind Lindsay and the Women's Murder Club have ever encountered. This book contains some violence, some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

TEN YEARS AGO – JUNE 28, 2009

DB 69404

Relentless

By Dean R. Koontz

When bestselling novelist Cullen "Cubby" Greenwich learns his newest book has been savagely panned by major literary critic Shearman Waxx, cubby's wife suggests he ignore the review. But Cubby orchestrates a meeting with Shearman that endangers Cubby's family. Some violence and some strong language.

TWENTY YEARS AGO – AUGUST 15, 1999

DB 47260

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone; Harry Potter, #1

By J.K. Rowling

On Harry Potter's eleventh birthday, he learns that he is more than an unwanted orphan. The Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry recruits him because he has inherent magical abilities. As he purchases his school supplies - robes, wand, and messenger owl - Harry looks forward to attending his new boarding school.

THIRTY YEARS AGO – JUNE 11 – JULY 30 AND AUGUST 20-27, 1989**DB 30959****The Russia House**

By John le Carre

Is Russia's defense system as good as they say it is? Documents have been smuggled out of Russia indicating that the soviet defense system is in utter shambles, but England and the United States are uncertain about the validity of the information. London publisher "Barley" Blair is recruited to go to Russia and uncover the facts, but no one plans on his falling in love with Katya. Some strong language.

FORTY YEARS AGO – JULY 22 & 29 and AUGUST 12 – SEPTEMBER 2, 1979**DB 13812****Sophie's Choice**

By William Styron

Stingo moves into a cheap Brooklyn rooming house where he meets unstable Nathan and his gorgeous lover Sophie, a polish catholic who somehow survived the holocaust. Stingo, who feels unrequited love for Sophie, becomes her confidant as she faces the horrors of her past, especially the years she worked for the commandant of Auschwitz. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

FIFTY YEARS AGO – JUNE 22 – SEPTEMBER 14, 1969**DB 63324****The Love Machine**

By Jacqueline Susann

Robin Stone, a ruthless television titan, is loved by three women: Amanda, a beautiful and doomed model; Maggie, an ambitious young actress; and Judith, a rich, married aristocrat desperate for love. Robin is the love machine. Explicit descriptions of sex and strong language.

Getting Help Downloading

Technology is wonderful when it works. However, when something goes wrong, sometimes it can seem as though it takes forever to get the right help.

Email NLSDownload@loc.gov for immediate help straight from the experts. Be sure to include the email address you use for BARD/BARD Express and specific details about what device you are using, and what error messages you are getting. In this instance, please share the necessary information so your problem can be rectified.

BARD Security Updates

NLS initiated a change to BARD user accounts in an effort to enhance security and prevent misuse. Each day, the BARD system checks patron accounts to see when a book was last downloaded. Any accounts that haven't been used in over a year are placed in an inactive/suspended status.

If you are unable to log into BARD, chances are your account has been suspended. You will need to call a Reader Advisor at 800-843-9948 to have your account reactivated. Part of the process of re-enabling a BARD account requires the password to be reset.

The temporary password you receive needs to be used within 24 hours. Once you have logged into BARD and created a new password, you will need to download a book right away or the BARD system will automatically suspend your account again the next day.

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LD00758**Off Track**

By Hadley Hoover

Milford loves Sage Eden. She's one of their own, coming home as CEO of the long-awaited hospital, but the small Utah town isn't sure about Sage's husband, Zeke. He brought trouble with him when he did the unthinkable and involved four of Milford's best kids. 2008.

LD00760**Natives of a Dry Place**

By Richard Edwards

Before the oil industry transformed western North Dakota, the natives of Stanley went about their normal, everyday lives. A deeply personal look at a small North Dakota town, natives of a dry place focuses on a not-so-distant past and takes readers on a journey of reflection to a time before big oil. Edwards delve into the overarching questions of what makes a community and how it survives during times of upheaval. 2015.

LD00762**On Hummingbird Wings**

By Lauraine Snelling

On a mission to restore her hypochondriac mother to health, Gillian Ormsby also sets about reviving her mother's wilted garden to its former glory, enlisting the help of Adam, a handsome man who owns a family gardening business with his father. 2011.

LD 00763**American Boy**

By Larry Watson

On Thanksgiving Day 1962, the shooting of a young woman sets off a chain of unsettling events in Willow Falls, Minnesota. Matthew finds himself drawn into a series of confrontations he never expected, the results of which will change his life irrevocably and give lie to his version of the American dream. This book contains some strong language, some violence and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

LD 00765**Words of Wisdom from the Wise Old Owls of North Dakota**

By Sara Waddle Beaudry

Memories, advice, sayings, poems, short stories and life lessons from North Dakota's senior citizens. 2015.

LD 00766**War with the Sioux: Norwegians Against Indians, 1862-1863**

By Karl Jakob Skarstein

The author tells the story of the Norwegian immigrants, American soldiers, and Lakota and Dakota Indians as they fought to protect their families, communities, and way of life. 2015.

LD 00768**Second Chance Brides**

By Vickie McDonough

After a mail-order bride debacle, Shannon O'Neil and Leah Bennett are stranded in Texas with two options: get a job or find another man to marry. Garrett and Mark Corbett try to atone for the mess they created when they ordered their cousin three brides by hosting Saturday socials for the town's singles. Will Shannon be wooed out of her timidity by a gallant rancher? When the livery owner comes to Leah's rescue, will she find a diamond in the rough? 2010.

LD 00769**Medicine Walk**

By Richard Wagamese

Franklin Starlight's comfort in solitude and experience in the wilderness make him appear wise beyond his sixteen years. His ailing father, Eldon, summons him back to town, and his father's final wish is to be buried in the warrior way, deep in the rugged and starkly beautiful outback of British Columbia. The ride into the wilderness transforms both men as Eldon shares his life story. In telling his story, he offers his son an inheritance he never could have imagined. This book contains explicit descriptions of sex, violence and strong language. 2015.

LD 00771**Roosevelt's Ranches: The Maltese Cross and The Elkhorn**

By Rolf Sletten

In the 1880s, Theodore Roosevelt established two large cattle ranches in the beautiful North Dakota badlands. The Maltese Cross was the real center of his ranching operations, while the famous Elkhorn was his refuge. The western adventure that began as a plan to shoot a buffalo lasted fourteen years and left Theodore Roosevelt a changed man. No wonder he said, years later, that if it had not been for his years in North Dakota, he never would have become president of the United States. 2015.

LD 00774**So Many Africas: Six Years in a Zambian Village**

By Jill Kandel

In 1981, Jill Kandel traveled to the remote Zambian Village of Kalabo. Amidst international crises and famine, she gave birth to two children, bridged a cultural divide with her Dutch husband, and was devastated by a car accident that took the life of a twelve-year-old Zambian child. After returning home, Kandel struggled to find her voice and herself. This is the story of how she found her way home. 2015.

LD 00775**About Grace**

By Anthony Doerr

David Winkler has dreams, and some of them come true! When he has a dream about the death of his daughter, he leaves his family in hopes that his daughter's life will be spared. The author, Anthony Doerr, spins an intriguing and entertaining tale. Unrated. 2004.

LD 00776**Love Finds You in Frost, Minnesota**

By Judy Baer

When Jack Frost returns home to Frost, Minnesota, he meets the town's newcomer, Merry Noel Blake. She was born on Christmas Eve, so it's not surprising that the town of Frost's newest resident is crazy about the holiday. Jack Frost does his best to deter Merry from making what he considers a kitschy mockery of the town and the season, but she believes that below Jack's Frosty exterior is a warm heart - and that she is the one to thaw it. 2013.

LD 00785**Company of Heroes: Personal Memories about the Real Band of Brothers and the Legacy They Left Us**

By Marcus Brotherton

Profiles the World War II Veterans known as the "Band of Brothers" through notes, journals, letters, photographs, and the author's interviews with survivors. Company member Myron "Mike" Ranney was from Kensal, North Dakota. 2010.

LD 00786**By Faith: A Family's Search for Meaning in Suffering**

By Laura Roberts

When Laura Roberts was pregnant, she couldn't imagine anything other than perfect health for the miracle she and her husband awaited, but when baby Cole came, with him arrived a slew of medical problems that began a long and rough journey through life. When Clay arrives with his own set of medical issues, Laura's faith is put to the test. As the family members struggle with major challenges, they find God is with them through it all. 2009.

LD 00787**Hitler's Basement: My Search for Truth, Light, And the Forgotten Executioners of Ukraine's Kingdom Of Death**

By Ron Vossler

Hitler's Basement offerings startling new perspectives on the Holocaust in an isolated region of Ukraine that Hitler called Transnistria. In a shocking twist, the author traces one of the shadowy executioners to America, to his own Dakota hometown - and, finally, to the edges of his very own family. Contains Violence. 2016.

LD 00788**Inheritance: A Family on the Front Lines of the Battle against Alzheimer's Disease**

By Niki Kapsambelis

The Demoe family has the most devastating form of the disease that there is: early onset Alzheimer's. Of the six Demoe children whose father had it, five have inherited the gene; the sixth, Karla, has inherited responsibility for all of them. The author gives a narrative history of the disease, the cutting-edge research that brings us ever closer to a possible cure and the accounts of the extraordinary doctors spearheading these groundbreaking studies. The Demoe family is from Tioga, ND. 2017.

LD 00789**Boy Wanted**

By Ryan Christiansen

When twelve-year-old Alvi's father, a failed auctioneer, gets tangled up in bootlegging, he leaves town. During the upheaval, Alvi answers an advertisement that says, "Boy Wanted," and he gains employment as a hired boy to help an old man build a ski jump along the Red River. As a result, Alvi aspires to become a ski jumper like his Norwegian antecedents, but the old man's alcoholism leads Alvi and the overall project to a worrisome fate. 2015.

LD 00790**Tumbleweed Feed and Gopher Trapping for Pocket Money: Tales from the Good Old Days in Southeast and South Central North Dakota: A Treasury of 20th Century Memories**

Edited by Todd Blair and Karen Garvey

In January of 2015, folks in southeast and south central North Dakota were asked to share their memories of the "good old days." They were invited to write letters describing interesting, humorous, unusual, exciting (and even romantic) "happenings" from the past. Most of them were born prior to 1940, and the majority grew up in North Dakota. 2015.

LD 00791**Curse of Skull Canyon (Lonnie Gentry, #2)**

By Peter Brandvold

Everyone in the Never Summer Mountains knows about the ancient Indian curse on skull canyon. Lonnie finds himself near Skull Canyon one day, working cows. A man's agonized wail lures him into the canyon, where he finds Cade McLory dying from a gunshot wound. Lonnie spends the night in the canyon, and when the sun comes up, McLory is dead and Lonnie, having let nightfall find him in the forbidden canyon, knows he is probably cursed. Later, Lonnie learns the extent of skull canyon's horror. 2016.

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TALKING BOOK CLOSURE DATES

July 4
September 2
November 11
November 28

December 24 (closes at noon)
December 25
January 1