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Magazines for Family Living

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Longer days and warmer temperatures provide opportunities for family members to spend more time outdoors. Here is an assortment of recorded magazines on cartridge about family activities.

Humpty Dumpty, produced by the Florida Regional Library, is a magazine full of stories, poems, puzzles, and more to engage children age 4 to 6. The magazine's philosophy is to help kids have fun through creative ways to exercise, eat right, and play safely.

Your Dog Newsletter, published monthly by Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, is a resource for those who care about their canine family members. Articles cover health, training, and behavior issues, plus reviews of dog-friendly products. It is recorded by the Massachusetts Regional Library.

America's family magazine since 1882, *Grit* celebrates rural America by focusing on sustainability, self-

sufficiency, and small-scale agriculture. Recorded bimonthly in our own studios, *Grit* features articles that promote encouragement, pluck, dedication, and determination.

Country is a potpourri of feature stories and columns for those who live in or long for the country. It includes country diaries, travel, features, and recipes. *Countryside & Small Stock Journal* emphasizes home food production and gardening, small-scale livestock, cooking, recycling, frugality, and traditional farming skills in the spirit of homesteading. Both magazines are bimonthly and are recorded in our studios.

Organic Gardening presents natural approaches to gardening and landscaping. *Birds and Blooms* covers home-gardening, bird-watching and feeding, and other topics on nature. Both magazines are bimonthly and are produced by the Iowa Regional Library.

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The *Saturday Evening Post*, produced six times a year, is a general-interest magazine that contains humor, fiction, and health-related and other non-fiction articles. Throughout its history, it has chronicled the events and cultural shifts

that have shaped America. It is recorded by the Arizona Regional Library.

To sign up for any of these free magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor.

Questions and Answers

Question: I used to receive the recorded version of *Talking Book Topics*, but I haven't received one in some time. However, I still receive the order form in large print. What happened?

Answer: If you are receiving the order form for *Talking Book Topics* and are receiving magazines on cartridge that come labeled "Week 1", "Week 2," and so on, then you are still receiving the audio version of *Talking Book Topics*. Beginning with the first issue of 2013, *Talking Book Topics* has been coming out on cartridge, along with other magazines distributed by the National Library Service. The large-print order form usually arrives ahead of *Talking Book Topics* by one or two weeks.

In order to listen to multiple magazine issues on one cartridge, insert the cartridge into the player, then hold down the green, square play/stop button for a few seconds. Your player will announce "Bookshelf." The rewind and fast forward keys can now be used to move from magazine to magazine. When you hear the announcement for the desired magazine, press the green, square play/stop key again. You should now be able to listen to the selected magazine.

These magazines need to be returned so that the cartridges can be reused. Just turn the mail card over, as you would for any book or Nebraska magazine on cartridge. The only difference is, the return address will read National Audio Company.

Volunteer Profile: Paul Lang

A retired farmer and attorney, Paul Lang began volunteering at the library because he wanted to keep on learning and stay busy. His primary responsibility is to help in the withdrawal of the cassette book collection. Having completed a career that included the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services and private law practice, he wants to continue helping others. He is also a volunteer at Keya House, a facility for adults with a behavior health diagnosis.

Paul enjoys Vietnamese food and listening to music. His favorite movie is *It's a Wonderful Life*, and his favorite websites are Yahoo and YouTube. His favorite author is Orval E. Faubus, former governor of Arkansas. The latest book he has read is *A People's History of the United States*, by Howard Zinn (DB 72664). ■

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Great Books for Arbor Day

Nebraska's homegrown holiday, Arbor Day, has been observed since 1872. Here are some good books that feature trees, orchards, and forests for the beginning of Nebraska's growing season.

DB 68752 *Sweetwater Gap*, by Denise Hunter

Josie Mitchell is summoned home to North Carolina to help run her family's apple orchard. Josie embraces old friends and family and, despite her guilty memories and illness, falls in love with orchard manager Grady Mackenzie. When a crisis occurs, Josie opens her heart to God.

DB 69068 *The Wild Places*, by Robert Macfarlane

Author recounts his journeys in search of the remaining "wild places" in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Describes his adventures to remote islands, beaches, marshes, forests, and mountaintops as he simultaneously reflects on the interconnectedness of nature and humanity and his transformed understanding about the notion of "wildness."

DB 69762 *The Wilderness Warrior: Theodore Roosevelt and the Crusade for America*, by Douglas Brinkley

Award-winning historian evaluates efforts of President Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919) to preserve America's natural environment. Describes Roosevelt's success in creating forest, game, and bird reserves; national parks and monuments;

and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Refuge System. Highlights influences of John James Audubon, Charles Darwin, and John Muir.

DB 69849 *Lions of Medina: the Marines of Charlie Company and Their Brotherhood of Valor*, by Doyle D. Glass

Details the October 1967 battle for control of the Hai Lang Forest Reserve in South Vietnam. Describes the heroism of the U.S. Marines who withstood the assault by superior enemy forces and held their position despite heavy losses. Reflects on the survivor's return to America. Contains violence and strong language.

DB 69976 *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America*, by Timothy Egan

Depicts the 1910 forest fire that devastated swaths of Idaho, Washington, and Montana and portrays the people who battled the flames. Highlights President Theodore Roosevelt's and the fledging U.S. Forest Service's stance against mining and timber interests, which led to efforts to conserve the country's natural resources. Some strong language.

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DB 70129 *Woodburner: a Novel*, by John Pipkin

A fictional account of the forest fire started irresponsibly by twenty-six-year-old Henry David Thoreau that almost burned Concord, Massachusetts, on a windy April day in 1844, the year before he moved to Walden Pond. Details of firefighters' personal lives reflect New England society's make-up and prevalent attitudes.

DB 71061 *Orchard Valley Grooms: Valerie, Stephanie*, by Debbie Macomber

Businesswoman Valerie returns home to Orchard Valley, Oregon, after her father has a heart attack. Valerie finds herself falling in love with her father's doctor, Colby Winston. Meanwhile Valerie's younger sister Stephanie runs into her former boyfriend, journalist Charles Tomaselli.

DB 73530 *The Peach Keeper: a Novel*, by Sarah Addison Allen

North Carolina. Former high school classmates Willa and Paxton join forces to uncover long-hidden secrets after a skeleton is found beneath a peach tree on the grounds of a mansion. The house once belonged to Willa's family and is being restored by the Women's Society Club, headed by Paxton.

DB 74368 *The Forest Unseen: a Year's Watch in Nature*, by David George Haskell

Biology professor recounts what he learned when—guided by the metaphor of the mandala, the contemplation of a small part of something to understand the whole—he studied a one-meter circle of old-growth Tennessee woodlands for a year. Details the changing seasons' effects on the forest's plants and animals. ■

***Reader's Digest* Free, on Cartridge**

America's popular general interest family magazine, the *Reader's Digest* is now available monthly on cartridge directly from the Talking Book and

Braille Service. To sign up, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

New Books from our Studios

***Isn't It Romantic?: An
Entertainment DB 1067***

by Ron Hansen
read by Sue Mayeux and Marjory Gloc
4 hours

In this screwball comedy, Natalie, an attractive young librarian from Paris, decides to visit America in order to tour the Great Plains as well as put some distance between herself and her playboy boyfriend, Pierre. To her disdain, Pierre catches up with her in a hotel in downtown Omaha. When their tour bus breaks down, Natalie and Pierre are stranded in the small town of Seldom, Nebraska, where they are welcomed with open arms by local eccentrics, such as Mrs. Christiansen, a retired schoolteacher who runs a boarding house for women, and Owen, a gas station owner who wants help marketing his own Nebraska-produced wine. Natalie begins to fall for a rancher, and Pierre has feelings for a waitress, except the rancher and waitress might also have feelings for each other and Natalie and Pierre might still want each other.

***The Rhythm Boys of Omaha Central:
High School Basketball at the '68
Racial Divide DB 1173***

by Steve Marantz
read by Brad Meurrens
8 hours 30 minutes

The 1968 Omaha Central High School basketball team made history with its first all-Black starting lineup, nicknamed the Rhythm Boys, and was considered the heavy favorite to win state championship. In early March, third-party presidential candidate George Wallace visited Omaha on a campaign stop. By the time he left, racial tensions were ignited and star center Dwaine Dillard was in jail. A true-life drama of civil rights plays out amidst a city on the brink of riot, with the state's largest high school united by basketball but caught between angry political factions.

***The Boob Girls: the Burned Out Old
Broads at Table 12 DB 1181***

by Joy Johnson
read by Cherie Frederick
5 hours 30 minutes

Four widows who share a dining table in their retirement center seek excitement by taking off for parts unknown. They encounter a stray dog that they nurse back to health, and then adopt the male staff of the Ragged Ass Saloon. They find a dead body in the woods, capture the killer, shut down a porn shop, and meet two handsome sheriffs. In the process, they discover there is life after grief. Contains some strong language. ■

New on Digital

DB 34412 *Moods*, by Louisa May Alcott
American classic

DB 34788 *The Cat Who Could Read Backwards: a Cat Who Mystery, Book 1*, by Lilian Jackson Braun Mystery

DB 34963 *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury Science fiction

DB 35009 *The Lieutenant's Lady*, by Bess Streeter Aldrich Historical romance

DB 35069 *"A" Is for Alibi: A Kinsey Millhone Mystery, Book 1*, by Sue Grafton Mystery

DB 35277 *Silvertip's Trap: Silvertip Adventures, Book 1*, by Max Brand Western

DB 35429 *Le Morte D'Arthur*, by Sr. Thomas Malory Classic

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Order Form and Mailing Instructions

Mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put the page into an envelope and mail to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

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Countryside & Small Stock Journal

Grit

Humpty Dumpty

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Reader's Digest

Saturday Evening Post

Your Dog Newsletter

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DB 69976

DB 70129

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DB 72664

DB 73530

DB 74368

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❑ DB 35460 *The Case of the Half-Wakened Wife*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery

❑ DB 35462 *The Case of the Negligent Nymph*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery

❑ DB 35463 *The Case of the Demure Defendant*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery

❑ DB 35464 *The Case of the Gilded Lily*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery

❑ DB 35465 *The Case of the Reluctant Model*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery

❑ DB 35615 *Candle in the Window; The Candle Series, Book 1*, by Christina Dodd
Historical romance

❑ DB 35678 *Cymbeline*, by William Shakespeare Classic

❑ DB 35867 *Tangled Vines*, by Janet Dailey Romance

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