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## ***Native Peoples Magazine Available***

The first and largest consumer magazine devoted to the arts and cultures of Indigenous peoples of the Americas is now available free on cartridge. *Native Peoples* magazine, produced bimonthly by the Arizona Regional Library, offers articles on the history of Native America and on the

vibrant contemporary world of Native living cultures. Covers events, exhibits, and celebrations.

To sign up for *Native Peoples* magazine, please contact your Readers Advisor or use the order form on page 7. ■

## **Three More Magazines on Cartridge**

*National Geographic Traveler*, published eight times a year, contains articles on world travel, cultures, living like the locals, information about events, and a strong sense of place.

*Seventeen*, a monthly magazine for young women, provides articles on careers, beauty, fashion, education, family, social relations, and diet.

*Vital Speeches of the Day*, also a monthly, presents speeches delivered by recognized leaders of public opinion on current and national concerns.

Formerly available on cassette, all three magazines are now on cartridge. They are produced by the Florida Regional Library and are free of charge. To sign up, please contact your Readers Advisor or use the order form on page 7. ■

## **Return Cartridges Promptly, Please**

The books and magazines on cartridge are meant to be enjoyed; but are also meant to be reused so they

can be recirculated. When you have finished listening, please return them promptly. ■



# Magazines for Family Living

With longer days and warmer temperatures, this is a time of year when family members 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.

*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.

Also recorded by the Arizona Regional, *Sports 'N Spokes* covers competitive wheelchair sports and recreation. It is produced six times a year.

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

## National Magazines Now on Cartridge

The National Library Service is now circulating magazines on digital cartridge. The mailing containers are

dark red, and the cartridges are blue. Multiple subscriptions are arriving on one cartridge, which also contains

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audio instructions that explain how to move from magazine to magazine. For the first few months, borrowers are receiving identical magazines from the National Library Service on cassette as well. It won't be necessary for you to cancel the magazines on cassette because they will stop on their own.

Borrowers who subscribed to *Talking Book Topics* on cassette are receiving it on cartridge with their other audio magazines. The large print order forms are being mailed to borrowers separately. Unlike cassette magazines from the National Library Service, the magazines on cartridge, including *Talking Book Topics*, must

be returned so they can be reused. As with books, if the magazine cartridges are not returned, your service may be disrupted.

In order to listen to multiple magazine subscriptions on one cartridge, 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. ■

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## Great Decisions 2013

Published annually by the Foreign Policy Association, the *Great Decisions 2013 Briefing Book* (DB 1208) provides information on thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing America today. The 2013 edition covers the future of the Euro, Egypt, NATO, Myanmar and Southeast Asia,

intervention, Iran, and threat assessment. The recorded edition was produced by the Arizona Regional Library. To borrow a copy on cartridge, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

## Volunteer Profile – Liz McCue

For the past year, volunteer Liz McCue has been devoting her Tuesdays to providing clerical support at the Talking Book and Braille Service. At first she folded letters, but most of the time she has been preparing copies of cassette books for eventual withdrawal. Liz has also been a volunteer at Lincoln's YWCA for its "Job Outfitters" program.

Liz enjoys working with people and having something meaningful to do. In her spare time, she likes to play pool, walk, write in her journals, and visit family in Florida. Her favorite food is Mexican, and her favorite movie is *Gremlins*. ■

## Free Brochure on Medicare Fraud

Nebraska Health and Human Services is offering free information on ways to protect yourself from Medicare errors, fraud and abuse, and what to do if you suspect you have been a target. For a free brochure, contact the

Nebraska Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-800-942-7830 or [www.dhhs.ne.gov/smp](http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/smp). ■

# Great Books for Spring Reading

Spring is our most welcome season, and gardeners are eager to put their green thumbs to work. Here are some wonderful books on the theme of lawn and garden.

**DB 1079 *From the Garden Club: Rural Women Writing Community***, by Charlotte Hogg

The author describes the lives of her grandmother and other women in Paxton, Nebraska, who are involved in literary work. Activities include writing news articles and memoirs, working at the library, and participating in the Garden Club. These women use their work to help sustain their town and nourish themselves as well.

**DB 65281 *The Blue Rose***, by Anthony Eglin

When Kate and Alex Sheppard explore the overgrown two-acre gardens of their newly acquired cottage, they find a rosebush with genetically impossible brilliant blue blossoms. Mayhem and murder ensue as word of the discovery leaks out and others try to claim the plant. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 67674 *Mulch***, by Ann Ripley

Gardener Louise Eldridge and her family move to the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. In their new neighborhood, Louise's daughter

discovers body parts stashed in bags of leaves. While police investigate, Louise attempts to elicit clues from her neighbors. Some violence, some strong language, and some descriptions of sex.

**DB 68366 *Gardening When It Counts: Growing Food in Hard Times***, by Steve Solomon

Longtime gardener and past proponent of the intensive-gardening trend has switched to espousing the benefits of extensive vegetable gardening—spacing seedlings far apart to yield larger plants that use less water, fertilizer, and labor. Also discusses tools, compost, and pests.

**DB 68370 *A Backyard Garden for Kids***, by Amie Jane Leavitt

Covers the basics of vegetable gardening, from planning what to plant—and when—through harvesting a crop. Discusses tools needed for soil preparation, step-by-step instructions for sowing seeds, and general garden-care information. Includes directions for crafting a hummingbird bath from a carrot. For grades 3-6.

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# Great Books for Spring Reading

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**DB 69283 *Flowers on Main: A Chesapeake Shores Novel, Book 2***, by Sherryl Woods

Playwright Bree O'Brien leaves her career in Chicago after a string of failures and returns to Chesapeake Shores. Bree immediately buys a florist shop for which her former boyfriend, landscaper Jake Collins, is the flower supplier. Jake fears another rejection—but still loves Bree.

**DB 69998 *Designing the New Kitchen Garden: an American Potager Handbook***, by Jennifer R. Bartley, with a foreword by Julie Moir Messervy

Landscape designer discusses the medieval origins of potagers, year-round kitchen gardens that produce herbs and vegetables and incorporate ornamental perennial and woody plantings for aesthetic appeal. Covers design techniques and plant selection, using specific potagers in Maryland, Texas, and Vermont, her own in Ohio, and restaurant gardens as examples.

**DB 71296 *Sometimes a Light Surprises***, by Jamie Langston Turner

Home-and garden store proprietor Ben Buckley has never gotten over the murder of his wife Chloe twenty years ago, nor the resentment he felt about her religious

conversion—prompted by Chloe's friend Kay Kovatch—weeks before her death. When Ben hires Kay's daughter Kelly, he finds an opportunity to mend relationships.

**DB 72811 *Wild Man Creek: A Virgin River Novel, Book 14***, by Robyn Carr

After her career is destroyed by a traitorous lover, Jillian Matlock retreats to Virgin River and begins gardening. When Jillian meets Colin Riordan, who is recovering from injuries that ended his military career, the two fall in love. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 72840 *Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older***, by Sidney Eddison

Author describes her decades of creating a home garden and gives advice on taking shortcuts in old age. Offers strategies to reduce the workload, including removing certain demanding plants, choosing ones that require less care, and seeking help when necessary. ■

## New on Digital

DB 927 *On the Trail of the Pony Express*, by Jerry Ellis  
American history

DB 21660 *Stories of the Early West: The Luck of Roaring Camp, and 16 Other Tales of Mining and Frontier Days*, by Bret Harte  
Western short stories

DB 22282 *Sense and Sensibility*, by Jane Austen  
British classic

DB 22303 *Dear and Glorious Physician*, by Taylor Caldwell  
Fictional biography of St. Luke

DB 22325 *David Copperfield*, by Charles Dickens  
British classic

DB 22397 *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, by Scott O'Dell  
Fiction about an American Indian. For grades 6 through 9.

DB 22399 *Going Home*, by Danielle Steel  
Romance. Contains some strong language and descriptions of sex.

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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.

- Grit
- Humpty Dumpty
- National Geographic Traveler
- Native Peoples
- Saturday Evening Post
- Seventeen

- Sports 'N Spokes
- Vital Speeches of the Day
- Your Dog Newsletter
- DB 1079
- DB 1208
- DB 65281
- DB 67674

- DB 68366
- DB 68370
- DB 69238
- DB 69998
- DB 71296
- DB 72811
- DB 72840

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**DB 22405** *The Red Badge of Courage: An Episode of the American Civil War*, by Stephen Crane  
American classic

**DB 22433** *The Outsiders*, by S. E. Hinton  
Young adult classic. For grades 6 through 9.

**DB 22670** *Silvertip's Search*, by Max Brand  
Western

**DB 22696** *The Mayor of*

*Casterbridge*, by Thomas Hardy  
British classic

**DB 22726** *In Cold Blood: A True Account of a Multiple Murder and Its Consequences*, by Truman Capote  
Crime and Criminals

**DB 22745** *Jude the Obscure*, by Thomas Hardy  
British classic

**DB 22795** *Are You My Mother?*  
by P. D. Eastman  
Animal story. Preschool through grade 2.

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