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New Magazines on Cartridge

For individuals who enjoy art, the Talking Book and Braille Service is now recording *artland*. This magazine, published twice a year by the University of Nebraska Sheldon Museum of Art, features interviews with artists, collectors and conservators, descriptions of Nebraska art, and news from the world of art.

Also, once again available to Nebraska readers, and this time on

cartridge, is the *AARP Bulletin*. Produced ten times a year by the District of Columbia Regional Library, this publication features news and articles on health, Social Security, Medicare, politics, scam alerts, and more.

Both publications are offered free and are on cartridge only. To sign up, please contact your Readers Advisor or use the order form on page 7. ■

Online Catalogs to Explore

Talking Book and Braille readers and their family members can use their computers to search for talking books, magazines, Braille, old-time radio shows, and movies with audio description. On the Nebraska Library Commission's homepage (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov>), select Talking Books & Braille; then click on catalogs. The first choice, Online Public Access Catalog, lets you search our collection for the materials we actually have available, though there

may be a waiting list for some of these titles.

The second choice, That All May Read Online Catalog, includes talking books produced by the Library of Congress, as well as Nebraska and other talking book libraries across the U.S., other organizations, and talking books produced in Canada. Some of these may be in process but not yet completed. Also, some of these titles may be available through

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interlibrary loan by contacting your Readers Advisor.

The remaining choices are comprised of online browsing catalogs. These include *Talking Book Topics*, Nebraska Magazines, Western and Pioneer, Books for Young People, Nebraska Books on Digital, home-entertainment movies, old time radio shows, and our youth Braille collection.

Talking Book Topics is available in HTML or plain text editions, and Nebraska Books on Digital is in PDF. The remaining browsing catalogs are in HTML and audio, or PDFs.

For more help, please contact your Readers Advisor. Have fun exploring!



Questions and Answers

Question: I understand my new digital player has a built-in function known as bookshelf. What is bookshelf and how would I use it?

Answer: Should you ever receive a cartridge or flash drive that contains several books or magazines, you would be able to jump from book to book or magazine to magazine by using the bookshelf feature. Borrowers who download books and magazines from BARD would especially find bookshelf to be helpful.

To activate bookshelf, hold down the green play / stop button for a few seconds. Your player will announce "Bookshelf." Then use the rewind or fast forward keys to go backwards and forwards from book to book or magazine to magazine. When you hear the announcement for the book or magazine that you want, press the green play / stop key to listen to that particular book or magazine.



High Demand Titles

When a book is featured in *Interchange*, it often ends up being in high demand, which results in a waiting list. Please remember to

provide your Readers Advisor with plenty of book requests so you are not left temporarily without books. While waiting your turn for a particular

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book, you could be enjoying other good books in the meantime. The key is: keep your Readers Advisor well supplied with book requests so you are not left high and dry.

Also, for a BARD user, there is no wait. Anyone who signs up for BARD

can download a book or magazine from a Library of Congress website anytime day or night without dealing with a waiting list or waiting for the mail to arrive. To find out more about BARD, please contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Cassette Magazines Moving to Cartridge

Magazines sent out directly by the Talking Book and Braille Service are now on cartridge only and no longer on cassette. If you were receiving cassette magazines from us and have been assigned a Library of Congress digital player, you were automatically transferred over to those same magazines on cartridge.

Library of Congress continues to send out magazines on cassette, but

has indicated that it will soon announce plans to move its magazines away from cassettes.

Almost all borrowers now have a Library of Congress digital player. We frequently hear from borrowers that the new players are easy to use and have excellent sound. There is no waiting list. And now there are lots of magazines on cartridge to go with your books. ■

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Magazines for Summer Reading

Here is a selection of magazines on cartridge that help us appreciate summertime on the Great Plains.

Grit and *Capper's*, two bimonthly publications that focus on small-town and rural living, include humorous and inspiring articles, gardening and cooking advice, and do-it-yourself projects. *Country*, published bimonthly, offers feature stories and columns for those who live in or long for the country. It includes country diaries, travel, features, and recipes. *Great Plains Game and Fish*, published monthly, describes fishing

and hunting hot spots in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

Sunset, a monthly publication, discusses what, when, and how to enhance your life in the West. It is produced by the Arizona Regional Library. *Grit*, *Capper's*, *Country*, and *Great Plains Game and Fish* are recorded in our own studios.

To request these magazines, please contact your Readers Advisor or use the order form on page 7. ■

New Books Fast through BARD

The Library of Congress online site for downloads, BARD, now offers new titles as soon as they pass Quality Assurance. This means that BARD users are first to access new books, which will be posted several times a week.

To check for new books:

1. You must be registered as a BARD user. You sign up by contacting your Readers Advisor.

2. Go to <https://nlsbard.loc.gov>
3. Log into your personal account.
4. Click on "Recently Added Books."

Individual borrowers, as well as schools and care facilities are now able to access audio books and magazines through BARD, which is available 24/7, and without waiting for the mail to arrive.

Any borrower in good standing can

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sign up for this free service if they have access to a computer with email; high speed connection; a digital player equipped for the talking books special format; a blank talking book digital cartridge or thumb drive; and have the ability to download and unzip audio files.

A Library of Congress digital player can be used with BARD, and so can several commercial players. Please contact us for more information if you plan on purchasing a blank talking book digital cartridge. 800-742-7691 or 402-471-4038. ■

Travel Books for Summer Reading

For many families, summertime provides opportunities to travel. Here are some great books about traveling here and abroad that might bring back memories or make you want to pack your bags.

DB/RC 67048 *Down the Nile: Alone in a Fisherman's Skiff*, by Rosemary Mahoney

Rower and award-winning author recounts her 120-mile solo journey along the Nile between Egyptian cities of Aswan and Qena. Describes her search for a boat, her excitement in finding ancient ruins, and the obstacles she faced as she confronted searing heat and cultural differences. Strong language.

DB/RC 67054 *One Man's West*, by David Lavender

Historian David Lavender depicts the transformation of the American West in 1930s and 1940s Colorado, where he spent time mountaineering, mining, and

working on his stepfather's cattle ranch. Original 1943 text with 2007 introduction, afterword, and tribute.

DB/RC 67082 *That Summer Place*, by Debbie Macomber, Susan Wiggs, and Jill Barnett

Three romantic novellas set in a Victorian house on Spruce Island in the Pacific Northwest. In *Old Things* former lovers reunite after thirty years. In *Private Paradise* single parents share the lodge. In *Island Time* a marine biologist falls for a millionaire. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

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DB/RC 67352 *On the Road to Freedom: a Guided Tour of the Civil Rights Trail*, by Charles E. Cobb, Jr.
Journalist and civil rights activist Cobb discusses points of interest in eight states and Washington, D.C. that were significant to the civil rights movement of the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

DB/RC 68254 *Narrow Dog to Carcassonne*, by Terry Darlington
Retiree Darlington describes the odyssey he and his wife Monica undertook with a problematic canal narrowboat named Phyllis May and a boat-hating whippet dog called Jim. Against advice, they all traveled across the English Channel and down the Rhone River. Some strong language.

DB/RC 68364 *Roads to Quoz: an American Mosey*, by William Least Heat-Moon
The word-maven author of *Blue Highways* chronicles another journey on the back roads of America. This time Heat-Moon and his wife Q pursue the enigmatic “quoz”—anything strange, incongruous, or peculiar with connections to the cosmos.

DB 70138 *Searching for Steinbeck's Sea of Cortez: a Makeshift Expedition along Baja's Desert Coast*, by Andromeda Romano-Lax

The author, her husband Brian, and their two children—five and almost two years old—set out with an inexperienced captain to retrace John Steinbeck's 1940 boat journey as recorded in *The Log from the Sea of Cortez*. Recounts their two-month trip of adventures and comments on the region's threatened ecology.

DB 72332 *Northern Nurse*, by Elliott Merrick
Memoir relates the adventures of Australian nurse Kate Austen, who in the 1920s—after a postwar stint in Paris—traveled to the subarctic region of Labrador, Canada, to work at a mission among impoverished settlers and natives. Written by Austen's husband Elliott Merrick with a foreword by Lawrence Millman.

DB 72697 *Country Driving: a Journey through China from Farm to Factory*, by Peter Hessler
American journalist recounts his 2001-2007 travels chronicling the impact of the automobile on China. Describes his 7,000-mile road trip along the Great Wall; sojourn in Sancha, a farming village near Beijing; and examination of an urban-development project. Discusses China's highways and how driving affects farming, business, and family life.

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New on Digital

DB 16020 *Oregon! Wagons West Series, Book 4*, by Dana Fuller Ross
Western

DB 16147 *The Great Gatsby*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald
American classic

DB 16226 *The Case of the Irate Witness: a Perry Mason Mystery and Other Stories*, by Erle Stanley Gardner
Mysteries

DB 16262 *Hanging Woman Creek*, by Louis L'Amour Western

DB 16349 *The Thin Man*, Dashiell Hammett Mystery

DB 16370 *The Case of the Golddigger's Purse*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery

DB 16454 *The High Graders*, by Louis L'Amour Western

DB 16466 *Kid Rodelo*, by Louis L'Amour Western

DB 16492 *Lewis and Clark: The Great Adventure*, by Donald Barr Chidsey
American history

DB 16730 *To Tame a Land*, by Louis L'Amour Western

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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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❑ **DB 16731** *Rip Van Winkle and the Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, by Washington Irving
American classic

❑ **DB 17062** *Father Brown Mystery Stories*, by G. K. Chesterton
Short stories

❑ **DB 17103** *Last Stand at Papago Wells*, by Louis L'Amour Western

❑ **DB 17144** *The Mousetrap, and Other Plays*, by Agatha Christie
Mysteries

❑ **DB 17301** *Cujo*. by Stephen King
Horror

❑ **DB 17302** *Milo Talon*, by Louis L'Amour Western

❑ **DB 17307** *Night Probe: A Dirk Pitt Adventure, Book 5*, by Clive Cussler Suspense

❑ **DB 17494** *Texas! Wagons West Series, Book 5*, by Dana Fuller Ross
Western

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