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Magazines for Armchair Travelers

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If you like to read about other places, you might enjoy *Arizona Highways*, a monthly guide to that state's greatest attractions. Produced by the Arizona Regional Library, this magazine is filled with useful information about state and national parks, Indian ruins, nature hikes, beautiful drives, and much more.

Southern Living, a monthly magazine recorded by the Florida Regional Library, focuses on the southern style of life, including gardening, history, travel, and recipes. Another magazine, *Yankee*, recorded bi-monthly by the Massachusetts Regional Library, offers travel destinations, local events, and history of the New England states.

A monthly publication in Spanish, *Buena Vida* is Puerto Rico's leading quality of life publication. Recorded by the Florida Regional Library, this publication promotes every family member's well-being with articles on nutrition, fitness, preventative medicine, home safety, family

dynamics, and child care.

Sports 'N Spokes covers competitive wheelchair sports and recreation and sports for individuals with disabilities. This bimonthly publication, recorded by the Arizona Regional Library, includes how-to tips, a calendar of events, and new product news.

Published by the American Association of Retired Persons and recorded by the Arizona Regional Library, *AARP The Magazine* is a bimonthly that features short articles of interest to persons over 50. Topics include travel, cooking, economics, second careers, and health.

Trail Tails is a magazine for younger readers who love Nebraska's outdoors and nature. Published quarterly by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, it is recorded in our own studios.

You might enjoy *Cowboys & Indians*, a magazine that features articles on western lore and Native

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Americans. It includes a listing of rodeos and other events across the United States. Published eight times a year, it is produced by the Oklahoma Regional Library.

Trail Tales and *AARP The Magazine* are offered on digital cartridge; the rest for now are available on cassette only. To sign up for any of these magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: My Library of Congress cassette player is acting up. I know that talking books on cassette have become obsolete and that all new books and some magazines are now on digital cartridge only. Is it still possible to swap my cassette player for one that works? Or should I try to repair it on my own?

Answer: You can still exchange your Library of Congress cassette player for one that works, as long as you plan on using it for talking books or magazines. It is important that you not try to repair it on your own.

Some Nebraska public libraries still serve as exchange sites for Library of Congress cassette players. If you live in or near one of those communities, you can bring your malfunctioning cassette player to the public library and swap it for a cassette player that works. To find

out if your nearest public library offers this service, please call your Readers Advisor.

The other option is to call your Readers Advisor to request that a Library of Congress cassette player be mailed to you. Please return your malfunctioning cassette player to the Talking Book and Braille Service by sealing it inside the player's mailing carton, turning the address card over so our address shows, and taking it to the post office. The player is mailed back to us postage-free. If you no longer have the mailing carton for your cassette player, you can use the carton that comes with your replacement player or you can ask us to mail you an empty carton.

If you have any questions, please call your Readers Advisor. ■

Volunteer Profile – Douglas Haggart

Doug Haggart likes to find places that need volunteers and do whatever he can to help out. A volunteer with the Talking Book and Braille Service since December 2010, Doug provides clerical support, such as helping to process new books and fold letters. Now retired, he worked for 31 years with Nebraska Educational Television. He has kept busy volunteering for such places as the Lied Center, UNL

Track and Field, and the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

In his spare time, Doug enjoys sports and also collects clothing, cups, and other memorabilia that feature TV, movie, or college names. *M*A*S*H* is his favorite TV program, and *Seven Days in May* is his favorite movie. His favorite food is steak or shrimp. ■

Volunteer Profile – Dena VanKirk

Dena first volunteered for the Talking Book and Braille Service 21 years ago and has provided ongoing clerical support. She has folded hundreds of letters, helped to collate stacks upon stacks of paper, separated cards, and cleaned untold numbers of plastic mailing containers. She volunteers because she enjoys helping out in the library and appreciates knowing she is being useful. Her paid jobs have

included nurses' and teachers' aide, food service worker, stock clerk, and janitor.

Dena's favorite author is a famous Nebraskan, Willa Cather. Dena's hobbies include drawing, painting, ceramics, and stamp collecting. Her favorite food is coconut cream or pumpkin pie. Her favorite movie is the 1983 musical *Flashdance*. ■

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Good Books for Winter Nights

Nebraska's long winter nights are perfect times to enjoy good books. Here are a few of them:

DB/RC 68134 *Holidays on Ice*, by David Sedaris

Short Christmas tales by humorist, play write, and National Public Radio commentator. Sedaris relives his stint as a department store elf in "SantaLand Diaries." In "Seasons Greetings to Our Friends and Family!!!," a housewife facing homicide charges updates loved ones on her annual holiday newsletter. Some strong language.

DB/RC 68380 *Snowy Night with a Stranger*, by Jane Feather

Three short seasonal romances. In "A Holiday Gamble," Ned Vasey, the viscount Allenton, is caught in a blizzard on Christmas Eve. He finds refuge at Selby Hall, where he encounters the beautiful Lady Georgiana. Includes "Where Sparks Fly" and "Snowy Night with a Highlander."

DB/RC 68523 *Deadlier Than the Pen: a Diana Spaulding Mystery*, by Kathy Lynn Emerson

New York City, 1888. Editor Horatio Foxe asks widowed reporter Diana Spaulding to interview Damon Bathory, a gothic author whose book tour has met with two murders. Diana pursues Damon, becomes stranded on a train during a blizzard, and falls in love with Dr. Ben Northcote of Maine.

DB/RC 68556 *Downtown Owl: a Novel*, by Chuck Klosterman

The experiences of three people in the fictional small town of Owl, North Dakota, from August 1983 until a killer blizzard the following February. Milwaukee transplant Julia is a new teacher, Mitch is an atypical football player, and elderly Horace is a lifelong Owl resident. Strong language.

DB/RC 68582 *Let It Snow: Three Holiday Romances*, by John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle

In three interconnected short stories set in a small southern town, six teens discover unexpected romance after a train is stranded by a blizzard. In "The Jubilee Express," Jubilee takes refuge in a Waffle House and meets local boy Stuart. For senior high readers.

DB/RC 68694 *Winter Fire*, by Jo Beverley

The marquess of Ashart escorts his aunts and their companion Genova to the Malloren estate for Christmas, where Ashart plans to confront his cousin, the marquess of Rothgar. But Ashart and Genova are caught in a compromising situation and must become betrothed. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

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DB/RC 69010 *Sharpe's Siege: Richard Sharpe and the Winter Campaign, 1814*, by Bernard Cornwell

British forces have infiltrated southern France. Newly married major Richard Sharpe is ordered to secure a small coastal fortress and ambush French supply routes. Sharpe makes a devil's pact with Cornelius Killick, a privateer captain from America – Britain's newest enemy – to thwart an old nemesis. Contains violence and some strong language.

DB 69320 *Snowbound*, by Janice Kay Johnson

Teacher Fiona MacPherson and eight students are stranded by a blizzard in Oregon's Cascade Mountains. They find shelter at Thunder Mountain Lodge, run by wounded Iraq War veteran John Fallon. Among many mishaps, Fiona and John fall in love. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

DB/RC 69969 *Episodes: My Life as I See It*, by Blaze Ginsberg

Blaze, a high-functioning autistic teenager, describes his life as a series of episodes. Relates experiences like Thanksgiving family dinners and his crush on Hillary Duff. Strong language. For senior high and older readers.

DB 70312 *A Quilter's Holiday: an Elm Creek Quilts Novel*, by Jennifer Chiaverini

The quilters of Elm Creek begin a Thanksgiving project to represent appreciation and gratitude for all of life's blessings. Meanwhile, Sarah waits for the birth of her twins, newcomer Anna hopes her friendship with Jeremy evolves, and a blizzard blankets the area.

DB 70643 *Strangers in the Night*, by Linda Howard

Three gothic romances. In "Lake of Dreams," Thea finds the soul mate of her nightmares. In "Blue Moon," a sheriff succumbs to a beautiful woman. In "White Out," Hope gives shelter to a stranger during a blizzard. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.

DB 70790 *The Body in the Sleigh: a Faith Fairchild Mystery*, by Katherine Hall Page

Caterer Faith Fairchild and her family are spending Christmas at their cottage on Sanpere Island, Maine. When Faith discovers a young woman's body in a holiday display and a neighbor finds a baby boy in the barn, Faith looks for a connection.

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DB 71448 *Bugs and Bugsicles:*

Insects in the Winter, by Amy S.

Hansen

Explains ways that eight species – praying mantises, field crickets, dragonflies, ladybugs, honeybees, pavement ants, Monarch butterflies, and arctic woolly bear caterpillars - survive winter's harsh conditions. Discusses burrowing in the mud, migrating to warmer climates, laying eggs, hibernating, and freezing in a "bugsicle." For grades 2 – 4.

DB 72184 *The Winter Olympics: an*

Insider's Guide to the Legends, the

Lore, and the Game: Vancouver

Edition, by Ron C. Judd

Olympics journalist chronicles the Winter Games from the first in 1924 to 2006.

Explains the intricacies of competition on ice (luge, bobsled, skeleton, curling, figure skating, hockey, speed skating) and on snow (Alpine cross-country and freestyle skiing, biathlon, ski jumping, Nordic combined, snowboarding).

Provides behind-the-scenes accounts and profiles major athletes. ■

New Books from Our Studios

***The Woods of Bloody Mary* DB 1140**

by Tom Frye

read by Karen Boyer

9 hours 30 minutes

This third book in the chronicles of Reason Nelson finds Reason and his friends crossing paths with Bloody Mary, an older woman falsely rumored to have murdered unwelcome trespassers in her woods north of Lincoln. Reason and his friends uncover a plot involving drug trafficking, stolen dogs, and even murder. Sequel to *Scratchin' on the Eight Ball* (RC 168) and *The Kid, the Cop, and the Con* (RC 600). Contains some strong language and violence. For middle school

and high school readers.

***The Briton and the Dane* DB 1142**

by Mary Ann Bernal

read by Margaret Polk

13 hours 50 minutes

In ninth century England, before the age of chivalry, King Alfred the Great successfully defeated the Danish Viking King Guthrum and kept Wessex free from Viking rule. Lord Richard oversees the training of Alfred's army; and Richard's children swear fealty to their king and support for his efforts to build a nation from a land ravaged by war and conquest. ■

New on Digital

DB 1026 *The Floor of the Sky*, by Pamela Carter Joern
Ranch story.
Contains some strong language.

DB 1082 *Hero of the Underground*, by Jason Peter with Tony O'Neill
Nebraska football player autobiography.
Contains strong language and explicit descriptions of sex.

DB 1100 *City and Prairie Bones*, by Billie Lee Snyder Thornburg
Nebraska history. Contains some descriptions of sex.

DB 6791 *Life with Father*, by Clarence Day,
Family life.

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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. Borrowers currently using a Library of Congress digital player will receive Nebraska magazines on cartridge instead of cassette automatically.

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❑ DB 8811 *On the Way Home: the Diary of a Trip from South Dakota to Mansfield, Missouri, in 1894*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder Pioneer.

❑ DB 9272 *War Party*, by Max Brand Western.

❑ DB 9839 *Terms of Endearment*, by Larry McMurtry Modern novel. Contains some strong language and descriptions of sex.

❑ DB 10581 *The Case of the Rolling Bones: a Perry Mason Mystery*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery.

❑ DB 10858 *The Case of the Lucky Legs: a Perry Mason Mystery*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery.

❑ DB 10864 *The Case of the Careless Kitten: a Perry Mason Mystery*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery.

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