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Magazines for Armchair Travelers

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If you are an armchair traveler who likes 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 bimonthly 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 visual impairment. This monthly 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.

Older Nebraskan's Voice is published quarterly by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System, Aging Services, and recorded in our own studios. This publication offers health news, legislative reviews, and personal profiles.

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If you are interested in research in the field of visual impairment, you might like the *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*. This monthly journal is recorded in our own studios.

If you enjoy do-it-yourself projects in the fall, you would enjoy *Popular Mechanics*, a monthly magazine with articles on auto mechanics,

woodworking, photography, and electronics. The cassette edition is produced by Associated Services for the Blind.

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

Overdue Books: Wanted

Please enjoy your talking books and then return them to us promptly. Our loan period for books is six weeks. If an overdue notice is sent to you by mistake, please let us know so we can correct the error.

With the pending transition to books on flash memory cartridges, the Library of Congress is committing more of its resources to this new format. This means we

will be receiving approximately half the number of copies of bestsellers as before.

It is especially important for you to send book requests to us. The more requests we have on file for you, the better the chances that we can keep you well supplied with books. Because the newest books are likely to be in short supply, you might want to include requests for both new and older books. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: Is there an easy way to open the plastic boxes in which my talking books are mailed?

Answer: You might try a kitchen spoon

as any easy alternative to your fingers. The metal handle could be just the right tool for prying open those stubborn plastic straps. ■

Volunteer Profile . . . Marilee McPherson

A studio volunteer since April 2008, Marilee McPherson has narrated a variety of magazines, including *Nebraska Life*, *Nebraska History*, *Great Plains Game and Fish*, *Older Nebraskan's Voice*, *Midwest Living*, *Nebraskaland*, *Nebraska Farmer*, *Capper's*, and *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*. Marilee learned of volunteer opportunities at the Talking Book and Braille Service from a former employee. She became a studio volunteer in order to help people and to learn something new.

A mother of five and a former registered nurse, Marilee currently works part-time as a music para educator at Lincoln Christian School. She plays the piano and organ and teaches piano. Her favorite author is Jane Austen; her favorite food is chicken enchiladas and sour cream chocolate walnut cake; and her favorite movie is *Pride and Prejudice*. She especially enjoys reading the Psalms from the Bible. Recently she has read *Marjorie Morningstar*, by Herman Wouk (RC 56674). Marilee has two cats. She likes to cook, sew, and do needlework. ■

Art Is for Everyone!

October is Art Beyond Sight Awareness Month, an event sponsored by Art Education for the Blind, whose purpose is to make art accessible to people who are blind or visually impaired. Artists and the art world has long been a source of inspiration for writers.

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RC 55556 *Frida: a Biography of Frida Kahlo*, by Hayden Herrera

Portrait of the twentieth-century Mexican artist often identified with the surrealists. Discusses the bus accident that brought her chronic pain from age eighteen until her death at forty-seven. Covers her tempestuous marriage to muralist Diego Rivera. Explores the relation between her paintings and her physical and mental anguish. Some strong language.

RC 55739 *Engaged to Die: a Death on Demand Mystery*, by Carolyn G. Hart

Bookstore owner Annie Darling and her husband, Max, attend an art gallery gala where widowed heiress Virginia Neville will announce her engagement to Jake O'Neill, a much-younger artist of dubious character. When Jake is murdered, Max is deputized, and Annie launches her own investigation to vindicate the prime suspect.

RC 55926 *The Rosary*, by Florence L. Barclay

Artist Garth Dalmain falls in love

with Jane Champion, the Duchess of Meldrums's plain niece, but she refuses him because she is older. Three years later, Jane learns that Garth has been blinded, and she attempts to nurse him back to health without disclosing her identity.

RC 56220 *Pictures of Hollis Woods*, by Patricia Reilly Giff

A troublesome foster child, Hollis loves to draw pictures on paper and in her mind. Her favorite is one in which she fits in—with a father, mother, brother, and herself. Now Hollis lives with an artist, but still longs for the summer family that wanted to keep her. For grades 5-8.

RC 61220 *Murder in Retrospect*, by Agatha Christie

England. A young woman hires private detective Hercule Poirot to exonerate her late mother who was convicted of killing her famous artist husband—the young woman's father—sixteen years earlier. To clear the mother's name, Poirot searches for the fatal flaw in what appears to have been the perfect poisoning.

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RC 61323 *Leonardo's Swans*, by Karen Essex

In fifteenth-century Italy, Isabella d'Este marries a minor aristocrat while her younger sister Beatrice weds the manipulative future duke of Milan. Isabella encourages the duke's advances in order to become a model for his resident artist, Leonardo da Vinci.

RC 61523 *The Rescue Artist: a True Story of Art, Thieves, and the Hunt for a Missing Masterpiece*, by Edward Dolnick

Chronicles the 1994 theft and recovery of Edvard Munch's *The Scream*, a painting valued at seventy-two million dollars. Describes the heist from Norway's National Gallery in Oslo and the subsequent three-month investigation by half-English, half-American undercover detective Charley Hill of Scotland Yard's elite Art and Antiques Unit. Strong language.

RC 61791 *The Master Tanner Heads West*, by W. C. Bamberger

Tanner Jarry Kenninac leaves Rhode Island with his artist wife, Dolly, and two children, in search of the untamed West. They settle in Hugo, where in a matter of weeks Dolly tires of Jarry's romanticism. Jarry befriends some bizarre characters, and the town sheriff turns up dead. Violence.

RC 63180 *Millennium Park: Creating a Chicago Landmark*, by Timothy J. Gilfoyle in association with The Chicago Historical Society

Chronicles the design, funding, and construction of Chicago's Millennium Park, a twenty-four-acre public space serving as a park, performance venue, outdoor art museum, and cultural center that opened on July 16, 2004. Describes political controversy surrounding the project and the innovative architecture, sculpture, and landscaping of the finished site. ■

New Magazine about Birds, Wildlife

Audubon Magazine, published bimonthly by the National Audubon Society, is now available, courtesy of the Florida Regional Library. This magazine is designed to help readers appreciate, understand, and protect

the environment, with a focus on birds. To sign up for this free magazine, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

New Cassette Books from Our Studios

Fiction

The Good Journey: a Novel **RC 1030**

by Micaela Gilchrist
read by Helena Whitaker
4 cassettes

This historical romance is based on private letters between Southern Belle Mary Bullitt and General Henry Atkinson, commander of the Sixth Regiment. Married in 1826, Mary follows her older husband to Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis. Throughout their sixteen-year marriage, she witnesses the struggle for the West and the destruction of the Native Americans, as personified by a standing feud between her husband and Black Hawk, legendary leader of the Sauk Indian Tribe. Though life was harsh on the frontier, she grew to love her strong, silent husband. Contains some strong language.

The Jugger **RC 1063**

by Richard Stark
read by Karen Boyer
1 cassette

Joe Sheer pursues a quiet life in Sagamore, Nebraska, after a lucrative career as a safecracker. He sends Parker, his former partner in crime, an

urgent letter indicating local authorities are after him to reclaim \$500,000 in hidden money. Parker flies to Nebraska with the intent of protecting his past by silencing Sheer if necessary. Before they can rendezvous, Parker learns that Sheer is already dead, and local authorities are taking too much interest in Parker. Some strong language and violence.

Non-Fiction

Freaks of the Storm: from Flying Cows to Stealing Thunder, the World's Strangest True Weather Stories

RC 1010
by Randy Cerveny
read by Marjorie Borgerding
3 cassettes

Climatologist describes over 500 weather oddities, such as rain, luminous snowfalls, tornadoes plucking chickens, temperature extremes, record rainfalls, and fish falling from the sky. Lightning temporarily blinds one person but heals another. Hail storms end a war and prevent another. Other fascinating tales involve hurricanes, snow, dust devils, and water spouts. ■

More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

Here are more wonderful books recorded in our studios during past years. To order, please check the box next to the RC number and return this page to Talking Book and Braille Service, or contact your Readers Advisor.

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2 cassettes American history |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC 926 <i>Westerns and Pioneer 2005</i> , by the Nebraska Library Commission
1 cassette Book catalog | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 928 <i>They Treat Us Just Like Indians: the Worlds of Bennett County, South Dakota</i> , by Paula L. Wagner
2 cassettes Native Americans |

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Use pages 7 and 8 to mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put the page into an envelope and mail it to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

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❑ **RC 929** *The Getaway and Other Stories*, by Dorothy Thomas
2 cassettes Short stories

❑ **RC 930** *Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps*, by Ted Kooser
2 cassettes Nebraska history

❑ **RC 931** *Reflections on the Little Big Horn: 125 Years Later*, by University of Nebraska – Lincoln College of Journalism and Mass Communications
2 cassettes Western history

❑ **RC 932** *Tales from the Nebraska Sidelines: a Collection of the Greatest Nebraska Stories Ever Told*, by Don (Fox) Bryant
1 cassette Football

❑ **RC 933** *All His Best: the Eric Crouch Story*, by the *Lincoln Journal Star*
1 cassette Football

❑ **RC 934** *Pioneer Girl: Growing Up on the Prairie*, by Andrea Warren
1 cassette Pioneer story. For Grades 4 to 7 and older readers.

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