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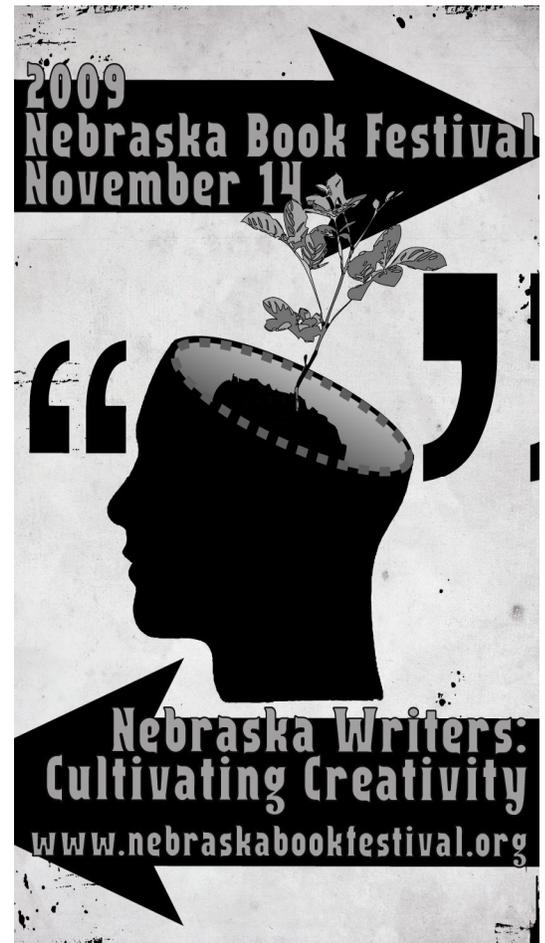
Festival Brings Authors and Readers Together

Nebraska Writers: Cultivating Creativity 2009 Nebraska Book Festival will be held Nov. 14 at the Nebraska State Historical Society's Nebraska History Museum, 15th and P Streets in downtown Lincoln. A selection of Nebraska writers will read from their 2009 works, along with readings from winners of the Nebraska Book Awards. An awards luncheon will honor the winners of the Center for the Book awards.

A Conversation with Three Poets will feature Ted Kooser, Bill Kloefkorn, and Don Welch. Teresa Lorensen of the Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation will lead a discussion of *A Lantern in Her Hand* (RC 24820). Writers' workshops will be lead by Kelly Madigan Erlandson and Harley Jane Kozak.

The Nebraska Book Festival is free and open to the public with no pre-registration required except for the festival luncheon, which costs \$12.00

(advanced purchase only). For more information, call toll free 800-307-2665. ■



Magazines for Armchair Travelers

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 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 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.

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 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.

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

New Magazines on Cassette

Courtesy of the Iowa Regional Library, we are happy to begin offering the following cassette magazines:

- *Better Homes and Gardens* (monthly) Articles on home decorating, gardening, food, health, and family issues.
- *Birds and Blooms* (bimonthly) Covers home-gardening, bird-watching and feeding, and other topics on nature.
- *Country Woman* (bimonthly) For farm women and those whose hearts are still in the country. Includes recipes,

decorating, and crafts.

- *Good Old Days* (monthly) Nostalgic articles, letters, poems, and reminiscences.
- *Organic Gardening* (bimonthly) Natural approaches to gardening and landscaping.
- *Popular Science* (monthly) Covers latest trends, products, and practical applications in science and technology.

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Questions and Answers

Question: Now that the Talking Book and Braille Service has begun to receive digital books and players from Library of Congress, how much longer will I need my cassette player?

Answer: Library of Congress will continue to produce new books on cassette through December 2010,

and audio magazines will be available only on cassette for the foreseeable future. Some of the cassette books in our collection may never be available on digital cartridge. For these reasons, you will need your Library of Congress cassette player, even after you are loaned a digital player. ■

New Books from Our Studios

Fiction

Play Action

RC 1013

by Jack Botts

read by Pete Mayeux

2 cassettes

The Russian Mafia buys a New Jersey jeweler's debt paper in order to coerce his help in robbing an international shipment of diamonds. In trying to substitute his own plan, the jeweler lays out a trail of deception half-way around the world, including the Sahara, and ends up in a desperate struggle for survival in Idaho's Bitter Root Mountains.

Summer of Discovery

RC 1025

by Melody Herr

read by Joann Herrington

1 cassette

May 1939. Ben and David, two teenagers living in western Nebraska during the dustbowl, spend their summer as

archaeologists, unearthing the story of the Great Plains peoples. Bones, caves, arrowheads, and buried cities provide clues concerning Nebraska's history, from the days of Ice Age hunters through the end of the Indian Wars. For grades 6 to 9.

Coal Camp Days: A Boy's Remembrance

RC 1031

by Richardo L. Garcia

read by Dennis Lorance

2 cassettes

A fictionalized account of growing up in the coalfields of northern New Mexico during the last years of World War II. Told primarily from an Hispanic perspective, the author includes folklore and stories of Afro-Americans, Italian, Slavic, and Greek immigrants who worked together in support of the war effort. Poor living conditions did not interfere with picking chokecherries, tracking deer, collecting scrap iron, and experiencing the joy of life.

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New Books from Our Studios

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The Seanachie

RC 1037

by Bob Huerter

read by Alice Timm

2 cassettes

Liam O'Conlan convinces his troubled grandson to drive him from Omaha to eastern Iowa in order to bring closure to a tragic chapter from the grandfather's youth. On the way, Liam tells his family's story to his grandson who is amazed at all that his Irish ancestors had endured. While returning to Omaha, their car collides with a truck on an icy bridge over the Missouri and the grandfather is killed. The grandfather returns from the grave to take his grandson on a journey through time to relive their ancestors' experiences during the Potato Famine and their migration aboard the "coffin ships" in order to establish a new life in America.

The Mover of Bones

RC 1077

by Robert Vivian

read by Margaret Polk

2 cassettes

A thirty-year-old janitor descends to the cellar of a Catholic church in Omaha while intoxicated and digs up a

murdered girl's bones. Wrapping the bones inside a tarp, he flees across country with the bundle beside him and encounters a series of individuals living on the margins, including a hobo, an elderly woman, and an individual who has lost his legs. Each encounter adds meaning to the girl's death, as details about the murder and the girl's identity emerge. Contains strong language.

The Last Flight of the Kilo Mike

RC 1095

by Kenny Miller

read by Helena Whitaker

2 cassettes

Donnie, a young pilot, returns to the United States in a private Learjet after an extended assignment in Africa where he helped survey forests for Liberia. To his horror, he discovers a deadly bomb has been smuggled onboard, with New York City as the target. With only minutes to spare, he needs to overcome his fears in order to prevent catastrophic loss of life. Contains some strong language.

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New Books from Our Studios

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rob&sara.com

RC 1111

by P.J. Petersen and Ivy Ruckman

read by Alice Timm

1 cassette

This novel for young adults was written in actual emails between its two authors, who took on the personas for a whole year. Two lonely outsiders, Sara and Rob meet on a web site for young poets and build a trusting relationship across cyberspace. There seems to be few prospects for ever meeting in person until an accident lands Sara in the hospital and Rob runs away in order to be with her. Some strong language. For grades 6 to 9.

Non-Fiction

Diary of a Husker

RC 1072

by David Kolowski

read by Brad Meurrens

3 cassettes

Captures the experiences of a Husker player during the five years, 1998-2002, in which he served as Nebraska's backup center and deep snapper. Includes a foreword by 2001 Heisman Trophy winner Eric Crouch.

Mayor Helen Boosalis: My Mother's Life in Politics

RC 1081

by Beth Boosalis Davis

read by Alice Timm

4 cassettes

This biography written by her daughter details Helen Boosalis' years of service in Nebraska politics. Her career began in the 1950s as a League of Women Voters volunteer who spearheaded efforts to change Lincoln to a strong mayor form of government. Elected to the city council in 1959, she became mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska in 1975 and went on to serve as the first woman president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. In 1986 she ran as a Democratic candidate for governor against Kay Orr in the first gubernatorial contest between two women in U.S. history.

Miles Maryott: His Life & Times

RC 1083

by S. A. Sullivan

read by Karen Boyer

1 cassette

Widely known as an avid hunter and fisherman, Miles Maryott hosted wealthy guests at his hunting lodge on Nebraska's Crescent Lake. A gentle man when sober, he gained a reputation for ill-temperament when drunk. In 1926, he shot and killed Marshal George Albee. Sentenced to the Nebraska State Penitentiary, Maryott produced dozens of wildlife paintings, some of which continue to bring high bids at auction. ■

Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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

RC 993 *The Sound of Sight: A True Story*, by Neil Halford
2 cassettes Autobiography

RC 994 *Words in My Hands: A Teacher, a Deaf-Blind Man, an Unforgettable Journey*, by Diane Chambers
2 cassettes Biography

RC 996 *No One Ever Asked Me: The World War II Memoirs of an Omaha Indian Soldier*, by Hollis D. Stabler
2 cassettes Autobiography

RC 997 *Nebraska Farm Life: WW I to WWII*, edited by Richard C. McCall
1 cassette Nebraska history

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Form and Mailing Instructions

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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 Arizona Highways
 Better Homes and Gardens
 Birds and Blooms
 Buena Vida
 Country Woman
 Cowboys & Indians
 Good Old Days

Organic Gardening
 Popular Science
 Southern Living
 Sports 'N Spokes
 Trail Tails
 Yankee
 RC 1013
 RC 1025
 RC 1031

RC 1037
 RC 1072
 RC 1077
 RC 1081
 RC 1083
 RC 1095
 RC 1111
 RC 24820

More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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❑ **RC 998 *Bertie and Me and Miles Too: Growing Up on a Sandhills Ranch in the Early 1900s***, by Billie Lee Snyder Thornburg
1 cassette Nebraska history

❑ **RC 999 *A Life with Dogs***, by Roger Welsch
2 cassettes Animal stories

❑ **RC 1000 *South of Resurrection***, by Jonis Agee
3 cassettes Romance.
Contains some strong language and descriptions of sex.

❑ **RC 1001 *Miss Adams, Country Teacher: Memories from***

a One-Room School, by Treva Adams Strait

1 cassette Ranch life

❑ **RC 1002 *Rain Dogs***, by Sean Doolittle

2 cassettes Suspense. Some strong language and violence.

❑ **RC 1003 *Fort Robinson and the American Century, 1900-***

1948, by Thomas R. Buecker

2 cassettes Nebraska history

❑ **RC 1004 *Buffalo Gals: Women of Buffalo Bill's Wild***

West Show, by Chris Enss

1 cassette Biography

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