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## Digital Player Ready for the Asking

Newsletter  
of the  
Nebraska  
Library  
Commission  
Talking Book  
& Braille  
Service

The exciting news is, any talking book borrower in Nebraska can probably be sent a new Library of Congress digital player, almost immediately. Because the Talking Book and Braille Service is receiving allocations of new players on a regular basis, the waiting list for new players has disappeared. Any borrower in good standing can now be sent a new player virtually upon request. This includes individuals, schools, retirement centers, and care facilities.

An individual borrower is in good standing if they have no more than one Library of Congress cassette player in their possession at a time and have not demonstrated a pattern of lost or damaged library materials. The same criteria apply to schools, retirement centers, and care facilities except that more than one cassette player may have been assigned to them at a time.

The digital player from the Library of Congress is easy to use, smaller and lighter than the cassette player, has good sound quality, and comes with a rechargeable battery that lasts up to thirty hours. Books and magazines on cartridge are virtually trouble free, and can be played without the need to change sides or be turned over. Help is available as needed from your Readers Advisor, plus an easy-to-follow set of instructions comes with each digital player.

Talking book borrowers are encouraged to retain their Library of Congress cassette player even after they receive a digital player. Many recorded books and magazines are still available on cassette only; and some titles may never be transferred over onto cartridge. To request a digital player, please contact your Readers Advisor. ■



# Digital Books Now Listed

*Talking Book Topics*, published six times a year by the Library of Congress, provides information about the newest books available on cartridge (DB) and on cassette (RC). Audio books available in both formats are listed with a slash between their prefixes. Example: DB/RC indicates this book is offered both on cartridge and on cassette. Books available in only one format will have only one prefix listed. Example: RC indicates it is offered on cassette only.

*Talking Book Topics* no longer lists the number of cassettes per audio book. Instead, it lists the reading time in hours and minutes. A single cassette holds up to six hours of reading.

The order forms in the back of

*Talking Book Topics* are arranged by book number. Each number is listed only once but has separate columns for DB and for RC. Please remember to write your name and address on each of the *Talking Book Topics* order forms so that your Readers Advisor will know that the book requests are for you. Another option is to call your Readers Advisor with your DB or RC book requests.

Local: 471-4038 or toll-free: 1-800-742-7691.

New Nebraska books recorded in our own studios are listed in each issue of this newsletter. The listings indicate the same type of prefixes (DB/RC or RC only) as found in *Talking Book Topics*.



## A Harvest of Great Books

Autumn is a time to bring in the bounty from Nebraska's orchards and fields. Here are some wonderful books that deal with food from the land.

**RC 233 *Second Hoeing***, by Hope Williams

This novel describes the harsh life of the German Russian immigrants who settle in Colorado in the early 20th century and worked at the back-breaking labor in the sugar beet fields. First published in 1935.

**RC 50556 *A Recipe for Bees***, by Gail Anderson-Dargatz

Retired beekeeper Augusta Olsen reminisces about her past life on a remote, hardscrabble British Columbia farm, while she awaits the outcome of her son-in-law's surgery. She recalls her mirthless husband and father-in-law, working at desperate jobs, befriending the local minister, and having an affair.

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**RC 52508 *Comfort Me with Apples: More Adventures at the Table***, by Ruth Reichl

Reichl discusses her decision to become a restaurant critic and the events that followed. She recounts the near disaster of her first on-the-job dinner, meetings with renowned food writers, world travels, an affair with a famous editor, and two marriages. Includes recipes.

**RC 58263 *One Vast Winter Count: the Native American West Before Lewis and Clark***, by Colin G. Calloway

Traces the history of America's native peoples from the Appalachians to the Pacific until 1800. Describes constant environmental changes with development of a corn-growing agriculture, introduction of horses, acquisition of guns, and decimation from disease, among other factors. Also discusses continuing conflicts due to inter-tribal feuding and European penetration. ■

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## Questions and Answers

Question: I really enjoy receiving talking books on cartridge to use with my Library of Congress digital player. When will magazines be offered on cartridge as well?

Answer: Plans are still taking shape for the magazines recorded by the Library of Congress. However, for the magazines recorded in our own studios, the list of titles offered on cartridge will continue to grow until all of them are available in this new format. Right now, cartridge is an option for the following magazines: *Angels on Earth*, *Big Red Report*, *Cappers*, *Grit*, *Nebraska Farmer*, *Nebraska History*, *Nebraska Life*,

*Nebraskaland*, *Reminisce*, and *Reminisce Extra*. If you have been receiving any of these magazines on cassette, you will begin to receive them on cartridge automatically.

When you receive books and magazines on cartridge, please read and then return them promptly. If a magazine on cartridge is still out when the next issue is ready, the borrower will be sent an overdue letter. If two issues are still out, the borrower will not receive another issue until the cartridges for that magazine are returned. We very much appreciate having books and magazines on cartridge returned promptly. Thank you! ■

## Please Keep in Mind . . .

Unlike cassettes, cartridges (DBs) cannot be rewind. When you are finished reading one, just pull it out of the player and return it to us promptly. The cartridge will start at the beginning for the next borrower.

Even after you receive your digital player, you are still likely to need your cassette player. Many books and magazines continue to be available on cassette only.

In addition to receiving books

and magazines through the mail, you have the option of downloading these same materials from the Internet. You will need high-speed Internet service, an active email address, the ability to download and unzip files, and a player capable of playing digital talking books. For more information, click on the BARD link at: <http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/tbbs/>, or call your Readers Advisor. ■

# New Books from Our Studio

## *Nonfiction*

### ***Nebraska Farmer: Special Anniversary Edition 2009***

**RC 1132**

edited by Don McCabe

read by Judy Hanefeldt, Dick Shasteen,  
and Gail Barnard

1 cassette

Special edition of Nebraska's leading agricultural publication celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This historical edition recounts *Nebraska Farmer's* beginnings and chronicles the dramatic changes in the state's farming and ranching industries. Included are reprints of articles from the *Farmer's* archives.

## *Fiction*

### ***The Man from Boot Hill***

**DB/RC 995**

by Marcus Galloway

read by Pete Mayeux

1 cartridge / 2 cassettes

Nick Graves seeks out honest work as a grave digger and casket maker in the western plains town of Jessup, Nebraska, where the law is corrupt and violence rules. A former gun slinger, Nick hopes to make a fresh start but is confronted by a vengeful deputy and by Nathan Skinner, a man from his dark past who is deadly with a Bowie knife. Nick faces the prospect that the next

funeral may be his own. Contains violence and strong language.

### ***A Visit to Hartington: a Short Story Collection about Life in a Small Nebraska Town***

**DB/RC 1089**

by Kenny Miller

read by Margaret Polk

1 cartridge / 2 cassettes

Life in a small Midwestern town, seen primarily through the loving eyes of a middle son who survives polio, the loss of a friend, and later copes with his mother's final illness. A Walton-style collection of stories featuring the school music teacher, a Norwegian bachelor farmer, and other memorable characters; about the author growing up in the 1950s, leaving home, but never forgetting his roots. Contains some strong language.

### ***Folly in February***

**DB/RC 1131**

by Pam Broderick

read by Helena Whitaker

1 cartridge / 1 cassette

Emily Sinclair is devastated to find her own doctor, Charles Lincoln, dead in her church choir loft. Since he was one of Fall Oakes' beloved and respected physicians, Emily is determined to find out who would have killed him, and why. Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book Three. ■

# Free Magazines for Fall Reading

For many Nebraskans, autumn brings back memories of farm life and family, of cooking and baking, harvesting, and back to school. *Mother Earth News*, published six times a year, features articles on cooking from scratch, nutrition, organic gardening, renewable energy, affordable housing, and outdoor recreation. It is recorded in our own studios.

If you are looking for short stories, advice on child rearing, reunions, home decorating ideas, and fashion and beauty tips, try *Redbook*, a monthly magazine produced by the Florida Regional Library. *Arthritis Today*, a bimonthly publication also produced by Florida, offers news about arthritis research, medications, alternative therapies, exercise, self-help tips, and more.

Produced monthly by the Florida Regional Library, *Seventeen* is a young woman's style and beauty magazine tailored for women in their late teens and early twenties. It highlights information on fitness, food, cars, college, careers, talent, entertainment, fiction, and crucial personal and global issues.

*Living Well*, a quarterly published by the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging and recorded in our own studios,

features general topics, programs, issues, and activities concerning the older population, their families, and community organizations.

*Guideposts*, a monthly publication, offers interfaith, inspirational articles of human interest. Also published by *Guideposts*, *Angels on Earth*, recorded six times a year in our own studios, presents true stories of God's angels as well as humans who have played angelic roles in the daily lives of others. *Vantage Point*, produced quarterly by Christian Record Services, features interviews and inspirational articles on health and fitness, the environment, travel, music, the arts, and stories of personal accomplishment.

To many Nebraskans, fall means football. Dedicated to University of Nebraska athletics, *Big Red Report* emphasizes football but attempts to cover the wide range of sports that are part of the university's athletic program. Published ten times a year, it is recorded in our own studios.

All of these magazines are offered on cassette; though *Angels on Earth* and *Big Red Report* are also offered on cartridge. To sign up for these free magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or call your Readers Advisor. ■

# Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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

**DB/RC 1052 *Only Two Came Back***, by Dale Janda

2 cassettes  
Contains some strong language and violence.

Western.

**RC 1053 *The Secret of the Flying W***, by Dale Janda

2 cassettes  
Western. Contains some strong language and violence.

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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 it 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 when available.

**Angels on Earth**

**Arthritis Today**

**Big Red Report**

**Cappers**

**Grit**

**Guideposts**

**Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness**

**Living Well**

**Nebraska Farmer**

**Nebraska History**

**Nebraska Life**

**Nebraskaland**

**Mother Earth News**

**Redbook**

**Reminisce**

**Reminisce Extra**

**Seventeen**

**Vantage Point**

**DB/RC 995**

**DB/RC 1089**

**DB/RC 1131**

**RC 233**

**RC 1132**

**RC 50556**

**RC 52508**

**RC 58263**

# More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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❑ **RC 1057** *Eight Women, Two Model Ts, and the American West*, by Joanne Wilke

1 cassette                      Biography

❑ **RC 1058** *A Fourth of July on the Plains*, by Jean Van Leeuwen

1 cassette                      Historical fiction.  
For Grades K-4

❑ **RC 1059** *Calling Me Home*, by Patricia Hermes

1 cassette                      Pioneer.  
For Grades 3-6

❑ **RC 1060** *Prairie Friends*, by Nancy Smiler Levinson

1 cassette                      Pioneer.  
For Grades K-4

❑ **RC 1061** *Are We Not Men?* by Brent Spencer

1 cassette                      Short stories.  
Contains some strong language and descriptions of sex.

❑ **RC 1062** *Heed the Thunder*, by Jim Thompson

2 cassettes                      Crime.  
Contains some strong language and descriptions of sex.

❑ **RC 1063** *The Jugger: a Parker Novel, Book 6*, by Richard Stark

1 cassette                      Crime.  
Contains some strong language and violence. ■

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For the Blind or  
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