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Here are some free magazines on cartridge, all recorded in our own studios and specifically about Nebraska, that help us celebrate the good life we enjoy:

Nebraskaland showcases Nebraska's beautiful state parks and other outdoor recreational opportunities. It is published ten times a year by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Also published by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, *Trail Tales* is a quarterly magazine for younger readers who love Nebraska's outdoors and nature. *Great Plains Game and Fish*, published ten times a year, describes fishing and hunting hot spots in Nebraska, as well as in Kansas and North and South Dakota.

Nebraska Life, published bimonthly, features events, travel, and community profiles. A bimonthly magazine that includes Nebraska, *Midwest Living* covers places to visit, recipes, gardens, hobbies, restaurants, and more—all about Midwest states.

Published three times a year, with an emphasis on Husker football, *Big Red Report* attempts to cover the wide range of sports that are part of the University of Nebraska's athletic program.

A monthly magazine, *Nebraska Farmer* features Nebraska crop reports, articles on farm life, and new agricultural methods and technology. *Nebraska Newsletter*, published eleven times a year by the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, provides information about 4-H clubs and projects, lawn and garden, acreage, farm and ranch, and nutrition, health, and safety.

Nebraska History and *Nebraska History News*, both published quarterly by the Nebraska State Historical Society, offer articles on the history and people of Nebraska.

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



2014 Summer Reading Program

Talking book and Braille readers age 13 and younger are urged to “Fizz, Boom, Read”- the theme of this year’s free summer reading program. And young adult readers between 14 and 19 have their own summer reading program, themed “Spark a Reaction.”

Everyone who enrolls receives a reading packet. Those who complete five or more books between June 1

and August 15 will be sent end-of-summer prizes. The books could be in Braille, on cartridge, or downloadable from BARD.

Information and a sign-up form have been mailed to all active talking book readers 19 and younger. Interested readers can also contact their Readers Advisor. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: I notice there are changes in how *Talking Book Topics* is organized. What’s going on?

Answer: The Library of Congress has made some subscriber-requested changes that affect the large print, online, and audio versions of *Talking Book Topics*. The annotations once again contain up to fifty words. The books are still divided between fiction and nonfiction, but are now further divided by their subject categories. The subjects are arranged

alphabetically; for example, adult fiction titles might fall under Adventure as the first subject, followed by Family, then Fantasy, with the last subject being Westerns.

Within each subject, the titles are arranged alphabetically by the author’s last name. If there is more than one title by a given author, the titles are listed alphabetically. This new arrangement eliminates the need for an index. ■

Phone Scam Targets JAWS Users

If you receive a call from (347) 871-5995 and someone offers to remove a virus from your computer, do not follow their instructions. The

available information indicates this is a scam that has been going on for several months but has more recently been targeting JAWS users. ■

Volunteer Profile : Jennifer Barnason

A book review volunteer since August 2013, Jennifer helps to ensure quality reading for our borrowers by listening to recordings from our studios in order to verify pronunciations and note errors and extraneous noises. She is able to draw from her love of the written word, especially the classics, and her training in library science. A newly minted librarian, Jennifer says she volunteers because it's fun to be a reader and a reviewer and because she likes being part of something good.

Her favorite author is the poet Carl Sandburg because his poetry and his prose are musical. Her grandmother read *Rootabaga Stories* to her as a child. She also enjoys works by Joan Didion because the author is such a good observer.

Jennifer shares her life with a beagle named Gracie and a Siamese cat named Emma. When she isn't watching them chase each other, she likes to draw and to listen to records. Her favorite food is Haribo gummi bears and Manchego cheese, but not together. ■

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Books to Celebrate the Return of Spring

With summer nearly here, Nebraska's fields have turned from brown to bright green. Here are some great books to welcome spring.

DB 1022 *A Garden in Paris*, by Stephanie Grace Whitson

After the death of her wealthy husband, Mary Davis seeks a solution to her emptiness and to the growing distance between herself and her daughter, Liz. Stumbling upon a framed motto in an antique store, "It's never too late to be what you might have been," she mails a letter to Jean-Marc David, an old flame, in care of his parents who live in Italy, hoping that he will join her in their special garden in Paris on Christmas Eve. Her daughter follows her to Paris, where she discovers her mom has turned into a free-spirited woman. However, Liz cannot accept her mother's efforts to rekindle her first love.

DB 1042 *Forty Acres and a Fool: How to Live in the Country and Still Keep Your Sanity*, by Roger Welsch

In 1975, the author purchased a farm near Dannebrog, Nebraska, and eventually left city life and a tenured professorship at a university behind. Drawing from over thirty years' experience in country living, Welsch offers lighthearted but sincere advice to anyone contemplating a similar move. He discusses problems of being an outsider in a tight-knit community, how to acquire and move buildings, and how to deal with

trespassers and eccentric town folk. While expressing warm affection for his adopted home in the country, he advises newbie countrymen to learn from his mistakes.

DB 1076 *Nebraska's Cowboy Trail: A User's Guide*, by Keith Terry

The nation's longest recreational rail-to-trail project, the Cowboy Trail follows a 321-mile corridor across northern Nebraska once used by the railroad to carry supplies to the Black Hills during the 1870s gold rush. Now stretching from Norfolk to Chadron, the trail passes through eastern farmland to Plains ranchland and then across the northern Sandhills and on to the edge of the Pine Ridge. The book serves as a companion for those who plan to hike, bike, or ride horseback along this unique trail.

DB 1079 *From the Garden Club: Rural Women Writing Community*, by Charlotte Hogg

The author describes the lives of her grandmother and other women in Paxton, Nebraska, who are involved in literary work. Activities include writing news articles and memoirs, working at the

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library, and participating in the Garden Club. These women use their work to help sustain their town and nourish themselves as well.

DB 1091 *Bicycling Beyond the Divide: Two Journeys into the West*,

by Daryl Farmer

At age 40, the author retraces a five-thousand-mile bike trek through the American West, a journey he previously undertook as a college drop-out when he was twenty years younger and seventy pounds lighter. Taking along his journals from his first trek, he observes what has changed and what has endured, in terms of the environment, the individuals he encounters, and himself. On this second trip, he is caught in a Colorado snowstorm, has to negotiate a herd of bison, shares a meal and stories with homeless individuals, and kayaks with Orcas in Puget Sound.

DB 1126 *Down to Earth: Celebrating a Blessed Life on the Land*, by Curt Arens

A lifelong family farmer and devout Catholic, Arens describes how his occupation and his faith are inseparable. Arens, his wife, and three children live on a homestead along Bow Creek near the Nebraska-South Dakota border that has

been in his family since 1917. The author provides information on the physical and economic burdens faced by family farmers, and reflects on Catholic social teaching and ethical land stewardship.

DB 66349 *Dog Friendly Gardens: Garden Friendly Dogs*, by Cheryl S. Smith.

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Tips on harmoniously keeping both a garden and a dog. Provides recommendations for bed design and vegetation, including groundcovers and grass, and warns against harmful plants and products. Covers mulches, composts, vegetables, paths, fencing and some aspects of dog play. Discusses designating pet digging areas.

DB 68316 *The Grub-and-Stakers Move a Mountain: Grub-and-Stakers series, Book 1*, by Alisa Craig

Canada. As Dittany Henbit confronts water department employee Ben Frankland, who is about to bulldoze a wildflower preserve, the two of them narrowly escape an errant arrow. Minutes later they discover the skewered body of Ben's boss. Dittany and fellow members of the Grub-and-Stake Gardening and Roving Club investigate.

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DB 69864 *All New Square Foot Gardening: Grow More in Less Space*, by Mel Bartholomew

The author advises using six-inch-deep boxes containing soil that requires no digging or fertilizing and vertical frames for climbing plants. Recommends creating wider aisles and elevating boxes for easier access. Gives plant-by-plant suggestions for extending the growing season.

DB 70659 *Virgin River: A Virgin River Novel, Book 1*, by Robyn Carr

Mel Monroe, a young, widowed, L.A.-based nurse-practitioner, accepts a job sight-unseen in tiny Virgin River. Shocked by less-than-stellar accommodations, Mel contends with a dilapidated cottage and an unwelcoming old doctor. But ex-marine and tavern-owner Jack Sheridan is glad she arrived. Contains strong language and descriptions of sex.

DB 71625 *Soul of a Dog: Reflections on the Spirits of the Animals of Bedlam Farm*, by John Katz

The author ponders the mysteries of animal consciousness. Katz fondly relates adventures with his wards—including hardworking border collie Rose, affectionate two-thousand-pound steer Elvis, and Mother, a loving but murderous cat—and speculates on their inner lives.

DB 72669 *The Town That Food Saved: How One Community Found Vitality in Local Food*, by Ben Hewitt

Chronicles efforts of the small community of Hardwick, Vermont, to reinvigorate its economy and create a farming environment that fosters a sustainable local food system. Details the new agricultural business model that young entrepreneurs embraced during a distressed economic period.

DB 74912 *Coming Up Roses*, by Catherine Anderson

Oregon, 1890. Kate Blakely, whose abusive husband recently died, nurses new neighbor Zachariah McGovern from a snake bite. When Kate's violent former brother-in-law pressures Kate to marry him, Zach offers Kate a marriage of convenience instead—hoping it can become something more. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

DB 76378 *The Garden of Happy Endings: a Novel*, by Barbara O'Neal

Unity minister Elsa goes on sabbatical after losing her faith. She joins her sister Tamsin, who has problems of her own, and childhood friend Father Jack, a Catholic priest, in Pueblo, Colorado. Together they find renewal and love by planting a community garden and helping others.

New on Digital

DB 996 *No One Ever Asked Me*, by Hollis D. Stabler
Wartime autobiography.

DB 35889 *Mixed Blessings*, by Danielle Steel
Family novel. Contains some strong language.

DB 35890 *The Client*, by John Grisham
Suspense. Contains strong language and violence.

DB 35891 *A Time to Kill: a Jack Brigrance Novel, Book 1*, by John Grisham
Suspense. Contains strong language, violence, and sex.

DB 35894 *Along Came a Spider: An Alex Cross Mystery, Book 1*, by James Patterson
Suspense. Contains strong language, violence, and sex.

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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.

- Big Red Report**
- Great Plains Game and Fish**
- Midwest Living**
- Nepline Newsletter**
- Nebraska Farmer**
- Nebraska History**
- Nebraska History News**

- Nebraskaland**
- Nebraska Life**
- Trail Tales**
- DB 1022**
- DB 1042**
- DB 1076**
- DB 1079**
- DB 1091**
- DB 1126**

- DB 66349**
- DB 68316**
- DB 69864**
- DB 70659**
- DB 71625**
- DB 72669**
- DB 74912**
- DB 76378**

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❑ **DB 35998 *Guns of the Timberlands***, by Louis L'Amour
Western. Contains some strong language.

❑ **DB 36239 *Men in Blue: Badge of Honor, Book 1***, by W. E. B. Griffin
Detective. Contains strong language and violence.

❑ **DB 36414 *To Kill a Mockingbird***, by Harper Lee
American classic.

❑ **DB 36446 *Flint***, by Louis L'Amour
Western. Contains some violence.

❑ **DB 36535 *Outlander: Outlander, Book 1***, by Diana Gabaldon

Fantasy. Contains strong language, violence, and sex.

❑ **DB 36536 *Dragonfly in Amber: Outlander, Book 2***, by Diana Gabaldon

Fantasy. Contains strong language, violence, and sex.

❑ **DB 36622 *Letters from Rifka***, by Karen Hesse

Historical novel. For grades 5 to 8.

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