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## Free Magazines for History Buffs

Newsletter  
of the  
Nebraska  
Library  
Commission  
Talking Book  
& Braille  
Service

If you wonder how the past affects the present or have an interest in current events that are shaping history, you might be interested in the following free cassette magazines from the Talking Book and Braille Service:

*American History* covers personalities, as well as social, political, military, and artistic themes that played a role in the development of our country. This bimonthly publication is produced by Recorded Recreational Reading for the Blind.

*Smithsonian*, a monthly publication, offers a wide variety of articles about science, history, art, archaeology, and ecology. It also covers events at America's foremost museum, the Smithsonian Institution. It is produced by the Florida Regional Library.

If you would like to learn about your own state, you would enjoy *Nebraska History*, a quarterly publication of the Nebraska State

Historical Society. This publication is recorded in the studios of the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service.

If you enjoy a fond flashback to the good ol' days, you would enjoy *Reminisce* and its companion magazine, *Reminisce Extra*. Published in alternating months, these two magazines are both recorded in our own studios.

To keep in touch with current events, you should try *Vital Speeches of the Day*. Produced monthly by the Florida Regional Library, each issue features eight to ten speeches by individuals who have attained leadership in such fields as economics, politics, finance, education, government, or business. Another option would be *Choice Magazine Listening*, for selections of articles, poetry, and fiction from over a hundred magazines. Created in 1962 by the Lucerna Fund, this publication is produced bimonthly.

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To find out what is happening at the Nebraska Library Commission, and at Nebraska libraries and media centers, try *NCompass*, a newsletter published several times a year.

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

## Newsletter Highlights Nebraska's History

Now being recorded in our own studios, *Nebraska History News* is published quarterly by the Nebraska State Historical Society. Short articles focus on Nebraska history. The newsletter includes a calendar of events.

To sign up for this newsletter on cassette, please contact your Readers Advisor or use the order form on page 7. ■

## Spread the Word about Talking Books!

One of the most important ways individuals find out about our free service is through other talking book borrowers. If you think talking books would help someone you know, let that person know.

We would be happy to send you one or several application forms and brochures. Help us spread the word about talking books! ■

## Interchange Newsletter: More Than Large Print

If this newsletter in large print doesn't best meet your needs, we can send it to you on cassette or in Braille. Also, *Interchange* is posted

on our website in large print or as an audio file. ■

# Great Books about the Good Earth

Love of nature and concern for the environment have long been important themes in literature. Here are some remarkable books about the earth and its creatures.

**RC 117 *Keith County Journal***,  
by John Janovy

The natural life of Keith County, in west central Nebraska, is explored in this unusual and highly praised book. As we walk with the author through the fields and marshes, we are shown aspects of the countryside that are usually ignored or even found repulsive, such as termites, snails, the blood-sucking louse, etc.

**RC 591 *Wild Seasons: Gathering and Cooking Wild Plants of the Great Plains***, by Kay Young

Nearly 250 recipes range from old-time favorites (catnip tea; horehound lozenges; hickory nut cake) to enticing new creations (wild violet salad; milkweed sandwiches; prickly-pear cactus relish).

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# Great Books about the Good Earth

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**RC 904** *The Last Prairie: a Sandhills Journal*, by Stephen R. Jones

A naturalist presents twenty essays that celebrate the Nebraska Sandhills—one of the most visually stunning American landscapes. Accounts of homesteaders, range wars, and devastating storms stand beside descriptions of dancing prairie chickens and the annual migratory flight of a half-million sandhill cranes.

**RC 54385** *My Story as Told by Water: Confessions, Druidic Rants, Reflections, Bird-watchings, Fish-stalkings, Visions, Songs and Prayers Refracting Light, from Living Rivers, in the Age of the Industrial Dark*, by David James Duncan

A collection of essays by a dedicated conservationist with a sense of humor. Duncan's love of water and fishing sustain him as he points out many of America's environmental follies.

**RC 58721** *Travels in Alaska*, by John Muir, with an introduction by Richard Nelson

Last book written by Scottish-born naturalist John Muir (1838-1914), who recounts three trips to Alaska between 1879 and 1890. Describes his

encounters with indigenous peoples, his mountain traverses, and his hazardous exploration of Glacier Bay, now a national monument. New 1993 introduction by anthropologist Richard Nelson.

**RC 62316** *The Best of Zane Grey, Outdoorsman: Hunting and Fishing Tales*, selected and edited by George Reiger

Twenty two short stories about outdoor sports adventures by western writer Zane Grey (1872-1939). Contains "Colorado Trails" and "Roping Lions in the Grand Canyon." Includes 1992 foreword by George Reiger. Reiger credits Grey's experiences as a avid conservationist and explorer for inspiring his stories.

**RC 63262** *The Last Canyon*, by John Vernon

Historical novel depicting John Wesley Powell's expedition through the Grand Canyon in the summer of 1869. Relates the adventures of the first Anglo-American team to explore the area. Concurrently describes a Shivwits Paiute family above the canyon searching for their daughter, lost to Mormon leaders. Some strong language. ■

# New Books from Our Studios

## *Fiction*

### ***Her Appearing: A Love Story***

**RC 1107**

by Donald G. Hanway  
read by Mary Elizabeth Anderson  
2 cassettes

A busy minister is in extended grief recovery following the death of his wife. He meets a single mom, who is an Afro-American, and falls in love. He faces ongoing challenges in providing counseling sessions, dealing with church finances, conducting funerals, and trying to make life easier for a gay teen. Written by a retired Episcopal priest.

## *Non-Fiction*

### ***The Broidered Garment: The Love Story of Mona Martinsen and John G. Neihardt***

**RC 1028**

by Hilda Martinsen Neihardt  
read by Marilyn Palmer  
3 cassettes

The daughter of Nebraska's poet laureate tells how her parents, though each from strikingly diverse backgrounds, fell in love, married, raised a family, and grew old together. The author uses family memoirs, correspondence, and interviews to tell

her parents' love story.

### ***My Brushes with Death and Other Outdoor Blunders: a Family Man's Guide to Hunting and Fishing Woe***

**RC 1085**

by Steven Paul Barlow  
read by Bob Jorgensen  
1 cassette

Author presents 50 of his favorite "Parting Line" magazine columns originally published in *Game & Fish* magazines. While meeting the minimal obligations of having a wife, four kids, and a job, the author describes with tongue-in-cheek his desire for a stress-free life of outdoors. His misadventures include family camping trips, backcountry excursions, and solo deer hunts.

### ***Bicycling Beyond the Divide: Two Journeys into the West***

**RC 1091**

by Daryl Farmer  
read by Karen Boyer  
3 cassettes

At age forty, 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,

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# New Books from Our Studios

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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 meals and stories with homeless individuals, and kayaks with Orcas in Puget Sound.

## ***God's Brat***

**RC 1097**

by Sr. Kathryn Leahy, OSF  
read by Alice Timm

2 cassettes

Devotional reflections by Sister Kathryn Leahy, simply and gracefully written, includes her life story. Sr. Kathryn was born on a farm near Ewing, Nebraska, and spent her life of ministry as an educator in Nebraska Catholic schools.

## ***City and Prairie Bones***

**RC 1100**

by Billie Snyder Thornburg  
read by Tami Works

1 cassette

Anecdotal accounts of life in North Platte, Nebraska, 1920s-1950s, when it was known as the wildest, woolliest town in the Midwest. Humorous descriptions of attempts to clean up Nebraska's "Little Chicago." Contains some descriptions of sex.

## ***Breathing in the Fullness of Time***

**RC 1108**

by William Kloefkorn  
read by Helen Whitaker

2 cassettes

Nebraska's State Poet writes the fourth and final installment of his memoirs. He reflects on his foray into college football, a stint in the Marines, his long-lasting marriage to his childhood sweetheart, a sojourn in California, and his teaching career at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Contains some strong language.

## ***Following the Wrong God Home: Footloose in an American Dream***

**RC 1110**

by Clive Scott Chisholm  
read by Judy Hanefeldt

3 cassettes

A displaced Canadian sets out to explore the West on foot to discover the origins of the American Dream. As he traverses the Mormon Trail, from Omaha to Salt Lake City, he describes fascinating American dreamers he meets along the remnants of the historic trek. Often these individuals are torn by the contradictory desire to seek community while preserving individuality, as were their pioneer counterpoints. Contains some strong language.



# More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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❑ RC 1010 *Freaks of the Storm: From Flying Cows to Stealing Thunder: The World's Strangest True Weather Stories*, by Randy Cervený  
3 cassettes                      Natural history

❑ RC 1011 *Writing Brave and Free: Encouraging Words for People Who Want to Start Writing*, by Ted Kooser and Steve Cox  
1 cassette                      Natural history

❑ RC 1012 *In the Land of Second Chances*, by George Shaffner  
2 cassette                      Family story

❑ RC 1013 *Play Action*, by Jack Botts  
2 cassettes                      Crime story

❑ RC 1014 *I Christen Thee, Nebraska; History of the USS Nebraska and Nebraska Related Naval ships*, by Monty McCord  
2 cassettes                      Naval history

❑ RC 1015 *C is for Cornhusker: a Nebraska Alphabet*, by Rajean Luebs Shepherd  
1 cassette                      Poetry. For  
grades K to 4

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