



Magazines for Summer Reading

Here are free magazines on cartridge that help us appreciate summertime on the Great Plains.

Grit, a bimonthly publication that focuses on small-town and rural living, includes humorous and inspiring articles, gardening and cooking advice, and do-it-yourself projects. *Country*, published bimonthly, offers feature stories and columns for those who live in or long for the country. It includes country diaries, travel, features, and recipes.

Nebraskaland, published ten times a year by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, showcases Nebraska's outdoor recreational opportunities. Also

published by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, *Trail Tales* is a quarterly for elementary-aged younger readers that focuses on the outdoors and nature.

Grit, *Country*, *Nebraskaland*, and *Trail Tales* are recorded in our own studios.

Published monthly by the Missouri Department of Conservation, *Missouri Conservationist* describes the conservation and management of Missouri's natural resources. It is produced by the Missouri Regional Library. *Sunset*, a monthly publication, discusses what, when, and how to enhance your life in the West. It is produced by the Arizona Regional Library.

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Birds and Blooms, a bimonthly magazine recorded by the Iowa Regional Library, covers home-gardening, bird-watching and feeding, and other topics on nature.

Cowboys and Indians, produced eight times a year by the Oklahoma

Regional Library, features articles on western lore and Native Americans. Includes a listing of rodeos and other events across the United States.

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

What Is a DBC?

Talking book libraries, including Nebraska's, are able to submit their locally produced titles, designated DBCs, to the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service for direct downloads. Often these titles are written by regional authors or reflect a regional interest, such as local history. A DBC can also be requested through your Reader Advisor if you wish to receive the book through the mail.

Recorded in our own studios and now our first book on BARD, *I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice*, by Joe Starita, can be ordered as DBC 756. This book tells the true story of Standing Bear's journey back to Nebraska in order to bury his son and the resulting federal trial to determine whether or not Native Americans were entitled to equal protection under the law. ■

BARD Mobile App Ready for Android

The BARD Mobile application for Android devices is now available at the Google Play store. Talking book borrowers with BARD accounts would need to be using devices running Android OS 4.1 or later. A user guide is available from the bookshelf of the app and

online in HTML format at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/apidocs/android/v1.0/toc.html>. Help screens are also available from inside the app and may be accessed by activating the Context menu or the More Options button and selecting Help. ■

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Questions and Answers

Question: When I mail a book back, why does it take a week or longer before I receive another one?

Answer: When we receive a book back from you, we know we should mail another book to you. It is important to remember that when you mail a book back to us, the postal service will need several days to deliver the book to us and library staff will need several days to check the book in and have another book in the mail to you. By the time the next book is in your hands, the total time involved is often at least one week. In order to keep from running out

of books, it is important that you mail each book back to us as soon as you have read it. Also, we recommend that you have more than one book checked out to you, so you have something to read while books travel in the mail.

If you prefer to select your own books, it is also important that you keep a good supply of book requests on file with us. There are times when there is a waiting list for popular books, so having a number of books on your list increases the odds that we will be able to send another book when we receive one back from you. ■

One Book, One Nebraska Now Available

The 2015 One Book, One Nebraska selection, *Death Zones and Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam Reporting*, is now available on cartridge directly from

the Talking Book and Braille Service. Written by Beverly Deepe Kever and narrated in our studios

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by Judy Hanefeldt, the book can be ordered as DBC 760. It will be available for download from BARD.

The book is written by a Nebraska farm girl turned journalist who became the longest-serving American correspondent covering the Vietnam War. The author earned a Pulitzer Prize nomination. With compelling prose, Beverly Deepe Kever tells personal and human stories that are matched

by her insights regarding the war's political and military strategies. She draws from interviews with generals, politicians, American marines, captured North Vietnamese soldiers, Buddhist monks, and Viet Cong officials.

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Good Books for Long Summer Days

Nebraska's hot summers provide long days and lots of sunshine. Here are some wonderful books to enjoy while you sip a cool beverage.

DB 67708 *To the Lighthouse*, by Virginia Woolf: foreword by Eudora Welty

During summer visits to the Scottish coast, members of the Ramsey family reveal their personal challenges and

innermost thoughts. Youngest child James must forfeit a yearned-for visit to the lighthouse. Ten years later, James, surviving family members, and former guests complete the long-delayed outing.

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DB 73312 *Pick-up Game: A Full Day of Full Court*, edited by Marc Aronson and Charles R. Smith, Jr.

Anthology of eighteen short stories and poems about basketball set in New York City's Greenwich Village. Players, scouts, filmmakers, and fans gather for game after game on a hot summer day. Contains some strong language. For grades 6-9 and older readers.

DB 74163 *Love in a Nutshell*, by Janet Evanovich and Dorien Kelly

Newly divorced Kate Appleton moves into the Nutshell, her family's summer retreat in rural Michigan, to renovate it into a bed-and-breakfast. Matt Culhane hires Kate to go undercover and find out who is sabotaging his brewery. When danger strikes, Kate and Matt unite and fall in love.

DB 74281 *Martian Summer: Robot Arms, Cowboy Spacemen, and My 90 Days with the Phoenix Mars Mission*, by Andrew Kessler

Author recounts spending the summer of 2008 in mission control of the Phoenix Mars expedition with one hundred thirty scientists and engineers. Describes the team's discovery of ice on Mars, discusses the possibility of life on the planet, and addresses conspiracy theories about the mission's findings.

DB 79767 *The Summer of Beer and Whiskey: How Brewers, Barkeepers, Rowdies, Immigrants, and a Wild Pennant Fight Made Baseball America's Game*, by Edward Achorn

Describes how German-born beer garden owner Chris Von der Ahe bought the St. Louis Browns in an effort to sell more beer-and unwittingly formed the American League .

New on Digital

DB 44195 *A Light in the Window: The Mitford Years, Volume 2*, by Jan Karon
Christian fiction

DB 44196 *These High Green Hills: The Mitford Years, Volume 3*, by Jan Karon
Christian fiction

DB 44219 *True Grit*, by Charles Portis
Western. Contains violence.

DB 44233 *Family Album*, by Danielle Steel
Historical fiction about Hollywood. Contains strong language and sex.

DB 44292 *Madeline: Madeline, Book 1*, by Ludwig Bemelmans
Rhyming story. For Grades K-3.

DB 44293 *Madeline's Rescue: Madeline, Book 2*, by Ludwig Bemelmans
Rhyming story. For Grades K-3.

DB 44294 *Madeline and the Bad Hat: Madeline, Book 3*, by Ludwig Bemelmans
Rhyming story. For Grades K-3.

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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.

- Birds and Blooms
- Country
- Cowboys and Indians
- Grit
- Nebraskaland

- Missouri Conservationist
- Sunset
- Trail Tales
- DB 67708
- DB 73312

- DB 74163
- DB 74281
- DB 79767
- DBC 756
- DBC 760

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❑ DB 44343 *The Golden Compass: His Dark Materials, Book 1*, by Philip Pullman

Science fiction. For middle school and older readers.

❑ DB 44446 *Journey Into Christmas and Other Stories*, by Bess Streeter Aldrich

Short stories

❑ DB 44759 *Amethyst Dreams*, by Phyllis Whitney
Mystery

❑ DB 44912 *Selected Poetry*, by William Wordsworth
Classic

❑ DB 45059 *End of the Drive*, by Louis L'Amour
Western

❑ DB 45236 *Complete Poems*, by Edgar Allan Poe
Classic

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