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## 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 disabilities. This bimonthly 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.

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# Magazines for Armchair Travelers

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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.

*Trail Tales* is offered on digital cartridge as well as on cassette; the rest are available on cassette only. To order any of these magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

## Volunteer Profile: Gail Marik

Taking early retirement from a career in sales and technical support for seed and agricultural products, Gail Marik has carved out time for reading and volunteerism. And by volunteering in our studios since last May, she has found a way to bring the two together. This former agronomist has already narrated *Angels on Earth*, *Big Red Report*, *Great Plains Game and Fish*, *Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness*, *Midwest Living*, *Mother Earth News*, *Nebraska Farmer*, *Nebraska History*, *Nebraska*

*Life*, *Reminisce*, and *Taste of Home*.

Gail's favorite book authors are J. R. R. Tolkien and Vince Flynn; though her favorite book is Ken Follett's *World Without End* (DB/RC 65224). She enjoys spending time with Puppy, her Golden Lab, and Sassy, her cat. She also enjoys walking, gardening, and needlepoint. Her favorite dessert is strawberry-rhubarb pie. Her favorite movie is the *Lord of the Rings* film trilogy. ■

## Questions and Answers

Question: I am undecided about asking for a new Library of Congress digital player. If I stay with my cassette player only, will it make any difference?

Answer: The new Library of Congress digital player is easier to use than the cassette player and has

excellent sound quality. Talking books on digital cartridge are virtually trouble-free. The era of talking books on cassette is fading away. New books from Library of Congress and from our own studios are now on digital cartridge. We don't want you to be stranded.

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Please call us right away to find out more about the free new digital player. You will be able to receive a new digital player and still keep on using your cassette player. Call 1-800-742-7691 or

local (402) 471-4038. Remember, when you dial our local number, because of a change in telephone service, you will soon need to include the 402. ■

## New on Digital

Here are some Nebraska books that were already available on cassette but are now offered on cartridge. Please remember to return books on cartridge promptly.

**DB 506 *The Complete Roadside Guide to Nebraska,***

by Alan Boye

Nebraska history

**DB 538 *Nebraskaland Magazine's Weather and Climate of***

***Nebraska,*** by Nebraska Game and

Parks Commission

Natural history

**DB 602 *Nebraska Moments,*** New Edition, by Donald R. Hickey and others

Nebraska history

**DB 697 *Walks the Fire: Prairie Winds Series, Book 1,*** by Stephanie

Grace Whitson

Pioneer

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**DB 760 *Soaring Eagle: Prairie Winds Series, Book 2***, by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Pioneer

**DB 761 *Red Bird: Prairie Winds Series, Book 3***, by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Pioneer

**DB 976 *Valley of the Shadow: Dakota Moon Series, Book 1***, by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Pioneer

**DB 977 *Edge of the Wilderness: Dakota Moon Series, Book 2***, by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Pioneer

**DB 982 *Heart of the Sandhills: Dakota Moon Series, Book 3***, by Stephanie Grace Whitson

Pioneer

**DB 1043 *One House: the Unicameral's Progressive Vision for Nebraska***, by Charlyne Berens

Nebraska politics

**DB 1107 *Her Appearing: A Love Story***, by Donald G. Hanway

Christian fiction

**DB 1125 *Beyond the Final Score: There's More to Life than the Game***, by Tom Osborne

Autobiography

**DB 1129 *Death in December: Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book 1***, by Pam Broderick

Mystery



## New Books from Our Studios

### *Fiction*

***The Demise of the Rocking R***

**DB/RC 1054**

8 hours 10 minutes

by Dale Janda

read by Tamara Wellmann

Texas Panhandle rancher Ben Crye has his eye on taking over adjoining

ranches. He plots ways to force ranchers to sell by bringing about hard times. As their cattle are being rustled, the ranchers recruit troubleshooter John Doddling to end the onslaught against them. Contains some violence and strong language.

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# New Books from Our Studios

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## *Lana's Lakota Moons*

**DB/RC 1056**

2 hours 41 minutes

by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

read by Alice Timm

Lori and Lana are two Lakota girls living in Rapid City, South Dakota. Growing up within an extended family of parents and grandparents, the two girls are almost like sisters. They form a friendship with Shoua, a Hmong girl from Laos who is new to their school. That friendship opens doors to understanding each other's culture. For grades 4 to 7.

## *Something in Vallarta*

**DB/RC 1092**

6 hours 5 minutes

by Robert Richter

read by Dan Howell

A young American expatriate, former student and political activist named Cotton Waters hides out along Mexico's Pacific Coast where he is known by his buddies as Algo, which is Spanish for Something. When his money runs out, he reluctantly finds employment with wealthy Americans. One of them, who is jealous, pays him to follow a beautiful woman to make sure she isn't cheating. Algo finds himself in a tangled, dangerous web of murder, drugs, corrupt police, and buried treasure. Strong language.

## *Sweet Eyes*

**DB/RC 1114**

18 hours 54 minutes

by Jonis Agee

read by Alice Timm

The small community of Divinity, Iowa, is thrown into conflict over Honey Parrish's affair with Jasper Johnson, the town's only black man. The ensuing chaos opens up other old wounds, including Honey's loss of a dead lover, a psychotic brother, and even an unsolved murder. The town sheriff forces Honey to confront whether her dead lover, her ex-husband, or her brother could be the killer. Contains some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

## *Jennie Barnes: Right Now Forever!*

**DB/RC 1115**

5 hours 45 minutes

by Vera Saban

read by Gail Barnard

Nebraska prairie. 1915. Jennie, a ten-year-old girl, lives on a tenant farm with her family. Though she, her sister, and her brothers have little money, they live an exciting life that includes school, Sunday school, the county fair, and even a circus. For grades 3 to 6.

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# New Books from Our Studios

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## *Justice in January*

**DB/RC 1130**

3 hours 7 minutes

by Pam Broderick

read by Helena Whitaker

Once her divorce from David is final, Emily Sinclair goes on a pilgrimage to France and Italy. Her efforts to make a fresh start are complicated by the death of her tour guide, and she finds herself involved in solving a murder. Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book Two.

## *Menace in March*

**DB/RC 1147**

3 hours 40 minutes

by Pam Broderick

read by Helena Whitaker

Parochial school principal Emily Sinclair volunteers to produce a community play. The star of the show attracts a secret admirer, who Emily suspects is a dangerous stalker. When the star dies suddenly, Emily wonders if the stalker is more dangerous than she thought. Emily Sinclair Mystery Series, Book Four.

## *Non-Fiction*

### *I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice*

**DB/RC 1148**

11 hours 0 minutes

by Joe Starita

read by Alice Timm

In 1877, Chief Standing Bear's people, the Ponca, were removed from their ancestral lands in Nebraska's Niobrara River valley to Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). When his only son dies in 1879, Standing Bear undertakes a 600-mile journey back to Nebraska in order to bury him. This action sets the stage for a federal trial to determine whether or not Native Americans were entitled to equal protection under the law, and had they been deprived of their property, homeland, and even their lives without due process.

## **Also New**

### *Crossing Bok Chitto: a Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom*

**DB/RC 1149**

27 minutes

by Tim Tingle

read by Nancy Cheper

Mississippi, before the Civil War.

Martha, a Choctaw girl, makes friends with Little Mo, a slave boy on a plantation. She helps Little Mo and his family cross the river to freedom one night when his family is threatened. For grades 2-4. Produced by the Oklahoma Regional Library.

# Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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

**RC 1064** *In Return*, by Beckham J. Hale

1 cassette                      Autobiography

**RC 1065** *Valentines*, by Ted Kooser

1 cassette                      Poetry

**RC 1066** *Tomorrow, the River*, by Dianne E. Gray

1 cassette                      Pioneer. For grades 5-8.

**RC 1069** *The Cleanup*, by Sean Doolittle

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

**RC 1070** *Dueling Chefs: A Vegetarian & a Meat Lover Debate the Plate*, by Maggie Pleskac and Sean Carmichael

1 cassette                      Cookbook

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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.

**AARP The Magazine**

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**Buena Vida**

**Cowboys & Indians**

**Southern Living**

**Sports N' Spokes**

**Trail Tales**

**Yankee**

**DB/RC 1054**

**DB/RC 1056**

**DB/RC 1092**

**DB/RC 1114**

**DB/RC 1115**

**DB/RC 1130**

**DB/RC 1147**

**DB/RC 1148**

**DB/RC 1149**

**DB/RC 65224**

# More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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❑ RC 1071 *Interior Places*, by  
Lisa Knopp

2 cassettes                      Natural history

❑ RC 1072 *Diary of a Husker*, by  
David Kolowski

3 cassettes                      Nebraska football

❑ RC 1073 *America: Our Next  
Chapter: Tough Questions,  
Straight Answers*, by Chuck Hagel

2 cassettes                      Politics

❑ RC 1074 *Nebraska Quilts &  
Quilmakers*, edited by Patricia Cox  
Crews and Ronald G. Naugle

2 cassettes                      History of quilts

❑ RC 1075 *A Flowering of  
Quilts*, edited by Patricia Cox Crews

1 cassette                      History of quilts

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

1 cassette                      Natural history

❑ RC 1077 *The Mover of Bones*,  
by Robert Vivian

2 cassettes                      Mystery

❑ RC 1078 *Living Blue in the  
Red States*, edited by David Starkey

3 cassettes                      Politics

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