



Interchange Newsletter

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Letter from the Director

My name is Gabe Kramer, and I am the new director of the Talking Book and Braille Service. I received my bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2007, and my Masters in Library Science from the University of Missouri in 2018. I started with the Nebraska Talking Book and Braille Service in 2009 as the circulation technician and part-time studio monitor. In December 2014, I was promoted to the Studio Manager. This past June, I was promoted to the Director's chair when Scott Scholz left us to become the director of the Polley Music Library at Bennett Martin Library.

Speaking of staff changes, we have had a few in the past year. Holly Atterbury has been hired as a readers' advisor, Amy Irons has replaced Nick Westra as the circulation technician, and Matt Hier has been hired as the new Studio Manager.

This is the first Interchange newsletter since 2015. You will be receiving a copy of this newsletter in either audio and print or braille. This is the best way for us to keep you informed about staff changes, new books, new magazines, and other things of interest at the Talking Book and Braille Service or the National Library Service (NLS).

NLS Has a New Name



The Library of Congress's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, which provides braille and audio materials to the Nebraska Talking Book Library, has changed its name. As of October 1, 2019, it will be known as "National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled." The new name addresses the use of outdated language and more clearly

communicates the breadth of those served.

This name change will not affect the acronym by which the program is known generally, so NLS will still be NLS.

Recent Books Recorded in Our Studios

DBC00763 *The Meaning of Names* by Karen Gettert Shoemaker. Gerda Vogel and her family experience anti-German immigrant sentiments beginning to sweep the Midwest in the midst of World War I. One Book One Nebraska selection, 2016.

DBC01894 *Oskar and Klaus: The Mission to Cataria* by Travis Bossard and Mick Szydlowski. Oskar and Klaus are back with a new adventure! Oskar and Klaus volunteer for a mission to save the world from a mysterious asteroid that will be passing near earth. For preschool-grade 2. 2016.

DBC01901 *Called to Justice: The Life of a Federal Trial Judge* by Warren K. Urbom. Raised on a small Nebraska farm during the 1930s, Urbom was appointed in 1970 to a judgeship on the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska. His memoir as a federal judge is interwoven with stories from his personal life. 2012.

DBC01909 *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry* by Greg Kosmicki and Mary K. Stillwell. Nebraska Presence is an anthology documenting the wide range of contemporary poetry written by Nebraskans. One Book One Nebraska selection for 2018.

DBC01969 *This Blessed Earth: A Year in the Life of an American Family Farm* by Ted Genoways. Documents a family's struggles within a changing agricultural landscape, as they learn to navigate issues including water rights, climate change, volatile crop prices, evolving technology to meet global food supply demands, and corporate farming. Winner of the 2018 Stubbendieck Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize, and 2019 One Book One Nebraska.

Magazines Recorded in Our Studios

Football and volleyball season is in full-swing and basketball is right around the corner! We record *Hail Varsity*, the only locally owned and produced publication which covers Husker athletics.

The former Nebraska State Historical Society has changed their name to History Nebraska. We record their monthly publication, formerly *Nebraska History News*, now called History Nebraska Newsletter.

Order Form and Mailing Instructions

Mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put this page into an envelope and mail to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Or call (402) 471-4038 or 800-742-7691. You can also order online by going to <https://forms.gle/SGMykpFmnSGQtfhZ8>.

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