



Interchange Newsletter

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Message from the Director

By now we are all distancing ourselves from others and taking precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19. We here at the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service are doing the same.

Those of you that have given us your email address received an email explaining the temporary policy changes that TBBS has instituted to do our part to protect our fellow colleagues and patrons. To recap: TBBS is now closed to the public. Only staff will be allowed to enter the building. No volunteers and no walk-ins will be allowed at this time. We are also sanitizing and quarantining all incoming materials for one week before we use them again, in order to try and keep materials as clean and safe as possible.

We are doing our best to continue your service uninterrupted. Only one reader's advisor will be working at the desk at any given time. If your usual advisor does not answer the phone, do not hesitate to ask for books. Any one of our readers' advisors can help you. For those of you with email, I would suggest using that mode of communication instead of calling. Email will elicit the most prompt response.

To better help serve you in these unique times I am also asking all of our patrons that have access to email to let us know what your current email address is. Responses can be sent to NLC.readadv@nebraska.gov. Please make sure to include your full name in your email.

BARD is also a great resource for acquiring talking books. In the unforeseen circumstance that TBBS is closed, BARD will still be available. If you do not yet have a BARD account contact your reader advisor or visit our website [<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/bard.aspx>] for instructions.

Our studio team is doing their best to record your favorite magazines, but due to the lack of volunteer narrators our magazine program will be delayed. The national magazine program is also affected. According to the National Library Service magazine circulation and distribution is suspended at this time.

Lastly, in the previous issue we told you that machine inventory letters would be sent out shortly. The first batch was mailed in January but the next two batches have been delayed because of the Covid-19 pandemic until further notice.

Until next time...

Gabe Kramer, Director, Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service.

Recently Recorded Books from Our Studios

DBC01970 A Guide to the Ghosts of Lincoln: New Edition by Alan Boye. A general survey of ghostly sites in Lincoln, this expanded edition describes some of the most famous hauntings of the midwest--the story of the ghost at the C.C. White building and the spirit at Penitentiary Field. It was also chosen as one of the Nebraska 150 Books in celebration of Nebraska's sesquicentennial.

New Books to BARD

DBC01905 The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Our Town by Mary Pipher. The newest members of America's family--the refugees--have fled oppressive regimes to live in Lincoln, Nebraska, and in every town across the United States. Bringing with them their own endurance to survive in the face of tragedy, they often come with nothing except the desire to live the American dream. Their stories show how

recent immigrants from numerous countries and traditions offer a wider perspective on the world. Contains strong language.

DBC01911 The Purple Pumpkin by Garnett Bond. This children's book asks, "Who says a pumpkin's always orange? Or maybe even yellow?" A purple pumpkin reminds young readers that life itself is filled with miracles. For preschool-grade 2

Order Form and Mailing Instructions

Mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put this page into an envelope and mail to:

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/fChkshC7Ex6r6RDZA>

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