



Interchange Newsletter

Fall 2021

Thank You

Nebraska Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) was privileged to be asked to participate in the National Library Service (NLS) smart device pilot project. I would like to thank each of the 18 participants who volunteered three months of their time to test the device and who offered a wealth of feedback about the device. Your input will allow NLS to make decisions not only for this device, but for future devices and applications as well.

- Gabe Kramer, Director, Talking Book and Braille Service

NLS Internship Opportunity

Established through the National Library for the Blind Endowment, this paid internship offers legally blind individuals the opportunity to work for National Library Service (NLS) in areas that support services for the blind, including collections building, program delivery, and business oversight and management. Interns will gain valuable experience and explore potential career options while being guided through mentorships and developmental activities. The program has spring, summer, and fall sessions, between ten to twelve weeks each session. All interns work remotely.

NLS Aspiring Leaders Internship Program - How to Apply

Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students and those who have graduated within the past five years from an accredited two-year or

four-year college or university are eligible to apply. In addition, applicants must be 1) a US citizen, 2) legally blind, and 3) able to work remotely.

A complete application package includes a cover letter expressing interest, [a federal-style resume](#), a recent official or unofficial transcript, and an application form that is completed online.

Applicants interested in the Spring 2022 session should submit a completed application by November 1.

To learn more about the program and the application process, visit www.loc.gov/nls/about/internship-program.

For more information, please contact: Erica Vaughns, Administrative Services Head, nlsinternships@loc.gov

In Memoriam

Long-time Nebraska public television presence and former Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS) volunteer Leta Powell Drake has died at the age of 83. Leta is recognized in the Nebraska Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the Nebraska Press Women's Hall of Fame. She appeared in more than 100 plays and recently received her honorary doctorate degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. She also was a volunteer narrator for TBBS from January 1990 to July 1999. She narrated *Choice*, Nebraska Public Television's magazine.

Leta wrote her own memoir about her work in public television and the history of children's television in Nebraska titled *The Calamities of Kalamity Kate: A History of Nebraska's Children's TV Shows*. If you would like to read this book, please contact your reader's advisor and ask for DBC00762 The Calamities of Kalamity Kate. Contact your readers advisor at (402) 471-4038 | (800) 742-7691 | nlc.talkingbook@nebraska.gov.

Magazines from Our Studios

Grit America's family magazine since 1882, *Grit* celebrates country lifestyles of all kinds, while emphasizing the importance of community and stewardship. Topics include: country living, practical advice, do-it-yourself information, humor, land management, wildlife, gardening, livestock or pets, skills and techniques, seasonal food, and tools and machinery.

Nebline Published by University of Nebraska - Lincoln, *Nebline Newsletter* provides information about 4H clubs and projects, lawns and gardens, acreages, farms and ranches, and nutrition, health, and safety. Includes recipes.

New Books to the Collection

DBC01978 *Portrait of a Chair* by Marie Krohn. Following the death of her husband, Harriet opens an antique store on Main Street in Elm Grove, Nebraska. A recently divorced younger woman, Rachel, an artist, asks to display one of her paintings in Harriet's store and ends up renting Harriet's upstairs apartment. When a vase disappears from the store, their friendship is tested but endures, and the actual shoplifter is discovered. Adult Fiction.

New Books on BARD

DBC00764 *Breezes on the Way to Being Winds* by Charles Peek. Nebraska poet Charles Peek explores family, relationships, the passage of time, and the musical fabric of modern life in this collection of recent poems. Often-missed significant moments in everyday life are brought into the foreground in lyric and narrative passages that shine with a love of language. Adult Nonfiction.

DBC01908 *Footprints on the Horizon* by Stephanie Grace Whitson. Nebraska, 1945. Josephine, daughter of the Reverend Hale, spends the summer on her aunt's ranch. There she encounters Dieter Brock, a German prisoner of war being held locally at Fort Robinson. Dieter takes an interest in both Jo and her father's sermons, though the town and Jo's mother disapprove. Adult Fiction.

Upcoming Nebraska Titles

A new Christmas short story by Willa Cather, *The Burglar's Christmas*, is currently in production. Originally published in the December 1896 issue of *The Home Monthly* under the pseudonym Elizabeth L. Seymour. We hope to have the title available for you by Christmas.

If you would like to receive this book when available, contact your readers advisor and ask for DBC01980 *The Burglar's Christmas*. Reach us at (402) 471-4038 | (800) 742-7691 | nlc.talkingbook@nebraska.gov.

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
The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120
Lincoln, NE 68508-2023
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You can also order online by going to <https://forms.gle/vqN8Cwx5BavnrsSn8>

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- Nebline

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