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If you like to read about vacation destinations, you might enjoy *National Geographic Traveler*, a sister publication to the *National Geographic*. Produced eight times a year by the Florida Regional Library, this magazine offers six to ten well-written travel articles, mostly about the United States. An additional section gives cost, phone numbers, and addresses for the destinations discussed.

Another magazine, *Yankee*, recorded bimonthly by the Massachusetts Regional Library, offers travel destinations, local events, and history of the New England states.

Sports 'N Spokes covers competitive wheelchair sports and recreation and other types of 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. A related publication, *AARP Bulletin*, produced monthly by the District of Columbia Regional Library, covers legislative news, including health care costs and Social Security.

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.

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.

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Boston Magazine, a monthly produced by the Massachusetts Regional, focuses on politics, business, social issues, arts, entertainment, personalities, and film and book reviews.

All of these publications are offered on digital cartridge only. To sign up for any of these, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: Is there a way I can get a copy of the Bible I can keep?

Answer: The National Library Service hosts a website known as BARD that offers several versions of the Bible that are downloadable and yours to keep on long-term loan. The King James Version is DB 68777 for audio and BR 14828 for Braille. The Jerusalem Bible is DB 57847, and the Revised Standard Version in Braille is BR 14943. To sign up for BARD, please contact your Reader Advisor.

If you want a copy of the Bible to keep that arrives through the mail, here are some sources:

Aurora Ministries offers audio Bibles on digital cartridges. You could send a blank 2GB USB flash drive or a blank talking book cartridge to P O Box 621, Bradenton FL 34206. Include your name, address, and preferred language. Or you could send a \$15 donation, and

Aurora Ministries will mail you a Bible on cartridge. You can order online at www.audiobiblesfortheblind.org or call (941) 748-3031.

Also, Braille Bibles International offers the King James Version in 18 pt. large print for a \$15 donation and in 24 pt. for a donation of \$30. Pocket Bibles in 24 pt. are offered in six versions for \$40 each. An audio edition of the King James Version, the English Standard Version, and the New Living Translation is offered free on one cartridge. Contact information: Braille Bibles International, P O Box 378, Liberty, MO 64069-0378. Telephone: (800) 522-4253. www.braillebibles.org. Email: info@braillebibles.org.

To obtain materials from either Aurora Ministries or Braille Bibles International, you need to submit one of their applications. ■

Save the Packaging

Please keep the mailing carton and other packaging materials that came with your Library of Congress talking book player. If you need to mail your player back to us, those original packaging materials will make that

task easier. You will need to take your Library of Congress talking book player to a United States Postal Service post office in order to have it returned postage-free. ■

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Are you receiving *Interchange* in a format that is not especially useful to you? You can receive *Interchange* in large print, in Braille, and on cartridge. You can listen or view it online as an audio or text file, including a podcast. Also online is an archive of past issues.

To request a different format for *Interchange*, please contact your Reader Advisor. It is perfectly fine to receive *Interchange* in large print plus another format, since only the print edition contains the order form. ■

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Good Books for Early Winter

The holidays are busy but festive with family and friends. Here are some good books to savor during the hectic holiday season.

DB 67502 *The Blue Star: A Novel*, by Tony Earley

North Carolina, 1941. Jim Glass, a high school senior, falls in love with a part-Cherokee girl, Chrissie Steppe. But Chrissie is claimed by her landlord's son Bucky, who is stationed with the Navy at Pearl Harbor.

DB 67815 *The Best of Cooking with 3 Ingredients*, by Ruthie Wornall

Recipes range from appetizers and beverages to soups, salads, vegetables, main dishes, breads, and desserts—each based on three economical ingredients and a short preparation time. Includes holiday and special-occasion menus.

DB 71100 *A NASCAR Holiday, 3*, by Liz Allison and Wendy Etherington, Brenda Jackson, Marisa Carroll, and Jean Brashear

Four romantic holiday tales. In Jean Brashear's "A Family for Christmas," NASCAR crew chief Gib Cameron returns home to Tennessee for Christmas and rediscovers romance with his high school flame, Cassie. Includes "Have a Beachy Little Christmas," "Winning the Race," and "All They Want for Christmas."

DB 71428 *That Holiday Feeling*, by Debbie Macomber, Sherryl Woods, and Robyn Carr

Three holiday romance novellas. In *Silver Bells* (1996), the Manning siblings return home for a wedding at Christmastime. In *The Perfect Holiday* (2002), a bachelor hopes to wed. In *Under the Christmas Tree* (2009), a veterinarian falls in love. Some explicit descriptions of sex.

DB 73749 *Christmas at Timberwoods*, by Fern Michaels

Angela Steinhart has a vision of a Christmastime explosion at Timberwoods Mall, where she designed the holiday displays. Angela's predictions often come true, so Timberwoods security manager Heather Andrews and her boss work together to prevent a catastrophe. Some violence and some strong language.

DB 73988 *Holidays in Heck*, by P. J. O'Rourke

Satirist describes trips he took, often with his wife and children, between 2003 and 2011. Includes his adventures and sometimes misadventures sailing up China's Yangtze River, skiing in Ohio, and crossing Kyrgyzstan on horseback.

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DB 74438 *The Faith Club: a Muslim, a Christian, a Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*, by Ranya Idliby, Susan Oliver, and Priscilla Warner

After the 9/11 attacks, three American women—one Jewish, one Christian, and one Muslim—decided to collaborate on an interfaith children's book to show the similarities among their religions. They discovered that their own misunderstandings had to be addressed first, leading to candid dialogue as their faith club sought common ground.

DB 74736 *Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948*, by Madeleine Albright with Bill Woodward

Former U.S. secretary of state chronicles the history of Czechoslovakia, where she was born in 1937 into the family of a Jewish diplomat who later converted to Catholicism. Relates her family's flight from Nazism and communism and traces the fate of her Jewish relatives. Contains some violence.

DB 74769 *Shadow Season: a Novel*, by Tom Piccirilli

Blinded ex-cop Finn now teaches literature at a private girls' school in

upstate New York. As a blizzard strikes the nearly empty campus during the holidays, someone begins assaulting both students and local girls—bringing back Finn's memories of his wife's death. Contains violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex.

DB 74783 *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*, by Ann Voskamp

Canadian writer and farmer's wife Voskamp uses scripture to illustrate methods for learning to be grateful for the life one has. Describes training herself to see God's grace in everyday life after enduring family tragedies and years of grief. Defines the Christian term eucharisteo—a lifestyle of thanksgiving.

DB 75411 *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Count Your Blessings: 101 Stories of Gratitude, Fortitude, and Silver Linings*, compiled by Jack Canfield and others

Inspirational accounts of overcoming adversity. Includes expressing gratitude, maintaining a positive attitude, and being grateful despite economic hardship, illness, and other misfortunes.

Ski for Light-Black Hills

The Black Hills Ski for Light winter event will be held in Deadwood, S.D., Jan. 25-30. Individuals who are blind or mobility-challenged can enjoy downhill and cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and snow shoeing. The program cost is \$200 per person and includes all ski equipment, lift tickets, lodging, meals, evening activities, and a banquet ticket. Financial aid may be available. A Black Hills Ski for Light Nebraska bus is available for an

additional \$200 per person, round trip. The bus has a wheelchair lift. A \$50 deposit should be sent to Fontenelle Tours, 2008 W Broadway #329, Council Bluffs, IA 51501. Before Dec. 1, phone (712) 366-9596 to request a bus application. Shortly afterward, you will be sent an application for Black Hills Ski for Light. For more information, contact Karen Lemmon at (308) 667-2054. ■

Free Currency Reader

The Library of Congress has partnered with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in support of its U.S. Currency Reader Program to provide a free device to individuals who are blind or visually impaired. The device is designed to assist individuals in identifying U.S. currency.

The currency reader, called the iBill Talking Banknote Identifier, announces a note's value in one of three ways: voice, pattern of tones, or pattern of vibrations. Just insert a note into the device and press a button to have the denomination identified. The reader does not identify foreign or counterfeit banknotes. The size of a key fob, it can

be carried in a pocket or purse, clipped to a belt, or attached to a keychain or lanyard. It operates on a single AAA battery, which typically lasts for more than a year. The initial battery is included.

A national rollout of the U.S. Currency Reader Program is scheduled to begin in January 2015, but a pilot initiative is currently underway through which eligible talking book borrowers may pre-order through December 31, 2014. To pre-order, please contact your Reader Advisor. When it becomes available, the currency reader will be mailed to your home. ■

New on Digital

DB 40747 *Edwin of the Iron Shoes: A Sharon McCone Mystery, Book 1*, by Sue Grofton
Mystery. Contains some violence and strong language.

DB 40764 *The Proud and the Free: A Novel of the Cherokee Nation, Book 1*, by Janet Daley
Historical fiction. Contains some sex and violence.

DB 41229 *Selected Stories of William Faulkner*, by William Faulkner
American classic

DB 41246 *Five Days in Paris*, by Danielle Steel
Women's fiction. Contains some sex.

DB 41249 *Charles Kuralt's America*, by Charles Kuralt
Travel

DB 41453 *A Long Fatal Love Chase*, by Louisa May Alcott
American classic

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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.

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❑ DB 41732 *All I Know about Animal Behavior I Learned in Loebmann's Dressing Room*, by Erma Bombeck
Humor

❑ DB 41784 *Love in Another Town*, by Barbara Taylor Bradford
Women's fiction. Contains some sex.

❑ DB 41788 *Frontier Lady: Lone Star Legacy, Volume 1*, by Judith Pella
Christian Fiction

❑ DB 42334 *The Runaway Jury*, by John Grisham
Suspense. Contains strong language.

❑ DB 42427 *Devil Wire*, by Wayne C. Lee
Western

❑ DB 42742 *Hey, Cowboy, Wanna Get Lucky?*, by Baxter Black
Rodeo humor. Contains some strong language, violence, and sex.

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