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## Eager for a Digital Player?

We are building a waiting list of borrowers in good standing who would like to receive a Library of Congress digital player. To be added to our list, please contact your Readers Advisor. An active borrower is in good standing if they have no more than one Library of Congress cassette player in their possession and have not demonstrated a pattern of lost or damaged library materials in any format.

By law, the new digital players will

be offered first to active borrowers who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States. The new players will then be offered to active borrowers in good standing age 100 and older.

We will look to our waiting list once priority groups of borrowers have been offered the new players. If you are a veteran, or if you are a non-veteran who would like to be added to our waiting list, please let us know. ■

## New Email Address

If you prefer to communicate with your Readers Advisor via email, please use [nlc.readadv@nebraska.gov](mailto:nlc.readadv@nebraska.gov). The old

email address will continue to work for the next few months, but will then become inactive. ■

## Free Cassette Magazines for Fall Reading

For many Nebraskans, autumn brings back memories of farm life and family, of cooking and baking.

*Mother Earth News*, published six times a year, features articles on cooking from scratch, nutrition,

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# Free Cassette Magazines for Fall Reading

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organic gardening, renewable energy, affordable housing, and outdoor recreation. It is recorded in our own studios.

If you are looking for short stories, advice on child rearing, reunions, home decorating ideas, and fashion and beauty tips, try *Redbook*, a monthly magazine produced by the Florida Regional Library. *Arthritis Today*, a bimonthly publication also produced by Florida, offers news about arthritis research, medications, alternative therapies, exercise, self-help tips, and more.

Produced monthly by the Florida Regional Library, *Seventeen* is a young woman's style and beauty magazine tailored for women in their late teens and early twenties. It highlights information on fitness, food, cars, college, careers, talent, entertainment, fiction, and crucial personal and global issues.

*Living Well*, a quarterly published by the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging and recorded in our own studios, features general topics, programs, issues, and activities concerning the older population, their families, and community organizations.

Also recorded in our studios, *Grit* has

served as America's family magazine since 1882 by taking a positive approach to life. *Grit* is published bimonthly.

*Guideposts*, a monthly publication, offers interfaith, inspirational articles of human interest. It is produced by the American Printing House for the Blind and available through the Talking Book and Braille Service. Also published by *Guideposts*, *Angels on Earth*, recorded six times a year in our own studios, presents true stories of God's angels as well as humans who have played angelic roles in the daily lives of others. *Vantage Point*, produced quarterly by Christian Record Services, features interviews and inspirational articles on health and fitness, the environment, travel, music, the arts, and stories of personal accomplishment.

To many Nebraskans, fall means football. Dedicated to University of Nebraska athletics, *Big Red Report* emphasizes football but attempts to cover the wide range of sports that are part of the university's athletic program. Published ten times a year, it is recorded in our own studios.

To sign up for these free cassette magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or call your Readers Advisor. ■

# Questions and Answers

Question: Down the road, when I receive a Library of Congress digital player, should I send back my cassette player right away so I only have one machine?

Answer: Please do not return your cassette player just because you received a new digital player from us.

For the first few years, as we change over to books on flash memory, there will be a limited selection of titles in this new format.

However, we will continue to receive new books on cassette through the end of 2010 and will continue to offer books on cassette for the next few years. Also, borrowers will need their Library of Congress cassette players for the foreseeable future in order to enjoy audio magazines. For these reasons, it is important that you retain your cassette player even after you receive one of our new digital players.



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## More Magazine News

Talking book readers can now sign up for *Good Old Days* magazine, which is produced six times a year by the Cleveland Regional Library. Filled with America's best memories, written by those who lived them, this magazine contains articles, poems, songs, and more. To sign up for this free magazine, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor.

Associated Services for the Blind, in Philadelphia, has announced that

it has closed its recording department. As a result, the Talking Book and Braille Service will no longer offer *Family Circle*, *Family Handyman*, *Gardening How-To*, *O, the Oprah Magazine*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Taste of Home*, or *Time Magazine Monthly*. Our special thanks to Associated Services for providing these titles in past years, and our condolences upon the loss of its recording program. ■

## Art Is for Everyone!

October is Art Beyond Sight Awareness Month, an event sponsored by Art Education for the Blind, whose purpose is to make art accessible to people who are blind or visually impaired. Here are some fiction and non-fiction books about artists and the art world that are wonderful to read.

### **RC 50774** *When We Were Wolves: Stories*, by Jon Billman

Stories depicting colorful and independent people of Wyoming, including smoke jumpers, small-town Mormons, and an eccentric artist who delights in taunting the local conservatives. In "Custer Complex," a government computer dispatches a U.S. Forest Service firefighter to a remote fire that burned out two years ago. Some strong language.

### **RC 53408** *Vermeer: a View of Delft*, by Anthony Bailey

A portrait of the seventeenth-century Dutch artist and the society in which he lived. Augments biographical facts with educated supposition. Includes historical and cultural information about Delft and some of its important citizens. Discusses Vermeer's paintings and their lasting contribution to the arts.

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**RC 53951 *Forests of the Heart***, by Charles de Lint

In her mid-twenties Bettina San Miguel leaves her desert homeland for a northern art colony. There the presence of los lobos draws her into the mythic world of the past, where Celtic spirits followed Irish immigrants and met the resident Indian and Mexican spiritual forces.

**RC 58398 *The Cat Who Went to Heaven***, by Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth

Soon after adopting a lucky three-colored cat, a poor Japanese artist is hired to paint a masterpiece. The devoted pet watches patiently as the man draws the animals Buddha has blessed. At last he draws a cat and earns a special miracle. For grades 4-7. Newbery Medal.

**RC 61220 *Murder in Retrospect***, by Agatha Christie

England. A young woman hires private detective Hercule Poirot to exonerate her late mother who was convicted of killing her famous artist husband—the young woman's father—sixteen years earlier. To clear the mother's name, Poirot searches for the fatal flaw in what appears to have been the perfect poisoning.

**RC 61323 *Leonardo's Swans***, by Karen Essex

In fifteenth-century Italy, Isabella d'Este marries a minor aristocrat while her younger sister Beatrice weds the manipulative future duke of Milan. Isabella encourages the duke's advances in order to become a model for his resident artist, Leonardo da Vinci.

**RC 61791 *The Master Tanner Heads West***, by W. C. Bamberger

Tanner Jarry Kenninac leaves Rhode Island with his artist wife, Dolley, and two children, in search of the untamed West. They settle in Hugo, where in a matter of weeks Dolley tires of Jarry's romanticism, Jarry befriends some bizarre characters, and the town sheriff turns up dead. Violence.

**RC 61931 *Queen of Dreams***, by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

Berkeley, California. Rakhi Gupta, artist and divorced mother, strives to maintain her independence by managing a tea shop. After reading her deceased mother's dream journals, Rakhi hopes to find a connection to the woman from India who interpreted dreams for strangers but distanced herself from her own family. ■

# New Cassette Books from Our Studios

## *Fiction*

### ***Gracie Gannon: Middle School Zero***

**RC 1098**

by Mary Elizabeth Anderson

read by Nathalie Freeman

1 cassette

Gracie is having a tough time at middle school after her dad lost his job and the family had to move to a small house in a rundown section of town. The popular girls at school think Gracie's clothes, her hair, and Gracie herself are a joke, and even her former best friend ignores her. Gracie has to choose between joining the bullies or becoming a loyal friend to others who need her. For grades 5 to 8.

## *Non-Fiction*

### ***The Complete Roadside Guide to Nebraska***

**RC 506**

by Alan Boye

read by Judy Hanefeldt

3 cassette

This second edition represents a major enlargement and revision of the first edition. It is a comprehensive guide to Nebraska, covering over 12,000 miles in all 93 counties. Includes the location of Indian battle sites, burials, unusual geological formations, pioneer roads, parks, museums, folklore tales, and

thousands of other sites.

### ***Nebraska Magazines on Cassette 2008***

**RC 810**

by the Nebraska Library Commission

read by Janet Remmenga

1 cassette

Describes free magazines distributed directly from the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service to eligible borrowers.

### ***Books for Young People 2009: Nebraska Cassette Books Catalog***

**RC 811**

by the Nebraska Library Commission

read by Margaret Polk and Dick

Shasteen

1 cassette

Catalog of cassette books found in the Nebraska collection. For readers preschool through eighth grade.

### ***Nebraska Cassette Books Catalog: Westerns and Pioneer 2008***

**RC 926**

by the Nebraska Library Commission

read by Judy Hanefeldt, Marjory Gloe,

Kay McKinzie, and Maureen Worden

1 cassette

Cassette books in the Nebraska collection, both fiction and nonfiction, about cowboys and pioneers, frontiersmen and settlers, emigrants and Native Americans. ■

# Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 982 <i>Heart of the Sandhills: Dakota Moon #3</i></b> , by Stephanie Grace Whitson<br>2 cassettes                      Frontier fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 984 <i>Burn</i></b> , by Sean Doolittle<br>2 cassettes                      Suspense. Contains sex and strong language |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 983 <i>Bet Your Life</i></b> , by Richard Dooling<br>2 cassettes                      Suspense. Contains sex and strong language        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 985 <i>Capital City</i></b> , by Mari Sandoz<br>3 cassettes                      Historical fiction                    |

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## Form and Mailing Instructions

Use pages 7 and 8 to 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arthritis Today</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vantage Point</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 58398</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Big Red Report</b>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 506</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 61220</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Good Old Days</b>     | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 810</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 61323</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grit</b>              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 811</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 61791</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Guideposts</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 926</b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 61931</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Living Well</b>       | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 1098</b>       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Mother Earth News</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 50774</b>      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Redbook</b>           | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RC 53408</b>      |  |

# More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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RC 986 *Once Upon a Farm*,  
by Bob Artley

1 cassette Farm memories

RC 987 *Biting the Dust: The  
Wild Ride and Dark Romance of  
the Rodeo Cowboy and the  
American West*, by Dirk Johnson

2 cassettes Rodeos

RC 988 *Your Name Is  
Hughes Hannibal Shanks: A  
Caregiver's Guide to Alzheimers*,

by Lela Knox Shanks

2 cassettes Alzheimers

RC 989 *Christmas on the  
Farm*, by Bob Artley

1 cassette Farm memories

RC 990 *I Can 2: Coach Ron  
Brown's Inspiring Story*, by Art  
Lindsey

2 cassettes Devotional  
autobiography

RC 991 *Forever Red:  
Confessions of a Cornhusker  
Football Fan*, by Steve Smith

2 cassettes Football

RC 992 *The Game of the  
Century: Nebraska vs. Oklahoma  
in College Football's Ultimate  
Battle*, by Michael Corcoran

2 cassettes Football

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