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Nominees Sought for Advisory Committee

Five vacancies currently exist on the Advisory Committee to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service. The purpose of the committee is to represent the needs of talking book and Braille borrowers and to make recommendations concerning library policies, services, and programs. Membership consists primarily of library users but may include librarians, educators, health care

providers, and others who understand the needs of individuals with disabilities. The committee normally meets twice a year.

Interested persons should contact Talking Book and Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023 by March 1, 2008. Phone: 402-471-4038 or 800-742-7691, fax: 402-471-6244, e-mail: talkingbook@nlc.state.ne.us. ■

New Cassette Books from Our Studios

Non-Fiction

No One Ever Asked Me: the World War Memoirs of an Omaha Indian Soldier RC 996 by Hollis D. Stabler, edited by Victoria Smith read by Brad Meurrens
2 cassettes

A Native American veteran recounts his experiences growing up in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Oklahoma, before

engaging in combat during World War II in Tunisia, Morocco, Italy, and France, and enduring the loss of his brother. Upon returning home to Nebraska as a decorated war veteran, he felt the estrangement of living in two worlds. After graduation from Friends University, he pursued a successful career as an educator. Contains some strong language and some descriptions of sex.

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New Cassette Books from Our Studios

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A Life with Dogs RC 999

by Roger Welsch

read by Marjory Gloe

2 cassettes

Dog aficionado draws from experiences with his own pets, from

childhood on, to examine the relationship between humans and canines. Through anecdotes filled with nostalgia and humor, the author's love of dogs is apparent in every page. ■

Cassette Magazines for History Buffs

If you enjoy history and wonder how the past affects the present, you might be interested in the following free cassette magazines from the Talking Book and Braille Service:

American History covers personalities, as well as social, political, military, and artistic themes that played a role in the development of our country. This bimonthly publication is produced by Recorded Recreational Reading for the Blind.

Smithsonian, a monthly publication, offers a wide variety of articles about science, history, art, archaeology, and ecology. It also covers events at America's foremost museum, the Smithsonian Institution. It is produced by the Florida Regional Library.

If you would like to learn about

your own state, you would enjoy *Nebraska History*, a quarterly publication of the Nebraska State Historical Society. This publication is recorded in the studios of the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service.

If you enjoy a fond flashback to the good ol' days, you would enjoy *Reminisce* and its companion magazine, *Reminisce Extra*. Published in alternating months, these two magazines are both recorded in our own studios.

To keep in touch with current events, you should try *Time Magazine Monthly*. Produced by Associated Services for the Blind, this publication consists of selected articles from each weekly issue of *Time*. Another way to track current events is to read *Vital Speeches of the Day*. Produced by the Florida Regional Library, each issue

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features eight to ten speeches by individuals who have attained leadership in such fields as economics, politics, finance, education, government, or business.

To sign up for any of these new cassette magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: Since books on cassette will eventually be replaced with digital talking books, will you be offering CD players?

Answer: While the timeline is uncertain, Library of Congress is planning to phase out books on cassette and to phase in books on flash memory. However, flash memory is

different from CDs. The library is not planning to loan out CD players, even though we now offer old-time radio programs on CD. Instead, borrowers eventually will be loaned digital flash memory players, which will be simple to operate and have excellent sound. ■

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OK to Sample Before You Say Yes

Our newest magazine, *Vantage Point*, offers inspirational articles on health and fitness, the environment, travel, music, and personal accomplishments. It is produced four times a year by Christian Record Services. Another interfaith magazine, *Guideposts* offers inspirational stories of human interest. This magazine is

recorded monthly by American Printing House for the Blind.

Before you make a commitment to these or any other cassette magazine, you have the option of asking for a sample copy. We are always happy to send you a sample magazine before you decide to sign up. To request a sample, just contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Warm Reads for Cold Days

Two foods, soup and chili, are especially well-suited for a winter day. Here are books that feature these cold-weather comfort favorites.

RC 46429 *Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul: Stories about Pets as Teachers, Healers, Heroes, and Friends*, edited by Jack Canfield and others

Collection of almost one hundred stories portraying the belief that a "loving interdependent relationship" with a pet can be life-enhancing.

Writers including Barbara Bush, Betty White, Art Linkletter, and Jimmy Stewart describe how pets entertain us, and sometimes bring out the goodness in us.

RC 46804 *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul: 101 Stories of*

Courage, Hope, and Laughter, compiled by Jack Canfield and others

A selection of inspirational stories by and for children. Topics cover love, friendship, family, attitude, death, goals, hardships, decisions, and wisdom. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

RC 47127 *If Life Is a Game, These are the Rules: Ten Rules for Being Human, as Introduced in Chicken Soup for the Soul*, by Cherie Carter-Scott

The author expands on rules originally introduced in 1974 and designed to

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serve as a “basic spiritual primer for what it means to be human.” She explains that life presents lessons, that the lessons are repeated until learned, that others are only mirrors of ourselves, and that all answers lie within the individuals.

RC 48652 *Lone Star Swing: On the Trail of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys*, by Duncan McLean

Describe how, after finding a scratchy LP recording of Texan Bob Wills in Edinburgh, Scotland, McLean was hooked. He recalls his statewide musical quest to track down the spirit of Texas swing, along with his Scotsman’s reactions to catfish, chili, honky-tonks, tumbleweed, and the local language. Some strong language.

RC 48882 *Chicken Soup for the College Soul: Inspiring and Humorous Stories about College*, compiled by Jack Canfield and others

Collection of anecdotes offering support and encouragement, and a little laughter, for students throughout their college years. Includes sections on getting accepted, adjusting to a new environment, getting good grades, making friends, and finally graduation.

RC 49806 *Things Seen and Unseen: A Year Lived on Faith*, by Nora Gallagher

Memoir of a woman’s midlife religious conversion and her return to the Episcopal Church, where she becomes deeply involved in human-service activities. Recounts her spiritual passage as she consoles the sick, feeds the hungry in a soup kitchen, and comes to realize that “the road to the sacred is paved with the ordinary.”

RC 50391 *Chicken Soup for the Christian Family Soul: 101 Stories to Open the Heart and Rekindle the Spirit*, by Jack Canfield and others

Stories designed to deepen faith and nourish the soul, about people who have chosen hope over despair, offered a helping hand to someone in need, or put their faith in God against all odds. Includes tales of love, divine intervention, acts of kindness, the power of belief, and overcoming obstacles.

RC 51269 *Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul: 101 Stories of Changes, Choices, and Growing Up for Kids Ages 9-13*, by Jack Canfield and others

A collection of true stories by and about preteens dealing with such topics as friends, family, death, decisions, love, and growing pains. For grades 4-7.

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RC 55145 *Enemy Within*, by Robert K. Tanenbaum

During an election year New York district attorney Butch Karp contends with several shady situations, among them: a serial killer stalks the homeless; Karp's wife, spitfire Marlene Ciampi, overreacts to getting rich in the stock market; and his daughter, Lucy, volunteers at a dicey soup kitchen. Violence and strong language.

RC 56209 *Martha Stewart's Hor d'oeuvres Handbook*, by Martha Stewart with Susan Spungen

Recipes for more than three hundred finger foods and appetizers including tea sandwiches, soup, canapés, drinks, and favorite classics. Includes ideas on menu and party planning, techniques, and ingredients and where to find them.

RC 58510 *Cookoff: Recipe Fever in America*, by Amy Sutherland

Intrigued by the 2000 Pillsbury Bake-Off contest, journalist Sutherland follows a group of contestants around the country for a year. She describes chili cook-offs, county fairs, and other competitive cooking events while recounting the participants' backgrounds and motivations. Includes winning recipes.

RC 59932 *Philly Stakes*, by Gillian Roberts

Amanda Pepper proposes that her moody, spoiled tenth-grade Philadelphia prep class cook and serve a holiday meal in a soup kitchen. With the involvement of parent Sandy Clausen, her lesson in humanity becomes a catered gourmet affair for sixty homeless people, upper crust parents, and a murderer. ■

Connected to the Railroad?

In searching for more ways to let people know about Talking Books, we discovered an opportunity to put an article in a railroad newsletter. If you would

be willing to share background information or be interviewed, please let us know. ■

More Golden Oldies

Here are some more wonderful books recorded in our studios in past years. To order, please 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"/> RC 816 <i>This Free Land</i> , by Carri J. Mattan
2 cassettes Historical fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 819 <i>KFOR Best of Problems and Solutions, Volume 5</i> , by KFOR
1 cassette Homemaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC 817 <i>Buffalo Bill: Myth and Reality</i> , by Eric Sorg
1 cassette Biography | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 820 <i>Frontier Children</i> , by Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith
2 cassettes Biography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC 818 <i>As Far as I Can See: Contemporary Writing of the Middle Plains</i> , edited by Charles L. Woodard
2 cassettes Poetry | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 821 <i>Rock Island Town; Fairbury, Nebraska: Western Division</i> , by Michael M. Bartels
1 cassette Nebraska history |

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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"/> American History | <input type="checkbox"/> Vital Speeches of the Day | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 49806 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska History | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 999 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 51269 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reminisce | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 46429 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 55145 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reminisce Extra | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 46804 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 56209 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smithsonian | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 47127 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 59810 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Time Magazine
Monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 48652 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 59932 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vantage Point | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 48882 | |

Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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- ❑ **RC 822 *Remember When: Memories of Lincoln***, by James L. McKee
2 cassettes Nebraska History

- ❑ **RC 823 *Operation Recognition: Honoring Nebraska War Veterans***, by Ivan Schoone
4 cassettes Biography

- ❑ **RC 824 *Hearts of Gold***, by James Magorian
1 cassette Humorous fiction

- ❑ **RC 825 *People of the Troubled Water: A Missouri River Journal***, by Nancy M. Peterson
2 cassettes U.S. history

- ❑ **RC 826 *A Few Survived: The Story of a Japanese Prisoner of War***, by Bob Dowding
1 cassette Autobiography

- ❑ **RC 827 *Daniel and Agnes Freeman: Homesteaders***, by Beverly S. Kaplan
2 cassettes Pioneer biography

- ❑ **RC 828 *This Old Farm: A Treasury of Family Farm Memories***, edited by Michael Dregni
1 cassette Farm life

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