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Talking Books Updates Catalogs

Many readers of talking books enjoy books about cowboys and pioneers, frontiersmen and settlers, emigrants and Native Americans. A recently enlarged and updated catalog of *Westerns and Pioneer* books on cassette provides easier access to fiction and nonfiction about the settlement of Nebraska and the Great Plains. Another catalog, *Books for Young People*, has been updated as well. This catalog describes

books on cassette for preschool through eighth grade.

Many of these books were recorded in the Nebraska Library Commission's own studios. The catalogs are available in large print and online.

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/tbbscatalogs.html>. To request a catalog in large print, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Cassette Magazines for Summer Reading

The long days of summer are a time to appreciate living on the Great Plains. Here are three magazines from our own studios that highlight what we enjoy here on the prairie. *Capper's*, a bimonthly publication with a focus on small-town and rural living, includes reader contributions, recipes, poetry, nationally-known columnists, and a continuing story. *Country*, published bimonthly, offers feature stories and columns for

those who live in or long for the country. It includes country diaries, travel, features, and recipes. *Great Plains Game and Fish*, published monthly, describes fishing and hunting hot spots in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and North Dakota.

For information about destinations a little further from home, *National Geographic Traveler*, a bimonthly

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produced by the Florida Regional Library, offers six to ten travel articles, mostly about the United States. An additional section gives full data, such as cost, phone numbers, and addresses for the destinations discussed.

Sunset: The Magazine of Western Living, a monthly publication, discusses what, when, and how to enhance your life in the West. It is

produced by the Arizona Regional Library. *Cowboys & Indians*, produced eight times a year by the Oklahoma Regional Library, features articles on western lore and Native Americans, plus a listing of rodeos and other events across the United States.

To request these magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Volunteer Profile: Kay McKinzie

If Kay McKinzie's voice sounds familiar as she narrates Nebraska magazines, maybe that's because she co-hosted a radio talking show for fifteen years. She has also made radio commercials, written newsletters, and conducting marketing activities. More recently, you may have heard her as the narrator for *Country, Nebraska Life, Nebraska Farmer, Cappers, Mother Earth News, Midwest Living, Grit*, and *Big Red Report*.

Now retired after a twenty-five-year career as a University of Nebraska home economics extension educator, followed by years of service as an educator and trainer for Exmark Manufacturing and Beatrice Community Hospital, Kay has

volunteered for her local library board, hospital board, church committees, and other professional and community organizations.

She decided to become a studio volunteer because she is a lifelong reader who loves to explore the world around her through reading. Recently on her own, she has read *Team of Rivals*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin (RC 61162) and *Water for Elephants*, by Sara Gruen (RC 62718). She collects pink enamelware and graniteware. Her favorite food is hot fudge Sunday, but also enjoys a fruit cup with honeydew melon, strawberries, blueberries, and pineapple. Her favorite movie is "Gone with the Wind" (DVS 70586). ■

Spanish-Language Magazines on Cassette

If you speak Spanish or are studying Spanish in school, you might enjoy the following cassette magazines: *Buenhogar* is a monthly magazine produced by the National Library Service that features articles on home management, beauty, fashions, and decorating. Another monthly magazine produced by the National Library Service, *Selecciones del Reader's Digest* offers selections from Spanish-language magazines as well as the American edition of *Reader's Digest*.

A monthly magazine produced by the Florida Regional Library, *Buena Vida* promotes family members' well-being with articles on nutrition, fitness, preventive medicine, home safety, and child care. *People en Espanol*, another monthly produced by the Florida Regional, covers the fascinating lives of ordinary and extraordinary Latinos in the U.S. To sign up for any of these magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

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Questions and Answers

Question: Recently I mailed a cassette book back to the library and realized afterward that I had left out one of the cassettes. How do I return the cassette to you so that it is reunited with the rest of the book?

Answer: The next time you mail a book back to the library, check to see if there is room inside the mailing container for the leftover cassette. You could either wrap a rubber band around the cassette or turn it Braille-side down when you

place it inside. Either method indicates the cassette is either damaged or a stray. Library staff opens all incoming books. When they discover that a cassette is missing, they will place that copy aside to see if the stray cassette shows up. When they later find the cassette wrapped in a rubber band or turned Braille-side down, they will reunite the stray cassette with the rest of the book. ■

New Cassette Books from Our Studios

Fiction

The Brother

RC 1024

by Jack Barron

read by Jack Barron and Wendy Hirsch

2 cassettes

In this devotional novel about Jerry Johnson, a thirty-six-year-old ranch hand from Broken Bow, Nebraska, who moves to a small county seat in Kentucky where he lives for three years and then dies. Six individuals tell, in their own words, how Jerry's short time with them changed their lives.

Heed the Thunder

RC 1062

by Jim Thompson

read by Michael Cartwright

2 cassettes

Four generations of Fargos dominate the small Nebraska town of Verdon. Set in the early 1900s, this dark, yet playful story portrays the mean-spirited members of an interlocking clan. A charming young lawyer turns into a crooked politician, and a bank clerk is slowly dying of syphilis. The clan's grandmother is persuaded by a clergyman of dubious character to sign over the family property. Some strong language and descriptions of sex.

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Non-Fiction

Nebraska Moments: New Edition **RC 602**

by Donald R. Hickey, Susan A. Wunder,
and John R. Wunder
read by Helena Whitaker
3 cassettes

Authors write about Nebraska places, events, personalities, and institutions, including the Oregon Trail, Forts Kearny and Robinson, the rise of Omaha, the celebrated architecture of the Capitol Building, the world's largest area of sand dunes and of planted forest, the High Plains Aquifer, the establishment of Boys Town and Offutt Air Force Base, Gerald Ford-the first native Nebraskan president, the assassination of Malcolm X, the University of Nebraska five-time national championship football team, the opening of the Kearney Arch over Interstate 80. Revised and expanded from the first edition. For high school and adult readers.

Forty Acres and a Fool: How to Live in the Country and Still Keep Your Sanity **RC 1042**

by Roger Welsch
read by Dan Howell
2 cassettes

In 1975, the author purchased a farm near Dannebrog, Nebraska, and eventually left city life and a tenured professorship at a university behind. Drawing from over thirty years experience in country living, Welsch offered light-hearted but sincere advice to anyone contemplating a similar move. He discusses the problems of being an outsider in a tight-knit community, how to acquire and move buildings, and how to deal with trespassers and eccentric town folk. While expressing warm affection for his adopted home in the country, he advises newbie countrymen to learn from his mistakes.

Nebraska Quilts & Quiltmakers **RC 1074**

edited by Patricia Cox Crews and Ronald G. Naugle
read by Janet Remmenga
2 cassettes

Drawn from the Nebraska Quilt Project survey, 103 quilts represent over 125 years of quilt making, from territorial days to the 1980s. In addition to a description of patterns, materials, and techniques, the entries include a biographical sketch of the quilt makers.

Books about the Adventure of Travel

Summertime is a time for a family vacation. Here are some great fiction and nonfiction about the pleasures and the mishaps of a summer trip.

RC 59501 *Sisterchicks Do the Hula*, by Robin Jones Gunn

“Sisterchicks” Hope and Laurie, best friends as close as sisters, celebrate their fortieth birthdays together on a long-planned Hawaiian vacation. Away from families and unhindered by a little surprise stowaway, they prepare for the next season of their lives by reconnecting to their faith and to each other.

RC 59660 *Gift from the Sea*, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Reflections on possessions, love and marriage, and solitude and contentment written by Anne Morrow Lindbergh when she was a young mother on a quiet vacation by the sea. Fiftieth anniversary edition with a 2005 introduction by Anne’s daughter Reeve Lindbergh.

RC 60160 *Discover America: A Comprehensive Travel Guide to Our Country’s Greatest Destinations*, by the Reader’s Digest
Travel guide arranged by geographical region describes cities, towns, national parks, and monuments in all fifty states.

Outlines each state’s history, culture, and economic features. Covers introductory information and useful web sites in a “See America” section. Discusses day trips and vacation planning.

RC 61744 *Grace Happens*, by Jan M. Czech

The daughter of a movie star, fifteen-year-old Grace longs to escape celebrity life for an anonymous summer vacation at her mother’s childhood home on Martha’s Vineyard. Although her mother reluctantly promises to reveal the identity of Grace’s father, impatient Grace begins her own search. For grades 6-9.

RC 62097 *New Orleans, Mon Amour: Twenty Years of Writings from the City*, by Andrei Codrescu

Essays from a Romanian-born National Public Radio commentator about his adopted city of New Orleans. Includes some pieces written after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Describes the Big Easy and its inhabitants, food, cemeteries, eccentrics, neighborhoods, Mardi Gras, and crime. ■

Golden Oldies From Our Studios

Here are more great books that were recorded in our own studios in 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.

RC 971 *Sandhills Kid in the City, 1927-1938*, by Billie Lee Snyder
Thornburg
1 cassette Autobiography

RC 972 *Medicine Creek Journals: Ena and the Plainsmen*,
by D. Jean Smith
2 cassettes Frontier biography

RC 973 *The True Life Wild West Memoir of a Bush-Popping Cow Waddy*, by Charley Hester
1 cassette Frontier
autobiography

RC 974 *Secrets on the Wind: Pine Ridge Portraits #1*, by Stephanie
Grace Whitson
3 cassettes Frontier 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.

**Books for Young
People Catalog**

Buena Vida

Buenhogar

Capper's

Country

Cowboys & Indians

**Great Plains
Game and Fish**

**National Geographic
Traveler**

People en Espanol

Reader's Digest

**Selecciones del
Reader's Digest**

**Sunset: The
Magazine of Western
Living**

**Westerns and
Pioneer Catalog**

RC 602

RC 1024

RC 1042

RC 1062

RC 1074

RC 59501

RC 59660

RC 60160

RC 61744

RC 62097

More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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2 cassettes Frontier fiction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RC 976 <i>Valley of the Shadow: Dakota Moon #1</i>, by Stephanie Grace Whitson
2 cassettes Frontier fiction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RC 977 <i>Edge of the Wilderness: Dakota Moon #2</i>, by Stephanie Grace Whitson
2 cassettes Frontier fiction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RC 978 <i>Bertie and Me: Kids on a Ranch</i>, by Billie Lee Snyder Thornburg</p> | <p>1 cassettes Autobiography</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RC 979 <i>Free to Drink the Wind: A Misty West Mystery</i>, by Ruth Foreman
2 cassettes Ranch mystery.
For grades 6 to 9.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RC 980 <i>The Phantom Limbs of the Rollow Sisters</i>, by Timothy Schaffert
2 cassettes Family story.
Contains strong language.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RC 981 <i>Prairie Summer</i>, by Bonnie Geisert
1 cassette Family story.
For grades 3 to 5.</p> |
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