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A Lantern in Her Hand Selected for Statewide Read

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One Book One Nebraska 2009 invites citizens across the state to read *A Lantern in Her Hand* by Nebraska author Bess Streeter Aldrich. It is RC 24820 or, in Braille, BRA 1757. First published in 1928, this novel is a classic story of a pioneer woman who withstands adversity on the prairie to triumph in the joy of everyday life. As a young bride, she accompanies her husband to Nebraska by covered wagon and lives out the rest of her eighty years caring for her large family with courage and devotion. The author modeled the main character after her own mother.

Year-long activities will include book discussion groups at numerous Nebraska public libraries and

celebrations and open houses at the Aldrich home in Elmwood. The Elmwood Public Library will sponsor a summer event to highlight the literary heritage of the area.

A similar statewide reading program for younger readers, One Book for Nebraska Kids 2009 has selected *The Green Glass Sea*, by Ellen Klages. A novel written for grades 4 to 6, this book is RC 64564. It is also available for direct download. Amateur inventor Dewey Kerrigan, who is almost eleven, takes a train to meet her scientist father in an undisclosed location. When she finally joins him in Los Alamos, New Mexico, she learns he is working on a top-secret government program. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: When can I expect to receive one of the new Library of Congress digital players?

Answer: The Talking Book and Braille Service expects to receive

the first of the digital players by early summer of this year. By law, these players will first be offered to active borrowers who have been honorably discharged from the

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armed forces of the United States. We have been asked by Library of Congress to offer the players next to active centenarians (borrowers age 100 or older). The players will next be offered to active Nebraska veterans' homes, classrooms, and to frequent borrowers of books on cassette.

These borrowers must be in good standing, which means having no more than one Library of Congress cassette player in their possession at a time and not demonstrating a

pattern of lost or damaged library materials in any format.

The transition to digital talking books and players could take up to six years. We expect that some players may be offered to active borrowers who are non-veterans sometime during 2010. In the meantime, we will continue to circulate books and magazines on audio cassette. All new books produced in digital will also be issued on cassette through December 2010. ■

Magazines for Family Living

With milder temperatures and more daylight, this is the time of year when the family begins to spend more time outdoors, getting ready for spring. Here is an assortment of free cassette magazines about family activities. *Humpty Dumpty's*, produced by the Florida Regional Library, is a magazine full of stories, poems, puzzles, and more to engage children age 4 to 6. The magazine's philosophy is to help kids have fun through creative ways to exercise, eat right, and play safely.

Your Dog, published monthly by Tufts University School of Veterinary

Medicine, is a resource for those who care about their canine family members. Articles cover health, training, and behavior issues, plus reviews of dog-friendly products. Recorded by the Massachusetts Regional Library.

America's family magazine since 1882, *Grit* celebrates rural America by focusing on a positive approach to life. Recorded monthly in our own studios, *Grit* features articles that promote encouragement, pluck, dedication, and determination.

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The Saturday Evening Post, produced six times a year, is a general-interest magazine containing humor, fiction, and health-related and other non-fiction articles. Throughout its history, it has chronicled the events and cultural shifts that have shaped America. It is recorded by the Braille and Talking Book Division of the Arizona State Library.

Martha Stewart Living, published twelve times per year, offers creative solutions, delicious recipes, and helpful hints to make your life more comfortable,

organized, and fun. It is produced by the Florida Regional Library.

Designed to give women the tools they need to explore and reach for their dreams, *O—The Oprah Magazine* is a monthly publication recorded by Associated Services for the Blind. It is intended to help women make smart choices for a happier and more fulfilling life.

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

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New Cassette Books from Our Studios

Fiction

Death at the Door

RC 1048

by K.C. Greenlief

read by Bonnie Faimon

2 cassettes

Door County resident Ann Ranson is playing a round of golf at Wisconsin's Gibraltar State Park when she discovers a body on the eighth green. The victim, a local landowner and Chicago architect, had opposed nearly all commercial development in the increasingly popular Door County. At the same time, a string of burglaries have involved the theft from expensive auction houses across the United States. It becomes apparent the burglaries are tied-in with the murder. Book Two of the Swenson and Smith Mystery Series. Contains some strong language and violence.

Non-Fiction

From the Garden Club: Rural Women Writing Community

RC 1079

by Charlotte Hogg

read by Mary Elizabeth Anderson

2 cassettes

The author describes the lives of her grandmother and other women in Paxton, Nebraska, who are involved in literacy work. These women use their work to help sustain their town and nourish themselves as well.

Hero of the Underground

RC 1082

by Jason Peter, with Tony O'Neill

read by Gail Barnard

2 cassettes

An All-American and a member of three national championship teams at the University of Nebraska, Jason Peter was the 1998 National Football League first-round draft pick by the Caroline Panthers. As football injuries took their toll, Jason began taking large amounts of Vicodin for pain control, and he moved on to crack cocaine, then heroin. He went through a series of drug treatment programs and became suicidal. He chose life over death, as he fought his way through successful rehab. Contains strong language and descriptions of sex. ■

Attention, Veterans!

We have been asking talking book readers to let us know if they have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States. If you have already notified us, thank you. If you are

a veteran but you haven't yet told us, please contact your Readers Advisor right away. Call toll-free: 1-800-742-7691, or local: 471-4038. ■

Good Reading for End-of-Winter

March is a month of transition, when winter begins to let go. Here are wonderful books that touch on the end of winter and beginning of spring.

RC 347 *Those of the Gray Wind: the Sandhill Cranes*, by Paul A.

Johnsgard

This book follows the migration of the sandhill cranes from the American Southwest to their Alaskan mating grounds and home again. Johnsgard shows how man's encroachments have imperiled the flocks. In each section there is interaction between a child and an adult brought about by some event in the migration of the cranes.

RC 26690 *Spring Came on Forever*, by Bess Streeter Aldrich

Depicts the lives of two German-American pioneer families who come to Nebraska in covered wagons.

RC 49776 *The Snake Scientist*, by Sy Montgomery

Bob Mason, a zoologist from Oregon State University, spends six weeks each spring studying the red-sided garter snakes at the Narcisse Wildlife Management Area in Manitoba. His research covers their hibernation, their mating habits, and their food. For grades 3 to 6.

RC 51397 *Blue Deer Thaw: a Mystery*, by Jamie Harrison

Corpses begin to surface with the spring thaw in sparsely inhabited

Absaroka County, Montana. Sheriff Jules Clement investigates the circumstances while courting his deputy, Caroline Fair, and contending with the wedding of his best friends in the newly renovated hotel outside Blue Deer. Strong language and some violence.

RC 53778 *Catch as Cat Can*, by Rita Mae Brown and Sneaky Pie Brown

Just when the Crozet, Virginia, postmistress "Harry" Haristeen is welcoming the arrival of spring with her pets (cats Mrs. Murphy and Pewter and dog Tee Tucker), a local mechanic mysteriously dies. While they are investigating, Harry begins dating a handsome South American diplomat. Some strong language.

RC 55213 *Blueberry Muffin Murder: a Hanna Swensen Mystery*, by Joanne Fluke

Lake Eden, Minnesota, is hosting a winter festival, and bakery owner Hannah Swensen is the chief supplier of sweets. Celebrity television chef Connie Mac is hired to bake a cake but ends up being murdered in Hannah's kitchen. Hannah investigates with her sister Andrea's help.

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RC 56646 *The Winter People*, by Joseph Bruchac

As the French and Indian War rages on in October of 1759, Saxso, a fourteen-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his Quebec village and taken his mother and sisters hostage. Some violence. For grades 6 to 9.

RC 57473 *Seek My Face*, by John Updike

A young woman interviews elderly artist Hope Chafetz over the course of a spring day. Hope revisits her troubled marriages to painters and her personal struggle with self-expression, revealing the inner world of pop and abstract art in post-World War II America. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language.

RC 57814 *The Bookseller of Kabul*, by Asne Seierstad, translated by Ingrid Christophersen

Intimate portrait of Afghani bookseller Sultan Khan and his family by an award-winning Norwegian journalist who lived with them in the spring of 2002 after the Taliban fell. Depicts the experiences of Khan's children and two wives in a strict Muslim household as their nation recovers from war.

RC 58484 *St. Patrick of Ireland: a Biography*, by Philip Freeman

Life of St. Patrick based on his two surviving letters: one a defense of his work in Ireland, the other condemning a slave-raiding king and his pirates. Recounts Patrick's kidnapping by Irish pirates, years of slavery, escape, and eventual return to minister to the Irish people. Debunks many myths.

RC 58934 *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*, by Aron Ralston

Spring 2003. Author's account of becoming trapped while hiking in the Utah wilderness. The twenty-eight-year-old recalls the five days he spent alone in a canyon pinned in place by a boulder. Describes his desperate decision to amputate his own arm, rappel down, and seek help. Strong language.

RC 60538 *Spring Forward: the Annual Madness of Daylight*

Saving, by Michael Downing
Chronicles the history of seasonal one-hour clock changes first signed into U.S. law in 1918 to maximize daylight hours and save energy during World War I. Draws on congressional minutes and newspaper reports to trace decades of debate, controversy, and confusion persisting into the twenty-first century.

Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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

RC 946 *Calling the Midwest Home: A Living Look at the Origins, Attitudes, Quirks, and Curiosities of America's Heartlanders*, by

Carolyn Lieberg

2 cassettes

Living in the Midwest

RC 947 *Out of the Ashes: A Story of a Lifetime*, by J. C. Mitera

2 cassettes

Fire chief's
autobiography

RC 948 *Those Were the Days: More Tales from the "Good Old Days,"* by Van C. Duling and Jerry Mapes

2 cassettes

Nebraska history

RC 949 *Chip Shots: A Rookie State Senator's Take on the Nebraska Legislature*, by Chip

Maxwell

1 cassette

Nebraska politics

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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.

Grit

Humpty Dumpty's

Martha Stewart
Living

O—The Oprah
Magazine

The Saturday
Evening Post

Your Dog

RC 347

RC 1048

RC 1079

RC 1082

RC 24820

RC 26690

RC 49776

RC 51397

RC 53778

RC 55213

RC 56646

RC 57473

RC 57814

RC 58484

RC 58934

RC 60538

RC 64564

More Golden Oldies From Our Studios

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❑ RC 950 *The Weight of Dreams*, by Jonis Agee
4 cassettes Modern fiction.
Contains some strong language and violence.

❑ RC 951 *Together Apart*, by Dianne E. Gray
1 cassette Pioneer fiction.
For grades 5 to 8.

❑ RC 952 *The Last Posse: A Jailbreak, a Manhunt, and the End of Hang-'em High Justice*, by Gale E. Christianson
2 cassettes Nebraska history

❑ RC 953 *Kate M. McCleary: a Literary Biography with Selected Works*, by Suzanne K. George
2 cassettes Biography

❑ RC 954 *Operation Recognition II: Honoring Nebraska War Veterans*, by Ivan Schoone
3 cassettes Biography

❑ RC 955 *Pylon!: the Omaha Air Races, 1931-1934*, by Wallace C. Peterson
1 cassette Nebraska history

❑ RC 956 *Danes in America: Kansas and Nebraska*, edited by John W. Nielsen
2 cassettes Nebraska history

❑ RC 957 *Waring's War*, by John W. Creighton
2 cassettes World War II fiction

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