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***Vantage Point* Offers Variety, Inspiration**

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Produced four times a year by Christian Record Services, *Vantage Point* magazine features interviews and inspirational articles on health and fitness, the environment, travel, music, the arts, and stories of personal accomplishment.

The next issue of *Vantage Point* includes a celebration of Christ's birth. In stark contrast, it also includes an interview with Dara McQuillan, Director of

Communications for Silverstein Properties, the developer currently rebuilding the World Trade Center. In Oklahoma, the editor visits the Oklahoma City National Memorial, site of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

To sign up for this free cassette magazine, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Cassette Magazines for Those Who Love to Travel

If you like to read about other places, you might enjoy *Arizona Highways*, a monthly guide to that state's greatest attractions. Produced by the Arizona Regional Library, this magazine is filled with useful information about state and national parks, Indian ruins, nature hikes, beautiful drives, and much more.

Southern Living, a monthly magazine recorded by the Florida

Regional Library, focuses on the southern style of life, including gardening, history, travel, and recipes. Another magazine, *Yankee*, recorded monthly by the Massachusetts Regional Library, offers travel destinations, local events, and history of the New England states.

A monthly publication in Spanish, *Buena Vida* is Puerto Rico's leading quality of life publication. Recorded

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by the Florida Regional Library, this publication promotes every family member's well-being with articles on nutrition, fitness, preventative medicine, home safety, family dynamics, and child care.

Sports 'N Spokes covers competitive wheelchair sports and recreation and sports for individuals with visual impairment. This monthly 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.

Older Nebraskan's Voice is published quarterly by the Nebraska

Health and Human Services System, Aging Services, and recorded in our own studios. This publication offers health news, legislative reviews, and personal profiles.

If you are interested in research in the field of visual impairment, you might like the *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*. This monthly journal is recorded in our own studios.

If you enjoy do-it-yourself projects in the fall, you would enjoy *Popular Mechanics*, a monthly magazine with articles on auto mechanics, woodworking, photography, and electronics. The cassette edition is produced by Associated Services for the Blind.

To order any of these cassette magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or call your Readers Advisor. ■

Attention, Veterans!

Have you been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States? If the answer is yes, please contact your Readers Advisor. We want to make sure your patron file shows veteran

status. Call toll-free: 800-742-7691 or local, 471-4038. Email: readadv@nlc.state.ne.us. By federal law, talking book and Braille libraries are required to give preference to veterans. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: I was listening to a book by one of my favorite authors. All of a sudden the tape stopped in the middle of a side. What should I do?

Answer: You might be wondering if the battery has run down. Though this is possible, it is more likely you have a tightly wound cassette. Try removing the tape from your player and tapping

the cassette gently several times, either face up or face down, on a table or counter. If this doesn't do the trick, call your Readers Advisor to request another copy. Place a string or rubber band around the defective tape to help us spot the problem when the problem book is returned to us. ■

Volunteer Profile . . . Ruth Patten

One of our newer volunteers, Ruth Patten helps staff keep up with the flow of mail by opening incoming cassette magazines. She became a library volunteer in order to try something different and enjoys the variety of tasks that go with volunteering as well as the opportunity to help others. Formerly a personnel manager for Pegler-Sysco, Ruth spends leisure time with her two-year-old puppy named Blackie and also

bowls on mixed and senior leagues.

Her favorite author is Janette Oke. The latest book she read is *Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog*, by John Grogan (RC 61561; BR 16584). Her favorite foods are cookies and angel food cake. Her favorite movie is *Gone With the Wind* (DVS 70586). ■

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Movies for Those Who Cannot See the Screen

Talking Book and Braille Service circulates a collection of home entertainment videos that include audio description. On these videos, an additional sound track is used to describe the action, characters, and settings without interfering with the movie's narration, dialogue, or sound effects. The videos are used with a regular VHS video cassette player and a television. Some movies are also available on DVD.

The videos are loaned to registered, active borrowers with visual impairment who have submitted a registration form. The videos are mailed to and from borrowers as "free matter for the blind or handicapped." To receive a registration form, a loan policy, and a catalog of titles, please contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Cast Your Ballot for These Great Books!

Fall is often the peak of the campaign season. Here are some wonderful books about politicians and the art of electioneering.

RC 480 *Portrait of a*

Legislature, by Richard F. Proud

Written by a former speaker of the Nebraska Legislature, this novel is about political intrigue at the state level and about temptations placed by lobbyists in the paths of lawmakers.

RC 531 *Jean Rides a Tiger to Washington: a Family Story*, by

Jean Simmons Wear

The daughter of Nebraska Congressman Robert Simmons recalls the fascinating 1920s. Her memoirs include campaigning with her family

in a Model-T, going to parties at the White House, and meeting President Coolidge in the Oval Office.

RC 570 *Fighting Liberal: the Autobiography of George W. Norris*

Famous Nebraska politician who served from 1903 until 1943 describes his own forty-year career in the U.S. Congress. His political philosophy, a mixture of Populism, Christianity, and the New Deal, placed the distinguished Senator from a conservative state in the best liberal tradition.

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RC 613 *Forty Years Against the Tide: Congress and the Welfare State*, by Carl T. Curtis

Former Senator Carl T. Curtis offers his account of four decades in Congress. From the administration of President Franklin Roosevelt through the middle of President Carter's administration, he contended against the tide of events, particularly the coming of the American welfare state.

RC 710 *Leaving Your Mark: the Political Career of Nebraska State Senator Jerome Warner*, by Charlyne Berens

From the testimony of friends, colleagues, and political observers, the biography of Nebraska State Senator Jerome Warner focuses on the major contributions the senator has made to the State of Nebraska.

RC 943 *My Journey Through the Twentieth Century*, by Governor Frank B. Morrison

In this autobiography, three-term governor of Nebraska revisits his youth, his days as a teacher, a lawyer, a candidate, and an elected official. A confidant of Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, he was called to the White House immediately after the assassination of President Kennedy. Well

into retirement, former Governor Morrison led the way to the development of the Great Platte River Road Archway near Kearney.

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

A freshman senator offers an insider's view of the 2001 session of the Nebraska Unicameral.

RC 52479 *Murder in the Lincoln Bedroom: an Eleanor Roosevelt Mystery*, by Elliott Roosevelt

Washington, D.C., 1943. When an armed White House lawyer is discovered murdered in the Lincoln Bedroom, it is up to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Captain Ed Kennelly to quietly find his killer. The president and his generals are secretly planning the invasion of Europe and cannot be disturbed.

RC 53307 *Christmas in Plains: Memories*, by Jimmy Carter

Carter, who served as the thirty-ninth president of the United States, reminisces about family Christmases over the years, beginning with his childhood on a Georgia farm, through his years in the U.S. Navy, the Georgia governor's mansion, the White House, and then back to Plains.

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RC 57178 *Reflections: Life After the White House*, by Barbara Bush

Mrs. Bush chronicles the eight years between the presidencies of her husband and son. She recalls official functions, charities and hobbies, extensive travel, world VIPS, and life with her five children and fourteen grandchildren. Includes several recipes.

RC 57939 *Deception Point*, by

Dan Brown

Just as NASA is targeted by presidential candidate Senator Sedgewick Sexton's budget investigations, the agency makes an astonishing discovery in the arctic ice. In verifying the news, White House intelligence liaison Rachel Sexton, the senator's daughter, uncovers evidence of scientific trickery. Some violence and some strong language. ■

New Cassette Books from Our Studios

Non-Fiction

RC 1003 *Fort Robinson and the American Century, 1900-1948*

by Thomas R. Buecker

read by Bonnie Quinn

2 cassettes

Curator of the Fort Robinson Museum writes the history of Nebraska's Fort Robinson in the twentieth century. Using the fort's archives and interviewing men and women who served, the author recounts when the fort was home to the army's largest remount depot for horses and main training center for dogs, a prisoner of war camp, and a beef research center, before becoming Nebraska's premier

state park.

RC 1038 *Chuck Hagel: Moving Forward*

by Charlyne Berens

read by Margaret Polk

2 cassettes

Sympathetic portrait of a United States senator from Nebraska known for his straightforward, independent positions. After serving in Vietnam and making a fortune in the cellular phone industry, this controversial public figure beat a popular sitting governor for the Senate race in 1996. This biography tracks his rise to national prominence, even while at odds with his own party. ■

Golden Oldies From Our Studios

Here are more great books recorded several years ago in our own studios. 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 794 <i>Nebraska Trivia</i> ,
compiled by Gabe C. Parks
1 cassette Nebraska history | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 797 <i>A Wild Game Cookbook</i> ,
by <i>Nebraskaland Magazine</i>
2 cassettes Cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC 795 <i>A Historical Album of Nebraska</i> , by Charles A. Wills
1 cassette Nebraska history | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 801 <i>The Purple Pumpkin</i> , by
Garnett Bond
1 cassette Children's story
(for grades 2-5) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC 796 <i>Light Dances: Illuminating Families with Laughter</i> , by Shirley K. Trout
2 cassettes Parenting | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 802 <i>Boy Howdy!! Was I Lucky!!</i> , by Ross E. Boyer
2 cassettes Rancher's
autobiography |

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Order 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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Blindness | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 480 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 53307 |
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Voice | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 531 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 57178 |
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- ❑ **RC 803 *Aurora: a Wartime Love Story***, by Marie Kramer
1 cassette Fiction
- ❑ **RC 804 *Thirst for Justice: a World War II Story***, by Antoni Jasnowski as told to Marie Kramer
1 cassette Autobiography
- ❑ **RC 807 *Making Do in the New Millennium***, by V. Marie White
2 cassettes Recipes and home economics
- ❑ **RC 808 *Holding Stone Hands: On the Trail of the Cheyenne Exodus***, by Alan Boye
3 cassettes Native American history
- ❑ **RC 809 *Satterfield on the Loose: Being a Compendium of Essays and Observations from the Author's Journal Star Columns and Comprised of the Truth Mainly***, by Leon Satterfield
1 cassette Humor
- ❑ **RC 811 *Books for Young People***, by the Nebraska Library Commission
1 cassette Casette book catalog
- ❑ **RC 815 *The Western Story: a Chronological Treasury***, edited by Jon Tuska
5 cassettes Western short stories