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Magazines for History Buffs

Newsletter
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Talking Book
& Braille
Service

If you wonder how the past affects the present or have an interest in current events that are shaping history, you might be interested in the following free recorded 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 our own studios.

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 also recorded in our own studios.

To keep in touch with current events, you should try *Vital Speeches of the Day*. Produced monthly by the Florida Regional Library, each issue features eight to ten speeches by individuals who have attained leadership in such fields as economics, politics, finance, education, government, or business. Another option would be *Choice Magazine Listening*, for selections of articles, poetry, and fiction from over a hundred magazines. Created in 1962 by the Lucerna Fund, this publication is produced quarterly. To find out what is happening at the Nebraska Library Commission and at Nebraska libraries and media centers, try *NCompass*, a newsletter published by the Nebraska Library Commission.

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Nebraska History, *NCompass*, *Reminisce*, and *Reminisce Extra* are all available on cartridge. *American History*, *Smithsonian*, and *Vital Speeches of the Day* are available on cassette only. *Choice Magazine Listening* is available on cassette from Talking Book and Braille Service but is

also offered on cartridge by contacting the producer directly at 1-888-724-6423.

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

2010 Talking Books Catalog

Many borrowers have already received their Digital Talking Books Plus 2010 catalog from the National Library Service, most likely because they responded to a patron publications order form sent out in October 2009. New borrowers set up for service since October 2011 received the 2010 catalog in their new borrower packet. If you have fallen between the cracks and would like a large-print edition of

the catalog, please contact your Readers Advisor.

The catalog lists adult audio books produced by the National Library Service during 2010. Separate sections list books for young adults and books in Spanish. The catalog shows titles already announced in previous issues of *Talking Book Topics*. ■

New Magazine on Diabetes

Providing information about diabetes research and patient care, *Diabetes Self-Management* is a free magazine now available on cartridge only. Recorded bimonthly by the North Carolina Regional Library, this publication offers tips and insights from health-care professionals and people

with diabetes. Includes nutrition, exercise, new diabetes drugs, and other medical advances.

To sign up, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: Why am I receiving books I did not request?

Answer: The culprits for why this happens typically fall into two reasons. First, when you set up for service or at some point afterward, you may have indicated what types of books you enjoy and asked that the library select books for you based on those subjects. If you ran out of book requests, we might select books for you, based upon those subjects.

Second, perhaps you, or someone who helped you, sent in a lengthy book order form which we added to your request list. It may have taken some time before certain titles made their way to you.

Regardless of the reason, if you prefer to build your request list from scratch, please contact your Readers Advisor. It is always possible to start over. ■

New Software for Digital Player

The National Library Service has found a way to upgrade the software that comes with your Library of Congress digital player. This revised software is being added to new books, beginning with December 2011. When a book with the new software is inserted into your player, it will announce, "Updating your player's software; please do not power off your player or remove the

cartridge from the player."

There will be a series of beeps while the machine is updating. When the update is complete, the player will announce, "Software upgrade is complete; stand by while your player is restarted."

Please do not remove the cartridge while it is updating your player's software. ■

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Good Books for Winter Nights

Here are some wonderful books to help us make it through Nebraska's season of ice and snow.

DB/RC 66582 *The Ends of the Earth: an Anthology of the Finest Writing on the Arctic and the Antarctic*, edited by Elizabeth Kobert
Fiction and nonfiction selections by scientists, explorers, and novelists spanning the twentieth century. Includes excerpts from journals of Antarctic explorers Ernest Shackleton, Roald Amundsen, and Robert Falcon Scott. Arctic contributions feature Robert Peary's disputed account of reaching the North Pole and "Kasiagsak, the Great Liar," a native legend.

DB/RC 68052 *The Drillmaster of Valley Forge: the Baron de Steuben and the Making of the American Army*, by Paul Lockhart

Biography of Prussian army officer Friedrich de Steuben (1730-1794), who trained the ragged U. S. Continental Army to fight the British during the Revolutionary War. Focuses on the winter of 1778, when Steuben drilled the demoralized colonial troops at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in European techniques of war.

DB 69857 *The Winter Garden Mystery: a Daisy Dalrymple Mystery*, by Carola Dunn

England, 1923. Daisy Dalrymple heads to

Cheshire to write an article about her old schoolmate's estate. While photographing the grounds, Daisy discovers the body of a missing housemaid buried in the garden. The house's occupants and neighbors in the surrounding village become suspects as the police investigate.

DB 72404 *Mrs. Adams in Winter: a Journey in the Last Days of Napoleon*, by Michael O'Brien

Bancroft Prize-winning British historian recreates the forty-day journey by Louisa Catherine Adams and her seven-year-old son from St. Petersburg, Russia, to Paris during the winter of 1815. Provides an in-depth look at the early life of the future American first lady, wife of John Quincy Adams.

DB 72482 *Ice Cold: a Rizzoli & Isles Novel*, by Tess Gerritsen

At a Wyoming conference, Dr. Maura Isles uncharacteristically accepts a colleague's invitation to join an overnight ski trip. When their vehicle rolls off a remote road, the travelers find shelter in an eerily abandoned village. Meanwhile, Maura's Boston friends frantically try to locate her. Contains violence and some strong language.

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DB 72627 *Hard Winter: a Western Story*, by Johnny D. Boggs

Jim Hawkins tells his grandson about the time he ran away to be a cowboy. He recalls joining Tommy O'Hallahan and mentor John Henry Kenton to learn the ropes and remembers the blizzards of 1886-1887 that killed the cattle and almost froze the teens to death on the range.

DB 72743 *Snowbound*, by Richard S. Wheeler

After his 1847 court-martial, Colonel John Fremont, known as the Pathfinder, resigns from the army and embarks on an expedition to survey a proposed railway between St. Louis and San Francisco. Trapped in the Colorado Mountains during winter, his team battles starvation and freezing temperatures. ■

New Books from Our Studios

***Black Hills Blessing* DB 1137**

by Mary Connealy

read by Helena Whitaker

17 hours 20 minutes

Three cowboy romances set in the Black Hills. In *Buffalo Gal*, Buffy Lange is thrilled to be managing a huge ranch dedicated to protecting a herd of buffalo. Neighboring rancher, Wyatt Shaw, however, views the large, free-ranging animals as a threat. In *Clueless Cowboy*, Emily Johansson would like to act kindly toward an uninvited trespasser who takes up residence in a rundown house behind her ranch. He asks for solitude; while she keeps having to save his life. In *The Bossy Bridegroom*, Jeanie Davidson leaves an unhappy marriage rather than be a doormat for her tyrannical husband. Now in possession of some self-esteem, she

returns home, only to have her ex-husband reappear as her new boss.

***Unbridled Dreams* DB 1154**

by Stephanie Grace Whitson

read by Alice Timm

11 hours 30 minutes

Irma Friedrich, born into an affluent family in Nebraska, could have attended Brownell Finishing School as her mother wished. Instead, Irma longed to join Buffalo Bill's Wild West and perform as a trick rider. With her father's help and behind her mother's back, she auditions for Buffalo Bill and wins a spot on his traveling show. Changing her name to Liberty Bell, she begins to tour the United States. Two handsome cowboy stars of the show become her suitors.

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***Forts of the Northern Plains: Guide to Historic Military Posts of the Plains Indians Wars* DB 1166**

by Jeff Barnes

read by Judy Hanefeldt

6 hours

This historical travel guide provides information on 51 military posts of the Plains Indians Wars. The focus is primarily on those involved with the Sioux (Dakota) Indians. This guide includes directions, admissions and hours, amenities, special events, nearby attractions, and other tips.

***A Sandhills Ballad* DB 1175**

by Ladette Randolph

read by Kay McKinzie

11 hours 30 minutes

Mary Needham, a young Nebraska ranch woman, wakes in a hospital from a coma to find that her husband has died in a car wreck and that she has lost a leg. Unable to participate in the ranch work that she loves, Mary chooses to enter into a mismatched marriage with a young preacher, rather than a life spent convalescing. Only after she and her preacher husband have four children and little money does she realize the enormity of her mistake. Then she finds herself embroiled in a controversy involving a local feedlot run by her former in-laws. Contains some strong language. ■

BARD News

BARD, Braille and Audio Reading Download, is an online service offered by the Library of Congress that provides instant access to over 24,000 books and 49 magazines. This free service is available to borrowers, including schools and care facilities, which have access to a computer with email and a high-speed connection.

Beginning in 2012, services offered through BARD will be expanded to include Web-Braille, so that downloadable audio books, audio magazines, and Braille will be available at one convenient location. To sign up for BARD, please contact your Readers Advisor. ■

New on Digital

DB 11 *The Holy Bible New Testament, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition*

Bible.

DB 1183 *Let's Be Reasonable*, by Joel Sartore

Humorous and reflective essays.

DB 10929 *Little House on the Prairie*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Pioneer.

DB 11206 *At Random: the Reminiscences of Bennett Cerf*, by Bennett Cerf

Memoirs of a publisher.

DB 11330 *The Wisdom of Father Brown*, by G. K. Chesterton

Short story mysteries.

DB 11354 *The Case of the Green-Eyed Sister*, by Erle Stanley Gardner

Mystery.

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Order Form and Mailing Instructions

Mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put the page into an envelope and mail to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Borrowers currently using a Library of Congress digital player will receive Nebraska magazines on cartridge instead of cassette automatically.

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DB 1154

DB 1166

DB 1175

DB/RC 66582

DB/RC 68052

DB 69857

DB 72404

DB 72482

DB 72627

DB 72743

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DB 11581 *Lost Pueblo*, by Zane Grey
Western.

DB 11660 *The Hash Knife Outfit*, by Zane Grey
Western.

DB 11910 *Under the Sweetwater Rim*, by Louis L'Amour
Western.

DB 12256 *Dance Hall of the Dead: A Navaho Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn Mystery, Book 2*, by Tony Hillerman
Mystery.

DB 12322 *Glass Flame*, by Tony Phyllis Whitney
Mystery.

DB 12376 *Window on the Square*, by Phyllis Whitney
Gothic fiction.

Mystery.

DB 12533 *Dark Canyon*, by Louis L'Amour
Western.

DB 12536 *How the West Was Won: A Novel*, by Louis L'Amour
Western.

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