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Free Magazines for Fall Reading

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For many Nebraskans, autumn brings back memories of family life, cooking and baking, harvesting, and back to school. *Mother Earth News*, published six times a year, features articles on cooking from scratch, nutrition, organic gardening, renewable energy, affordable housing, and outdoor recreation.

Filled with America's best memories, *Good Old Days* is written by those who lived them. Published bimonthly, it contains nostalgic articles, letters, poems, songs, and reminiscences.

Living Well, a quarterly published by Aging Partners and recorded in our own studios, features general topics, programs, issues, and activities concerning the older population, their families, and community organizations.

Better Homes and Gardens is a monthly magazine filled with articles on home decorating, gardening, food, health, and family issues.

Country Woman, published bimonthly, is written for farm women and those whose hearts are still in the country. It includes recipes and articles on decorating and crafts.

A down-home cooking magazine published bimonthly, *Taste of Home* offers satisfying, easy-to-prepare dishes that come from the readers themselves. The recipes use standard utensils and ingredients that you are likely to have on hand.

To many Nebraskans, fall means football. Dedicated to University of Nebraska athletics, *Big Red Report* emphasizes football but attempts to cover the wide range of sports that are part of the university's athletic program. Published ten times a year, it is recorded in our own studios.

Guideposts, a monthly publication produced by *Guideposts Associates, Inc.*, offers interfaith, inspirational articles of human interest. Also published by *Guideposts*, *Angels on Earth*, recorded six times a year,

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presents true stories of God's angels as well as humans who have played angelic roles in the daily lives of others.

Good Old Days, Better Homes and Gardens, and Country Woman are produced by the Iowa Regional Library. *Mother Earth News, Living Well, Taste of Home, Big Red Report, and Angels*

on Earth are all recorded in our own studios.

To sign up for these free magazines, now all on cartridge only, please use the order form on page 7 or call your Readers Advisor. ■

National Magazines Soon on Cartridge

This fall the National Library Service will begin circulating magazines on digital cartridge. The mailing containers will be dark red, and the cartridges will be blue. Multiple subscriptions will arrive on one cartridge, and audio instructions will explain to readers how to move from magazine to magazine.

Readers who receive *Talking Book Topics* on cassette will soon be receiving it on cartridge with their other audio magazines. The large print order forms will be mailed to you separately. Unlike cassette magazines from the National Library Service, the magazines on cartridge, including *Talking Book Topics*, must be returned so they can be reused. As with books, if the magazine cartridges

are not returned, your service may be disrupted.

In order to listen to multiple magazine subscriptions on one cartridge, hold down the green play/stop button for a few seconds. Your player will announce "Bookshelf." The rewind and fast forward keys can now be used to move from magazine to magazine. When you hear the announcement for the desired magazine, press the green play/stop key. You should now be able to listen to the selected magazine. ■

Breath Switch Now Available

Library of Congress is introducing a new accessory for use with its digital talking book player, but it is only for readers who are unable to press the play/stop key. The breath switch, which responds to puffs of air, would be used in conjunction with a breath switch adapter and a USB right

angle adapter. The breath switch requires that the player run on AC power and not on the battery. If you feel you qualify for this accessory, which comes with the two adapters, please discuss your need with your Readers Advisor. ■

Questions and Answers

Question: What is happening to *Talking Book Topics*? There are a lot more books being announced, but each book comes with a very brief description.

Answer: Beginning with *Talking Book Topics* for July – August 2012, each issue will list up to 500 titles until a backlog of unannounced digital talking books is eliminated.

For space and cost considerations, these titles will be listed with one-line annotations that include their subject categories and advisories for violence, strong language, or descriptions of sex. Readers of *Talking Book Topics* will enjoy a large selection of titles, even though there will be less description. ■

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Requests from Anonymous

Every so often we receive a book request list without a name or an address. Sadly, we have no way of responding to that need. Please be sure your name and address are on all request lists sent to us. ■

New Books from Our Studios

Nebraska Recorded Magazines Catalog DB 810

by the Nebraska Library Commission
read by Scott Scholz

0 hours 15 minutes

Recorded catalog describes the digital magazines offered by the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service to supplement the national collection.

Land of Challenge: Dakota Territory; The Richert Family Saga, Book 2 DB 1144

by Ruth Richert Jones
read by Marilee McPherson

5 hours 35 minutes

Mennonite immigrants Ben, Nettie, and their children made their way from Russia to Dakota Territory in the 1870s where Ben finally found a parcel of land to homestead. After breaking sod, digging a well, and building a sod house, Ben and his family struggled to live off the land. Ben constructed a wooden house and a wooden barn for his twenty-four head of cattle. They endured financial hardship, blizzards, and a ferocious prairie fire that threatened the farm they had grown to love. Sequel to *Land of Their Own* (DB 1134).

Effie's Image DB 1161

by N. L. Sharp
read by Carolin Roehr

0 hours 10 minutes

On the morning of her 82nd birthday, Effie Armstrong picks up a photograph of her younger self and traces her image with her finger. Feeling depressed that she is no longer physically beautiful, she hides away in her house. The neighbor girl, Amanda, tries to lift her spirits. Finally, Effie finds new purpose for herself by volunteering at the local grade school. For grades 4 to 7.

The Old Iron Road: An Epic of Rails, Roads, and the Urge to Go West DB 1182

by David Haward Bain
read by Judy Hanefeldt

20 hours 10 minutes

The author chronicles an eight-week road trip which he and his family undertook from Missouri through California to retrace covered wagon trails, the first transcontinental railroad, and the Lincoln Highway. Throughout the seven-thousand-mile trip, the author highlights dramatic Western terrain and historic locales. ■

Great Books for Early Fall

September and October is a time for harvest and football. Here are some wonderful books for Nebraska's best and busiest season.

DB 646 *On Solid Ground*, by Tom Osborne

Former head football coach at the University of Nebraska, Tom Osborne tells his personal story—about a season when everything went right on the field but not always smoothly off the field. Coach Osborne's faith and personal philosophy are brought into sharp focus. For high school and adult readers.

DB 1046 *Heart of a Husker: Tom Osborne's Nebraska Legacy*, by Mike Babcock

Portrait of Nebraska's legendary football coach, drawn from interviews with former players and other coaches. Throughout his twenty-five seasons as head coach, Osborne earned a reputation as a quiet but intense individual of integrity who led the Cornhuskers from 1973-1997 to a combined record of 255-49-3.

DB 67166 *Between Sundays*, by Karen Kingsbury

Christian football player Derrick Anderson becomes mentor and backup to shallow San Francisco quarterback Aaron Hill. Meanwhile Megan Gunn's eight-year-old foster child Cory insists that he is Aaron's son. When the two athletes volunteer at a youth center, Cory believes his prayers have come true.

DB 68656 *American Lightning: Terror, Mystery, Movie-Making, and the Crime of the Century*, by Howard Blum

Examines the October 1, 1910, bombing of the *Los Angeles Times* offices, killing twenty-one workers. Chronicles the violent labor disputes that preceded the attack. Discusses the roles of PI Billy Burns, filmmaker D.W. Griffith, and Clarence Darrow, who defended the two brothers accused of the crime. Some violence.

DB 68684 *American Rust*, by Philipp Meyer

High school graduates Isaac English, the class scholar, and Billy Poe, the football hero, are still stuck in their economically depressed former steel mill Pennsylvania town. When they accidentally kill someone, their decisions change their lives and their families forever. Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex.

DB 68685 *Uncommon: Finding Your Path to Significance*, by Tony Dungy with Nathan Whitaker

Retired NFL football coach Tony Dungy illustrates his philosophy of life using biblical quotations and personal experiences. Dungy suggests ways to love your friends and family and to reach your full potential. Offers advice on education, work, and integrity.

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DB 68873 *In a Pickle: a Family Farm Story*, by Jerry Apps

Korean War veteran Andy Meyer helps run his parents' small farm in Ames County, Wisconsin. Andy also supervises a corporate pickle factory and feels conflicted when the company insists that local cucumber growers change their farming methods. Then a disease damages this year's crop.

DB 68920 *Panic: the Story of Modern Financial Insanity*, edited by Michael Lewis

Anthology of published articles from five different financial market crashes, from October 1987 to the subprime-mortgage market collapse almost two decades later. Examines the mood and events before, during, and after each panic. Some strong language.

DB 70128 *Native Universe: Voices of Indian America*, edited by Gerald McMaster and Clifford E. Trafzer

Indian scholars, writers, and leaders celebrate their cultural heritage through three main topics: "Our Universes" examines the diversity of beliefs and ceremonies; "Our Peoples" probes historical events such as the arrival of Christopher Columbus; and "Our Lives" offers stories and poems on contemporary identity.

DB 70180 *100 Missions North*, by Kenneth H. Bell

Retired USAF brigadier general recounts North Vietnam missions he flew in an F-105 Thunderchief from October 1966 to June 1967 while stationed at the Takhli Royal Thai Air Force Base. Provides combat-diary entries he wrote, directly after returning from battle. Some strong language.

DB 72834 *Harvest Moon*, by Robyn Carr

Burned-out San Francisco sous-chef Kelly Matlock joins her sister Jillian, a gardener, in Virgin River to recuperate. There Kelly meets screenwriter Lief Holbrook and his unruly stepdaughter Courtney. Kelly and Lief fall in love while Courtney finds trouble. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

DB 73109 *I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to the Blind Side, and Beyond*, by Michael Oher, with Don Yaeger

Professional football player and the subject of the book and movie *The Blind Side* describes his childhood in Memphis and his climb out of homelessness. Offers suggestions to kids in poverty and suggests ways adults can reach children who need help. ■

New on Digital

DB 17517 *The Case of the Bigamous Spouse*, by Erle Stanley Gardner Mystery

DB 17608 *Dubliners*, by James Joyce Classic

DB 17674 *Chiefs: Lee Family Saga, Book 1*, by Stuart Woods
Mystery. Contains some strong language.

DB 17702 *Buckskin Run*, by Louis L'Amour Western

DB 17706 *Parsifal Mosaic*, by Robert Ludlum Spy
Contains strong language.

DB 17730 *The Man from St. Petersburg*, by Ken Follett
Suspense. Contains strong language and descriptions of sex.

DB 17737 *Cherokee Trail*, by Louis L'Amour Western

DB 18133 *Tender Is the Night*, by F. Scott Fitzgerald Classic

DB 18668 *Crossings*, by Danielle Steel Romance
Contains strong language

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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.

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□ DB 18699 *Little Drummer Girl*,
by John le Carre Spy
Contains strong language and
descriptions of sex.

□ DB 18775 *The One in the
Middle Is the Green Kangaroo*, by
Judy Blume Family story
For grades 2 to 4.

□ DB 18825 *The African Queen*, by
C. S. Forester Adventure

□ DB 18857 *The Case of the Fan-
Dancer's Horse*, by Erle Stanley
Gardner Mystery

□ DB 18899 *He Married a Doctor*,
by Faith Baldwin Romance

□ DB 19106 *Reilly's Luck*, by Louis
L'Amour Western

□ DB 19203 *Bowdrie: Bowdrie
Tales, Book 1*, by Louis 'Amour
Western short stories

□ DB 19209 *Lonesome Gods*, by
Louis 'Amour
Western

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