



Kid's News

From the SD Braille & Talking Book Library

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Notes from the Director - Dan Boyd

In October of this year I will be retiring from the South Dakota State Library, Braille & Talking Book Program. Thirty two years ago when I was hired, the SD State Library was Located in an old grocery warehouse and the Braille & Talking Book Program was located across town in an old lumberyard building. The Braille & Talking Book Program building was cold in the winter and very hot in the summer. The lighting was so bad that there were places in the stacks where a flashlight was needed to read the book numbers on the containers.

The South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Program used to be the talking book program for North Dakota when the majority of the audio books were on records with the older part of the collection recorded at 16 2/3 rpm and the newer part of the collection recorded at 8 1/3 rpm. The agreement between the two states continued until 1995 when North Dakota established the newest braille & talking book program in the country. Also new was the transition from records to cassettes. Beginning in the early 1970's, cassette books were recorded on two tracks at 1 7/8 ips. This was soon followed by the new four tack cassette book recorded at 15/16 ips.



The change to the four track cassette allowed for six hours of recording on each standard 90 minute cassette tape. At the same time, the South Dakota program also held a braille book collection. This continued until 1973 when a decision was made to drop the braille collection and contract with Utah to provide braille service to South and North Dakota patrons.

At the start of our program there was no automation for record keeping purposes and it would take the Reader Advisors three to four hours each day to prepare about 250 – 300 patrons for service and then three to four hours to re-file the patron records after circulation. Pulling the requested books from the shelves was also a very time consuming job taking four or more hours each day to mail 300 – 400 cassette books.

In the early 1970's, discussions began on the building of a new SD State Library Building. The new building was completed in 1976 with federal funding through the Library Services and Construction Act.

Now that we are in the 21st Century, progress continues on the conversion from cassette to digital format. Due to funding shortages, the timetable for initial distribution of the books and players has changed. Here's how things stand right now.

Five thousand digital players will be produced by the end of 2008. These players will be tested by users in 8 states (unfortunately South Dakota is not one of the states). Once these prototype players are tested, any necessary changes will be made and the player will go into general production. The first players for distribution will be received sometime in 2009. At this time, we expect to receive approximately 25 players per month for the first year. Under federal law, veterans receive preference when distributing the players.



If you haven't indicated your interest in receiving a new digital player, call the library 1-800-423-6665 and ask to be placed on a waiting list, Once veterans have received their players, others on the list will receive players based on how many books they receive per year. The goal is to make the players available to those who read the most.

All digital titles currently can be downloaded from the NLS BARD database. To download and listen to the titles, users must have high speed Internet access, an e-mail address, and have use of a digital player. Currently 3 players will play the downloaded titles and are available for purchase:

The Victor Reader Stream from Human Ware 1-800-722-3393
Email: us.info@humanware.com www.humanware.com

The LevelStar Icon www.levelstar.com Email: info@levelstar.com
1-800-315-2305

The Braille Plus Mobile Manager from American Printing House for the Blind www.aph.org/tech 1-800-223-1839

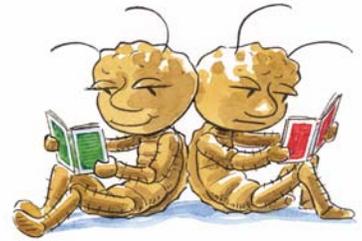
For more information on purchasing any of these players contact the vendors. For information on accessing the NLS BARD database, contact the SD Braille & Talking Book Library 1-800-423-6665.

Quick Reminder

If you are sent a replacement talking book cassette player from the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library please remember to plug it in and give it a good (12-16 hours) charge before using.



Summer Reading Awards Program



The 2008 Governors Summer Reading Program culminated with an awards event on August 16th in De Smet South Dakota at The Ingalls Homestead. Three first place and four second place winners and their families attended the event. Plaques were presented by Dan Siebersma, South Dakota State Librarian and assisted by Dan Boyd, Director of Information Services at the State Library. MJ Knobe Executive Director of the Lion's Foundation presented a \$50 savings bond to the top reader overall in the braille and recorded format. Rachael Johnson was the braille recipient and Sarah Dolney won in recorded books. Ann Lesch presented the winners with tickets for a guided tour of the Ingalls Homestead. This tour by Lesch took place with the winners and their families at the conclusion of the awards program.

"Catch the Reading Bug" was the theme of this year's program. This program is sponsored by the Braille and Talking Book Library. It ran from June 9 through July 18, 2008. The annual event is in its eighteenth year and is supported by the South Dakota Lion's Foundation. Sixty students participated in the program and 481 books circulated. The participants could only use recorded books or braille books for the program. Mary Sjerven of the Braille & Talking Book Library is the program coordinator.

This year's winners include, Division 7 to 9 recorded books, first place went to Jennifer Busch and second place went to Emily Busch. Rachel Johnson won first in Braille books and Marcus Van Dam won second. In the 10 to 12 age division recorded books, first place winner was Jordan Harkless, second place went to Ashley Schmit. The Braille winner was Michael McMillen. In the 13 to 15 year old recorded book division, first place went to Sarah Dolney, second place to Rachael Jorgensen and third place went to Derek Nieland. There were no braille participants in this division.



Two New Employees with SD B&TBL

Hi everyone. My name is Dakota Saukel, and I'm the new Reader Advisor for patrons with last names starting with J-R. I will also be the editor of the Prairie Trails Memorandum starting with the next issue. I started this position on February 25, and I have enjoyed learning the ins and outs of the job and getting to know all of you.

I was born and raised in Maryland, but in the last few years I've lived in several states, including Idaho, Kentucky, and now South Dakota. I've been in Pierre for the past two years, and I'm still not used to some of the differences here! Before starting this job with the Braille and Talking Book Library, I worked in the interlibrary loan department of the South Dakota State Library for a year and a half. I'm currently taking college classes part time, so that keeps me quite busy.

I'm really enjoying my job so far, and I look forward to getting to know you better and helping to meet your reading needs! Please feel free to give us a call if there are any questions or concerns you might have.

My name is Marcia Kaup. I am the new Reader Advisor for the patrons whose last names begin with "S" through "Z".

I grew up in North Central Nebraska and moved to South Dakota in 1999. I have been employed by the state of South Dakota for 5 years. I have 5 children (3 boys 31, 28, 26 and 2 girls 24 & 18) all living in Nebraska. I also have 3 grand-daughters which I can never see enough of!

I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you and will do my best to assist with you with your Braille and Talking Books needs.

A Few Reasons to Send Us Your Own Book Requests

1. Your reading tastes may vary. Only you know when your mood changes from mysteries to westerns to romances.
2. There are more than 40,000 circulating titles in our collection. Using various catalogs and the Talking Book Topics opens up a world of books of which you might otherwise be unaware.
3. We can send you books by authors or on subjects not listed in the catalogs. Ask us for works by your favorite writer, or for books on your favorite hobby.
4. We have numerous requests for the same titles. The more choices you give us, the more likely you are to receive your requests.
5. Treat yourself to a change of pace - experiment with new authors. You can always return to the "tried and true" later.
6. You can tell us what you want when you want it. For example, you may want Christmas themed books in July!
7. We make it easy to send requests: you may use the USPS mail, email, fax, telephone, or order via OPAC (on our website).
8. Most important: only you know best what you want to read!

Hadley Basketball Project - from APH News: June 2008

The Hadley School for the Blind is collaborating with Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology to create an audible basketball for individuals who are blind. The engineering students working on the project would welcome feedback to survey questions from visually impaired individuals who have an interest in such a basketball.

Please contact Mitchell Thomas, who is leading the project team, at thomasm4@rose-hulman.edu.



New Non-Fiction books

RC 63796 *I'm Still Scared* by Tomie De Paola - Continues from *Things Will Never Be the Same* (RC 58815). Tomie was in the 2nd grade during World War II. He recalls going on with normal activities despite air-raid drills at school and blackout curtains at home. His parents explained the confusion and comforted him. RC 63796

RC 64321 *Scholastic Atlas of Space* - Provides an overview of facts about the universe. Covers galaxies, the Milky Way, the sun and moon, stars, planets, asteroids, comets, meteors, and space exploration. Includes three activities and a glossary. RC 64321

RC 65708 *What if You Met a Knight?* by Jan Adkins- The tasks, responsibilities, battle equipment, and castle life of knights of the Middle Ages. Explains the difference between the romantic fairytale portrayals of the knight's life and the reality of his managing a large farm and its many expenses. RC 65708

RC 65765 *The House of a Million Pets* by Ann Hodgman - Author describes the adventures, and messes, she experienced while sharing her family home with dogs and cats, hedgehogs, prairie dogs, rabbits, hamsters, pygmy mice, a cockatiel, visiting ducks, moths, sugar gliders, and more. Includes practical tips on raising animals in a household. RC 65765

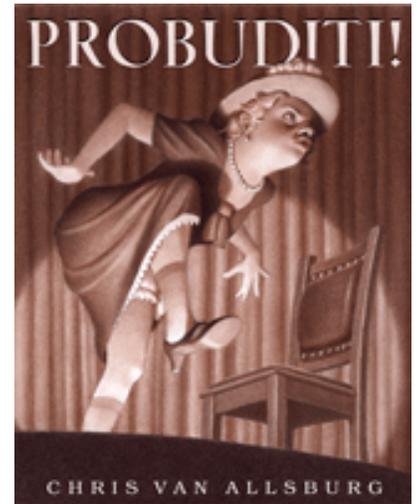
RC 64316 *The Survival Guide for Kids with ADD and ADHD* by John F. Taylor - Defines attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Offers advice on diagnosis, treatment, and appropriate diet. Discusses handling emotions, organization, and getting along with others. RC 64316

RC 64315 *Kids Cook 1-2-3: Recipes for Young Chefs Using Only Three Ingredients* by: Rozanne Gold - Dozens of recipes for beginning cooks covering breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks, and desserts. Offers variations on hard-boiled eggs, smoothies, and peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches. Includes how-to tips, kitchen safety information, and tricks of the trade from professional chefs. RC 64315

New Fiction Books

For grades Kindergarten - 3:

RC 64320 *Probuditi!* by: Chris Van Allsburg - On his birthday, Calvin takes his best friend, Rodney, rather than his sister Trudy, to a magician's show. Back home the boys hypnotize Trudy to act like a dog and are alarmed when they cannot snap her out of it. But Trudy gets the last laugh. RC 64320



RC 65525 *Mostly Monty* by: Johanna Hurwitz - First-grader Monty Morris wishes he could run and play with other kids or have a dog, but he can't because he has asthma, which sometimes makes it hard for him to breathe. Monty feels happier when he figures out what he can do. RC 65525

RC 64993 *Rafi and Rosi* by: Lulu Delacre - Three short stories about two tree frogs, mischievous Rafi and his younger sister Rosi, who live in Puerto Rico. As Rafi teases Rosi, he teaches her about the beach sand, algae that makes the water sparkle, and hermit crabs. RC 64993

RC 65779 *Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade* by: Suzy Kline - Horrible Harry and his friends start off third grade in a new classroom and with a field trip to a scary old prison and a copper mine. Beginning chapter book. RC 65779

RC 65526 *Martin Bridge: Sound the Alarm!* by: Jessica Scott Kerrin - Learning dance steps with his babysitter gains Martin Bridge new respect in "Moon Eyes." In "Props" Martin and his friend Stuart are locked in at a toy store, and Martin faces his worst fear. Includes instructions for two activities: making paper airplanes and forming hand shadows. RC 65526

RC 65564 *Ivy and Bean Break the Fossil Record: Book 3* by: Annie Barrows - Everyone in second grade wants to break a world record, and friends Ivy and Bean are no exception. The girls decide to become the youngest people ever to discover a dinosaur skeleton. Sequel to *Ivy and Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go* (RC 64635). RC 65564

For grades 3-6

RC 64838 *When Heaven Fell* by: Carolyn Marsden - Vietnam. Instead of going to school, nine-year-old Binh sells fruit from a cart to help her family. When her grandmother announces that Binh's American aunt is coming to visit, Binh assumes that all Americans are wealthy and her aunt will solve the family's financial problems. RC 64838

RC 64581 *Freddy's Final Quest: The Golden Hamster Saga, Book 5* by: Dietlof Reiche - Freddy the golden hamster, his animal buddies, and a computerized robot hamster travel back in time to Assyria, where some of them are captured by Crusaders and Freddy gets a taste of undomesticated living. Sequel to *The Haunting of Freddy* (RC 64560). RC 64581

RC 65252 *The Escape of Oney Judge: Martha Washington's Slave Finds Freedom* by: Emily Arnold McCully - Although well-treated by George and Martha Washington, Oney is a slave who fears being given away or sold. She escapes to New Hampshire and, recognized, worries that she will be forced to return to the Washingtons. Based on historic facts. RC 65252

RC 64494 *A Race against Time: Nancy Drew, Girl Detective* by: Carolyn Keene - The money Nancy Drew helped raise for the River Heights Biking for Bucks charity race is missing. Nancy's team--consisting of her pals Bess and George and Nancy's boyfriend, Ned--competes while Nancy searches for the culprit. RC 64494

RC 65284 *No Talking* by: Andrew Clements - Dave's experiment to remain silent all day fails when he yells at Lynsey. His claim that girls talk more than boys turns into a fifth-grade contest of no speaking, even in class. But the teachers and the principal don't like it. RC 65284

RC 65299 *Bunnacula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery* by: Deborah Howe and James Howe - Harold, the family dog, recalls the time the Monroes brought home a cute baby bunny they found at a Dracula movie and named Bunnacula. But Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that the rabbit is really a vampire. RC 65299

For grades 4-7



RC 64049 *Twelve Travelers, Twenty Horses* by: Harriette Gillem Robinet

- In an 1860 Kentucky slave auction, thirteen-year-old Jacob is reunited with his mother and eight friends by a kind master who is newly and suspiciously rich. As the group journeys toward California, Jacob foils a robbery of a stagecoach carrying election results and Pony Express wages. RC 64049

RC 65652 *A Friendship for Today* by: Patricia C. McKissack - Kirkland, Missouri; 1954. Following desegregation, Rosemary enters a white elementary school, where she and her classmates learn the meaning of racial tolerance. She handles other challenges, like her parents' separation and making new friends. RC 65652

RC 65256 *Eggs* by: Jerry Spinelli - Quirky thirteen-year-old Primrose moves out of her fortune-telling mother's house and into an abandoned van. Nine-year-old David mourns his mother's death and resents his grandmother and absentee father. The two fragile kids forge a combative friendship through late night adventures and escapades. RC 65256

RC 64563 *The Roar of the Crowd* by: Rich Wallace - Manny is small for his age but is fast and determined, so he drops soccer and goes out for football. During his first season with the middle school football team, Manny spends most of the games sitting on the bench, yet he doesn't give up. RC 64563

RC 65416 *The Secret in the Old Attic: Nancy Drew Mystery Stories* by: Carolyn Keene - Teenage sleuth Nancy Drew searches for hidden unpublished music manuscripts to save the March family from destitution. A trail of obscure clues from a packet of letters leads to the March mansion's cluttered attic--but who is trying to frighten Nancy away? RC 65416

RC 64066 *Zombie Butts from Uranus!* by: Andy Griffiths - In this sequel to *The Day My Butt Went Psycho!* (RC 56043), planet Earth is invaded by stench-emitting butts from outer space. Earth's salvation depends on twelve-year-old Zach Freeman, his butt, and his band of butt-fighters. RC 64066

For grades 5-8

RC 65150 *Virus on Orbis 1: The Softwire, Book 1* by: PJ Haarsma - Johnny Turnball (JT) and his younger sister Ketheria are among the orphans on a spaceship docking on Orbis 1. When the central computer on Orbis malfunctions, JT's special ability to communicate mentally with computers-- he is the first human softwire- places him in jeopardy. RC 65150

RC 64577 *Just for You to Know* by: Cheryl Harness - Missouri, 1963. When Carmen's family moves to Independence, her biggest worry is starting eighth grade in a new school. But when her mother dies in childbirth, Carmen, the oldest sibling, must now take care of a bunch of little brothers and a helpless baby sister. RC 64577

RC 64686 *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by: Wendy Mass - On his thirteenth birthday Jeremy receives a mysterious box from his father, who died five years ago. The gift is inscribed with the words "the meaning of life." Jeremy and his friend Lizzy try to find the four keys he needs to open the box. RC 64686

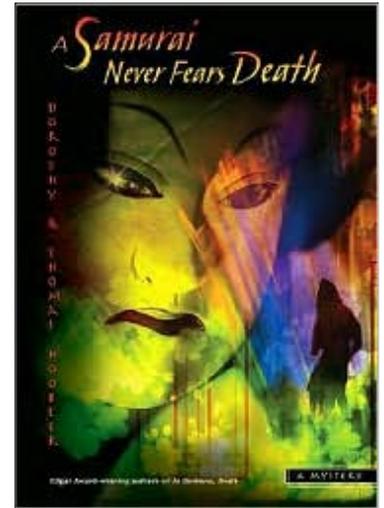
RC 58225 *Hoop Girlz* by: Lucy Jane Bledsoe - Eleven-year-old River, who loves basketball, is not chosen to play in the town's tournament. She decides to create her own new team. With fourteen-year-old brother Zack as coach, River and her friends--including Jennifer in her wheelchair--play their hearts out. RC 58225

RC 64420 *Murder on the Ridge* by: Ted Stenhouse - Canada, 1952. Best friends Arthur, a Blackfoot Indian, and Will, a white boy, from A Dirty Deed (RC 64410), investigate the death of a Blackfoot soldier in World War I after they read a letter that suggests he was murdered and not killed by enemy fire. RC 64420

RC 64582 *Penny from Heaven* by: Jennifer L. Holm - New Jersey, 1953. During the summer, eleven-year-old Penny carries her uncle Dominic's lucky bean, almost loses her arm, reconciles with her mother's beau, and discovers the cause of her father's death. Best of all, she reunites her feuding family. RC 64582

For grades 6-9

RC 65248 *A Samurai Never Fears Death: A Samurai Mystery* by: Dorothy Hoobler and Thomas Hoobler - Eighteenth-century Japan. Now a samurai, Seikei returns home to Osaka where he becomes involved in a murder investigation at a puppet theatre. Meanwhile he suspects a possible connection between his family's tea shop and smugglers. Sequel to *The Sword That Cut the Burning Grass* (RC 61812). RC 65248



RC 64813 *Blaze of Silver: De Granville Trilogy, Book 3* by: K.M. Grant - Hosanna, the blood-red horse, continues to be a link between Kamil, Will, and Ellie in this sequel to *Green Jasper* (RC 62583). But through a complex combination of revenge, betrayal, and divided loyalties, Kamil is persuaded to lead Will and Ellie into a trap. RC 64813

RC 65516 *Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports: Maximum Ride, Book 3* by: James Patterson - The time has come for Max, Fang, Iggy, Nudge, Gasman, and Angel to face their ultimate enemy--"the director," who plans to reengineer a select population into a scientifically superior master race. The six fight to save the world, despite obstacles. Sequel to *School's Out--Forever* (RC 62734). RC 65516

RC 63672 *Voices: Annals of the Western Shore, Book 2* by: Ursula K. Le Guin - In the ruined city of Ansul, conquered by the Aids, a young girl, Memer, learns the forbidden art of reading from the Waylord. Later, when she meets Gry Barre and her husband Orrec Caspro--from *Gifts* (RC 60031)--everything in Memer's life begins to change. RC 63672

RC 65573 *In the Hand of the Goddess: Song of the Lioness, Book 2* by: Tamora Pierce - Still pretending to be a boy, Alanna (RC 65414) learns many new skills in her role as personal squire to Prince Jonathan. She meets the Great Mother Goddess, who names her fears--the Ordeal of Knighthood, falling in love, and Jonathan's evil uncle, Duke Roger, an ambitious sorcerer. RC 65573

For senior high readers

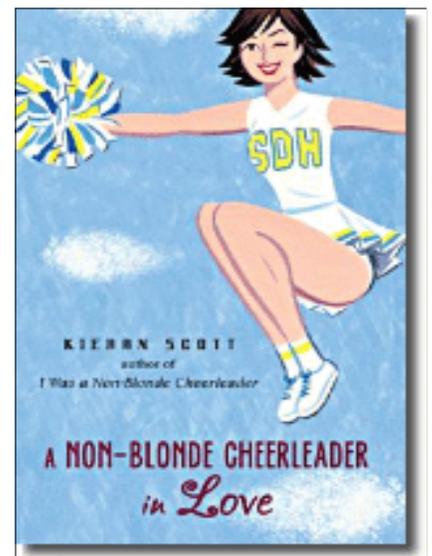
RC 65655 *Harlem Summer* by: Walter Dean Myers - Harlem, 1925. Sixteen-year-old saxophone-playing Mark Purvis is hired by an African American magazine one summer. But when he does a shady delivery job for his idol, musical genius Fats Waller, something goes wrong and gangster Dutch Schultz comes after Mark for money. RC 65655

RC 64427 *The Tourmaline* by: Paul Park - Miranda Popescu, from A Princess of Roumania (RC 63874), travels secretly through Roumania pursuing her destiny as the prophesied white tyger. Miranda's friends Peter and Andromeda attempt to join her but are constantly thwarted by the evil Baroness Ceausescu and the German elector of Ratisbon. RC 64427

RC 61723 *Kathleen's Story: Angels in Pink, Book 1* by: Lurlene McDaniel - Sixteen-year-old Kathleen McKensie tries to balance her summer volunteer work at the hospital with the responsibilities of caring for her mother, who has multiple sclerosis. Kathleen's friends Holly and Raina also volunteer, and Kathleen falls in love. RC 61723

RC 60400 *Boy Proof* by: Cecil Castellucci - Hollywood. Nerdy high school senior Victoria Jurgen, called Egg after her favorite science fiction movie character, is a loner. But when Max Carter, a gifted new student, invades her space, she is not as boy-proof as she thought. Strong language. RC 60400

RC 65559 *A Non-Blonde Cheerleader in Love* by: Kieran Scott - Annisa, last seen in *Brunettes Strike Back* (RC 63359), and her Florida cheerleading squad have just won the national championship when their sport becomes coed. At first Annisa is thrilled that her boyfriend Daniel is practicing with them, but soon rivalries and temptations threaten the team. RC 65559



State Library to provide online access to trusted encyclopedia

The South Dakota State Library announced that it will provide World Book's *World Book Web* free to school, public and academic libraries throughout the state.

With the new online resource, students and teachers will be able to access three age-appropriate tools: *World Book Kids* for early learners, *World Book Online Reference Center* for mid-level students, and *World Book Advanced* for older students and adults. Additionally, *World Book Web* includes both French- and Spanish-language online encyclopedias for native and second-language learners and access to selected magazine articles, e-books, primary sources, teacher resources, and student activities.

In addition to being available on computers within schools and libraries, *World Book Web* also is available to library patrons from home with a valid library card from a South Dakota Library Network member library.

World Book Encyclopedia Articles in Braille

The Rose Project through Seedlings Braille Books For Children is offering a service to send you World Book Encyclopedia articles in braille - free of charge. Thanks to a generous grant from the Claire Giannini Fund, students in grades 1-12 can order an article by contacting Seedlings toll-free at 800-777-8552 or by completing the order form online at <http://www.seedlings.org/rose.php>.

Please let us know

If you would like to make changes to your reading preferences or that you wish to increase or decrease the number of books that you are currently receiving, please contact your reader advisor as soon as possible so that they may assist you.

If your last name starts with A-G you may contact: Mary

If your last name starts with H-O you may contact: Dakota

If your last name starts with P-Z you may contact: Marcia

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Visit www.FreeRice.com to expand your vocabulary and help those in need!

The Braille and Talking Book Library will be closed on the following holidays:

Sept. 1 - Labor Day Oct. 13 - Native American Day
Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving Day

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