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Notes from the Interim Director

Thank You!

A big thank you to those who received a Patron Survey and returned it. Your responses are very helpful for future planning and providing proof to our Board and Legislators that the services are valuable. If you submitted a request for information or included a question and haven't received a response, you might have forgotten to include your name when you returned the survey. If you are still waiting, please call your Reader Advisor for assistance.

A catalog of new DVD titles will be ready for distribution soon! The Library recently purchased over 100 new titles for the collection. When you order you will need to choose which format you

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wish to receive – DVD or Blu-Ray. You can play either format in a Blu-Ray player but the older DVD players can only play DVD format. If you would like to receive the new catalog or if you are not currently using this service and would like more information, call your Reader Advisor.

Keep Reading!

Dorothy Liegl

Holiday Closings

Please note the library will be closed on the following days. If you need assistance please leave a phone message and we will contact you the following day. It is helpful to plan your book requests accordingly.

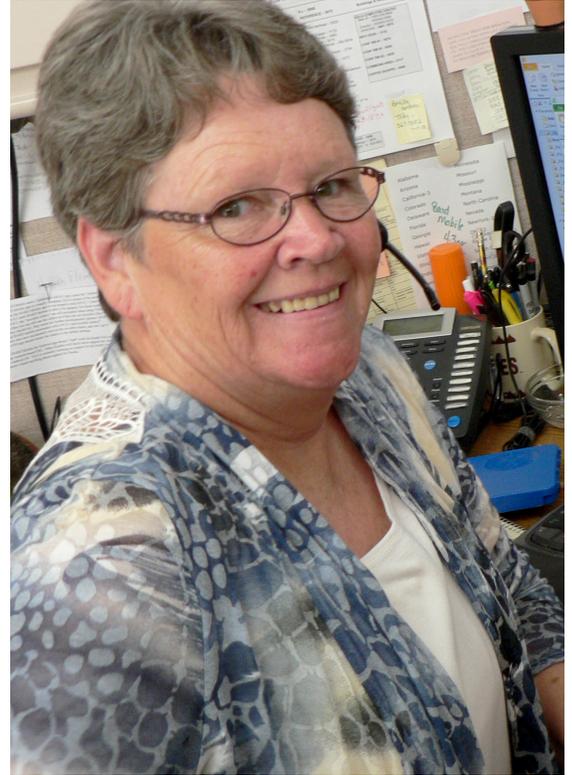
- May 30: Memorial Day
- July 4: Fourth of July

Behind the Scenes: In the Spotlight, Marcia Kaup

Marcia Kaup is one of our Readers Advisors who works with the adult readers whose last names begin with N through Z.

Another part of her job is working with health care facilities that have depositories. They have machines and books onsite for residents who qualify for the service to “try” before joining the program. She works with 85 community/public libraries and 6 branch libraries that have depositories. If you know a person with vision loss or physical disability that qualifies them for the service, have them check with their local library. They can be given a demo machine and book to try. The individual can be signed up by library staff. Encourage your local library director to contact Marcia if they don't have a machine and books to demonstrate.

Marcia has had the opportunity to visit a lot of the facilities and libraries across the state. When meeting facilitators and library directors she shares any new service in our program.



During her travels she may be the speaker at a peer support group meeting or shares the Braille and Talking Book Library materials at health/wellness fairs. Every year she is at the State Fair on Thursday and Friday in the Senior Citizen's building.

Marcia is our staff person who is "on the move" providing information about the talking book program across the state.

**Reader Advisor Marcia Kaup
with 10² Reader Erica Sullivan**



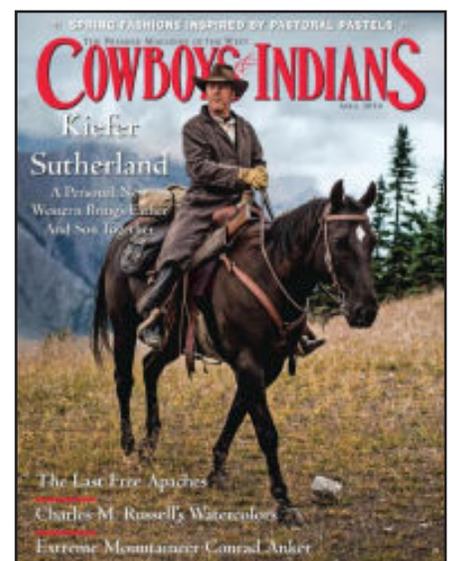
New Magazines from the National Library Service (NLS)

New magazines are now available through NLS. Some titles may sound familiar to you as they were sent from our library. These titles are now being produced by NLS and will now come in a red container. The magazine still needs to be returned in a timely manner. If you are not already subscribed to any of the magazine(s) listed below and would like to do so, please call your Reader Advisor at 1-800-423-6665. You will start to receive the selected magazine(s) in 6-8 weeks.

- **“AARP Bulletin”** (10 issues) and **“AARP The Magazine”** (bimonthly) – Packaged together articles on finance, health and fitness, books, movies, Social Security, Medicare and other topics of interest to people over 50 years old. Digital format
- **“Audubon”** (bimonthly) Focuses on nature subjects, emphasizing birds. Digital format
- **“Cowboys and Indians: Premier Magazine of the West”** (8 issues) Highlights Western art, rodeo, food, music, travel, and cowboys and their way of life. Digital format

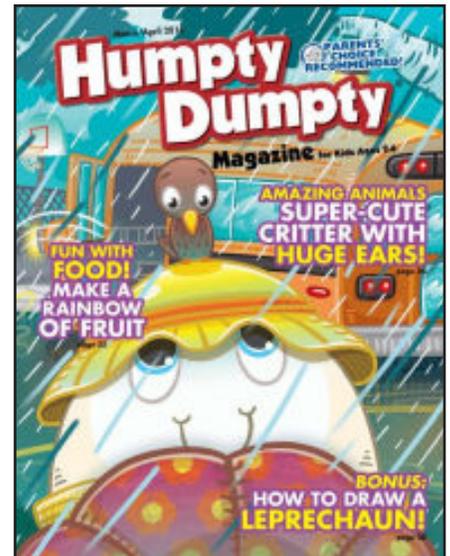


AARP The Magazine



**Cowboys and Indians:
Premier Magazine
of the West**

- **“Humpty Dumpty Magazine”** (for ages 3-5; bimonthly) This magazine contains stories, poems, cartoons, puzzles, games, recipes and crafts. Digital format
- **“Missouri Conservationist”** (monthly) The content educates the public on conservation and management of Missouri’s natural resources. Digital format
- **“National Geographic Traveler”** (monthly) World’s most widely read travel magazine. Digital format
- **“O, The Oprah Magazine”** (monthly) The magazine contains style ideas, health tips, delicious recipes and more. Digital format
- **“Oklahoma Today”** (bimonthly) This magazine is about Oklahoma’s people, places, history, and culture. Digital format
- **“Playboy”** (monthly) content is fiction, interviews, and articles with a male perspective. Digital format
- **“Rolling Stone”** (biweekly) A music and entertainment magazine with reviews. Digital and Braille format



Humpty Dumpty Magazine



National Geographic Traveler

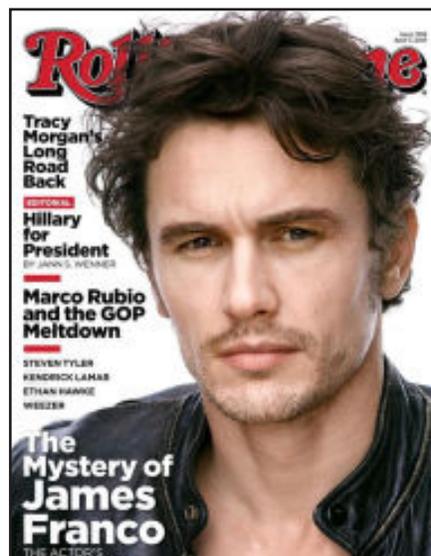
- **“Seventeen”** (for ages 10-19; 10 issues)
Consists of beauty, health and fashion tips for teenagers. Digital and Braille format
- **“Smithsonian”** (monthly) Popular magazine about artworks, artifacts and specimens. Digital format
- **“Southern Living”** (monthly) The magazine features recipes, gardens and houses of the Southern USA. Digital format
- **“Vital Speeches of the Day”** (monthly)
Presents speeches and addresses in full. Digital format



Seventeen



O, The Oprah Magazine



Rolling Stone



Southern Living

Prevalence Rates Of Vision Loss In South Dakota

The term vision loss refers to individuals who reported they have serious difficulty seeing even when wearing glasses or contact lenses, as well as those who are blind or unable to see at all.

The total number in South Dakota is 20,708 with the breakdown as follows:

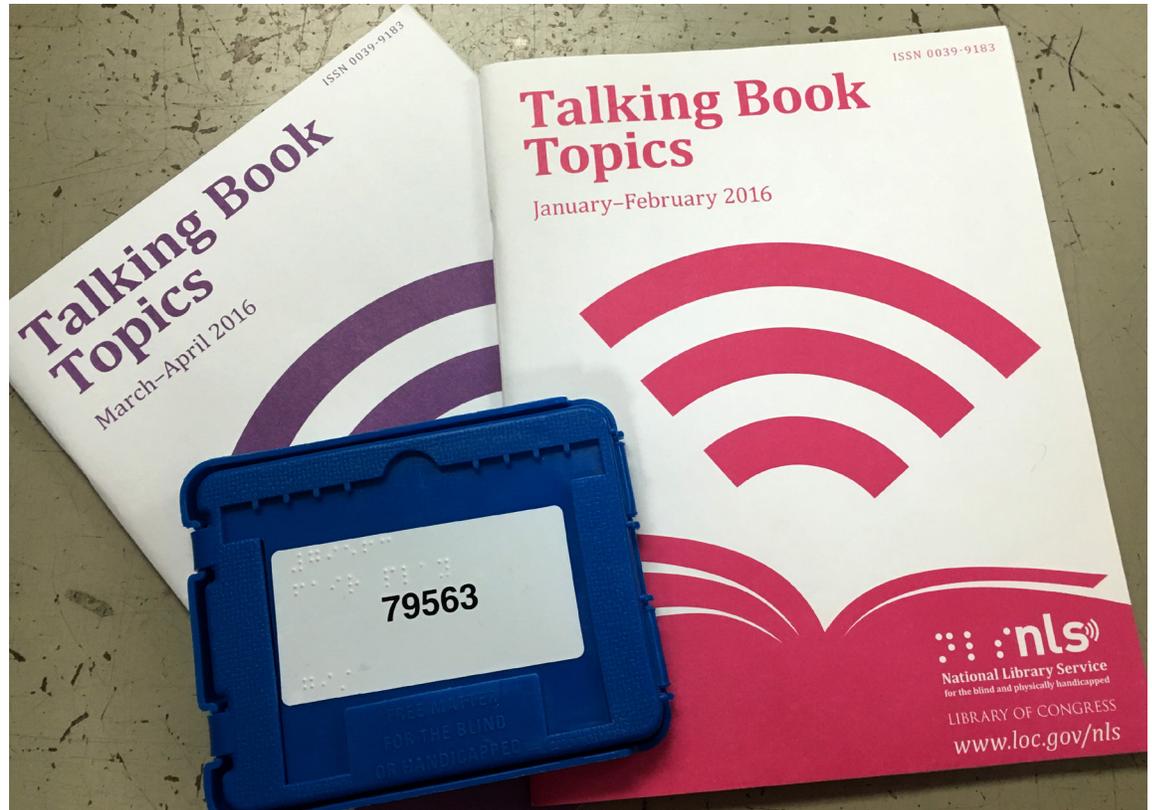
| Gender | Individuals |
|--------|-------------|
| Male | 9,883 |
| Female | 10,825 |

| Age | Individuals | Age | Individuals |
|---------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Under 5 | 310 | 5-17 | 868 |
| 18-34 | 942 | 35-64 | 9,070 |
| 65-74 | 2,076 | 75 + Older | 5,442 |

***Updated January 2015, American Foundation for the Blind:
<http://www.afb.org/info/blindness-statistics/state-specific-statistical-information/south-dakota/235>**

This article was taken from the Winter 2016 issue of "Visions", the newsletter of the Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired.

**Talking
Book Topics
Catalogs,
from NLS,
pictured with
cartridge**



Tips for Better Service

The “Talking Book Topics” is a bi-monthly publication from NLS and lists the newly added books during that time period. It is divided by two sections: fiction and non-fiction. It also lists titles by subject interest in each section. By browsing the catalog you may find new authors under your subject interest. You may also want to browse other subjects. If you choose to select one or more of these titles you have several options to order. All titles are ordered by a five digit number. Example: DB82123.

Tips continued...

1. Tear out the order blank in the back of the catalog and mark the titles you are interested in. You don't need to write down the book numbers on a blank sheet of paper. No postage is required to mail the order. Simply write FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND AND HANIDICAPPED in place of postage and tuck in the flap. Do not seal the envelope. Be sure to include your name with your order.
2. Call your Reader Advisor with your requests. If we are unavailable to take your call just leave a message with the DB number(s). Let us know if you wish to have the order shipped immediately or put on your request list to receive at a later date.
3. An email of your requests can be sent to your Reader Advisor. Marcia's email address is marcia.kaup@state.sd.us. Mary's email address is mary.sjerven@state.sd.us.

The catalog is available in three formats: braille, large print, and audio. If you wish to change the format you receive contact your Reader Advisor at 1-800-423-6665.



*image of tree
with many
branches
of books to
choose from.*

Little Used Book Subject Categories

Have you found that you are running out of books in your favorite categories or that you need to go back and re-read books? Is the random selection from your favorite categories just not working as well as it used to? Maybe it is time to talk with your Reader Advisor about expanding your list of subject categories and to change the priority order of your subjects.

Did you know that there are over 1400 different subject headings for you to choose from? Some are very generic such as "Adventure Fiction" or "War Stories". Others are more specific such as "Mystery, Female Detective" or "Religion – Philosophy & Theory". If you are ready for a change, call your Reader Advisor and ask for suggestions of subjects that you could add. The following is a list of infrequently requested book subject categories that will help you get started.

FICTION

- Award Winner
- Biographical Fiction
- Classics
- Cozy Mystery
- Dystopias
- Horror Fiction
- Political Fiction
- Psychological Fiction
- Sports – Baseball
- Steampunk Fiction
- Western – Short Stories

NON-FICTION

- Biography – Actors and Media Celebrities
- Biography – Notable Women
- Crime, True Crimes, Criminals
- Folklore
- History and Geography
- Military Science
- Native American – Non fiction
- South Dakota – History
- South Dakota Prairie Bud/Pasque
- Terrorism
- World History – General



Be watching for the winners in the Prairie Bud, Prairie Pasque and YARP Programs



The summer edition of the newsletter will list the results of the Prairie Bud, Prairie Pasque and YARP programs.

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are answers to questions frequently asked about the books from your Talking Book Service (TBS) collection which is determined by the National Library Service.

1. Are book titles downloaded from BARD different from the book titles available on cartridge?

All titles recorded since 2009 are available on cartridge and for download from Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD). Due to the cost of cartridges, some older titles that have been converted from cassette format are available on BARD, but are not distributed on cartridges.

2. Why aren't all the titles in a series available on cartridge?

This is a frustrating situation. As the National Library Service (NLS) converts older titles to cartridges, it sometimes skips some titles in a series. Unfortunately, the TBS has no control over which titles are converted to cartridge or when. The NLS is aware of this situation and is now trying to complete all titles in a series at the same time.

3. How are titles selected to be added to the collection?

Approximately 2,400 titles are added to the NLS collection annually, which is a very small percentage of the number of titles published each year. The collection is intended to be a general public library collection. It contains both fiction and nonfiction titles in a variety of genres. Titles are often best sellers or written by popular authors. Titles are selected by subject specialist librarians after receiving positive reviews in professional journals. Textbooks and books that have not been professionally reviewed are not considered for addition to the collection. Books of local interest recorded in the TBS studios are selected by staff from book reviews, articles, and from user recommendations.

4. Can I recommend a title to be added to the collection?

Readers are welcome to suggest titles to be added to either the NLS collection or the TBS locally recorded collection. To recommend a title, contact the library and provide the author, title, publisher, and date of publication. Titles for the NLS collection will be forwarded to the NLS, and titles of local interest will be reviewed by the TBS staff for quality and interest to users.

Recent Donations

From time to time, patrons, and family and friends of patrons, of the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library choose to make a memorial or general contribution. Monetary contributions are placed in a special fund and are used to enhance services for our South Dakota readers and are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. Gift funds are used to purchase additional audio descriptive DVD's, purchase special equipment needed for the recording of books of regional interest (our South Dakota collection) and helped fund the summer reading program.

The Braille and Talking Book Program would like to thank the following donors for gifts received in 2015 and 2016:

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- For Florence Fagrelus
- For Luena Hendrickson

GENERAL DONATIONS

- From Donna Stanton
- From Pearl De Lorenzo

SUMMER READING DONATIONS

- Rapid City Downtown Lions Club
- South Dakota Association of the Blind
- South Dakota Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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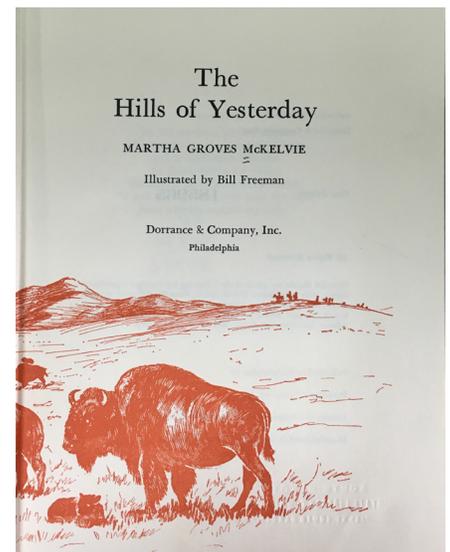
South Dakota Collection

The following books have been added to the South Dakota Collection. They are written by a South Dakota author or have some connections to South Dakota. Please call your Reader Advisor if you would like to order any of the following titles.

“The Hills of Yesterday” By Martha Groves McKelvie

For the residents of the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, mainstream medical care is often supplemented or replaced by a host of traditional practices: the Sun Dance, the yuwipi sing, the heyok'a ceremony, herbalism, the Sioux Religion, the peyotism of the Native American Church, and other medicines, or sources of healing. Thomas H. Lewis, a psychiatrist and medical anthropologist, describes those practices as he encountered them in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

During many months he studied with leading practitioners. He describes the healers-their techniques, personal histories and qualities, the problems addressed and results obtained-



The Hills of Yesterday

and examines past as well as present practices. The result is an engrossing account that may profoundly affect the way readers view the dynamics of therapy for mind and body.

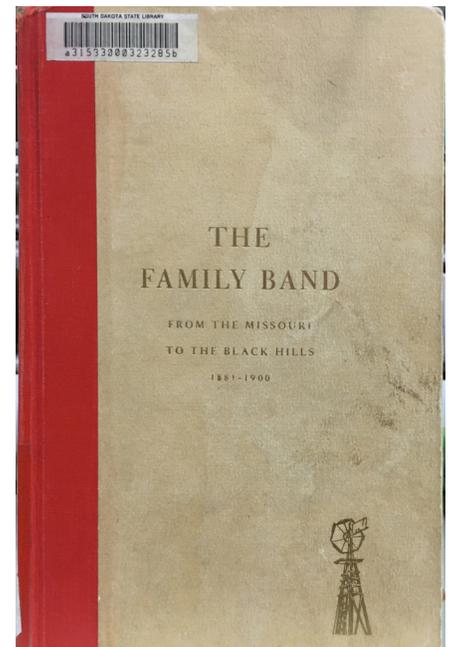
DBS004767

“The Family Band: From the Missouri to the Black Hills 1881-1900” By Laura Bower Van Nuys

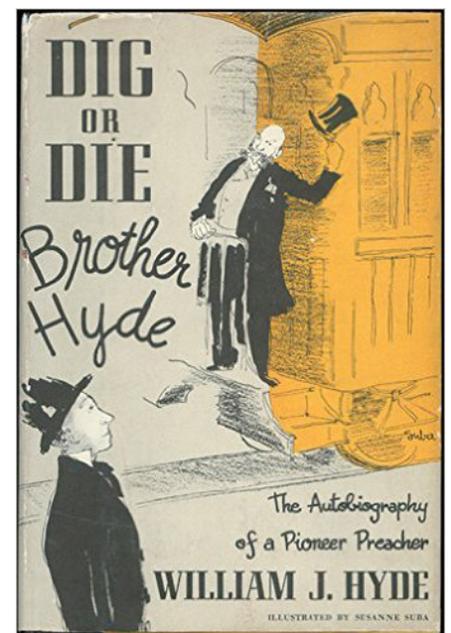
An anecdotal history of a musical family, the Bowers, that lived and performed in a variety of locations from the Missouri River Valley to the Black Hills in a period 1881-1900. Made into a motion picture by Disney in 1968 as *The One and Only, Genuine, Original Family Band*. **DBS004768**

“Dig or Die, Brother Hyde” By William J. Hyde and Harriet Harmon Dexter

This autobiography chronicles the life and times of Rev. William J. Hyde as told to Harriet Harmon Dexter just shortly before his quiet passing, at the age of 90 years,



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Dig or Die, Brother Hyde

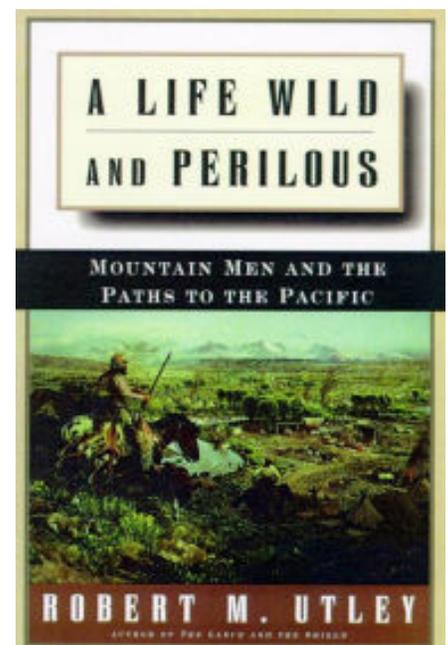
in 1953. These reminiscences of the career of a pioneer Methodist preacher make fascinating reading. One day in 1885 a young preacher was dumped off in the prairie town of Groton in Dakota Territory with no promise of financial support, and with his superior's "'Dig or Die, Brother Hyde'" as his orders. The story of how this and other frontier congregations were built up from nothing by the sheer will and steel of a dedicated young man goes far to explain the strength of America.

DBS004769

"A Life Wild and Perilous: Mountain Men and the Paths to the Pacific" by Robert Marshall Utley

This vivid and heroic chronicle about the exploration of the American West tells the story of a small but distinctive group of mountain men whose knowledge and experience of the Transmississippi West extended the national consciousness to continental dimensions.

DBS004771



***A Life Wild and Perilous:
Mountain Men and the
Paths to the Pacific***

Kids News

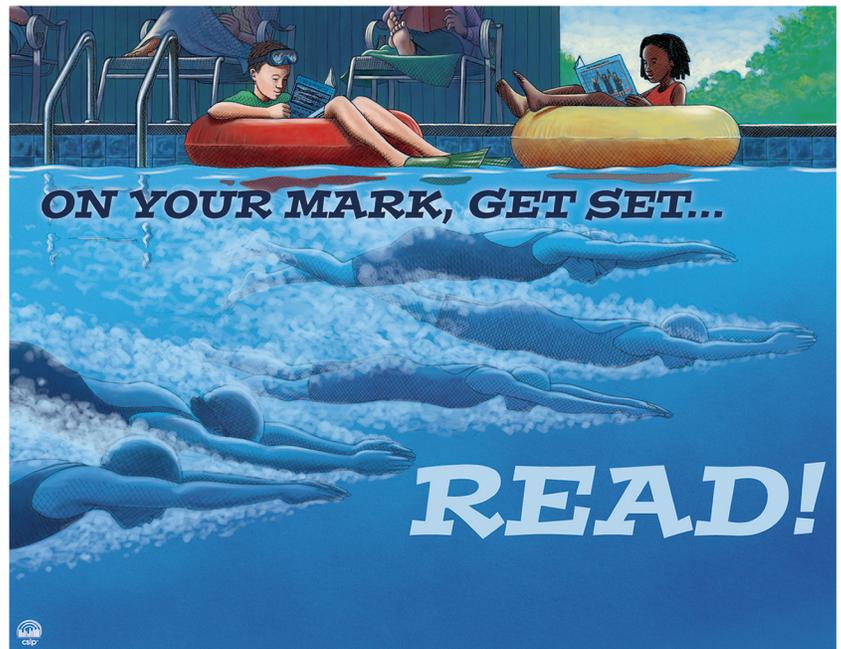
On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!

This is the theme of the 2016 SD Braille and Talking Book Library Summer Reading Program. I invite you to

include reading twenty minutes a day, seven days a week as part of your summer vacation. Join us for six weeks from June 6 to July 15, 2016.

There are four age divisions: 0-6, 7-11, 12-16, and 17-20. To participate in the program you will need to fill out a registration form and return it to the library by May 27, 2016. Prior to the beginning of the program you will receive your 6 weekly reading charts. Participants qualify by reading a minimum of 20 minutes each day. At the conclusion of the program all reading charts with documented reading time should be returned. A drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card in each of the four age division will be held at the conclusion of the program.

If you are interested in participating please fill out the registration form below or call at 1-800-423-6665, option 1 and the number 1 again. We can take the application information over the phone. You may email Mary at mary.sjerven@state.sd.us.



**South Dakota State Library
Braille & Talking Book Library
2016 Summer Reading Registration Form
"On Your Mark, Get Set... READ!"**

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Division (age on June 1, 2016)

Age 0-6 ____ Age 7-11 ____ Age 12-16 ____ Age 17-21 ____

Format Braille ____ Digital ____

Send my books by (select all that apply)

Subjects ____ Books requested ____ BARD ____

Send a Catalog and newly added book list

Yes ____ (reading level ____) No ____

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