



Kid's News

From the SD Braille & Talking Book Library

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Notes from the Director - Dan Boyd

Every two or three years the South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Library sends a survey out to all of our patrons. There are two reasons for sending you this survey document and asking you to complete the survey and return it to the library.

The first reason for this document is that it is required by the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped (NLS). We take the data from your surveys and provide a report to NLS. This report provides NLS with information on the level of service that we are providing to our patrons. It shows NLS what we are doing well and also where we need to make improvements. The information from our report and from the other NLS libraries is provided in a report to The Librarian of Congress and the members of Congress. This information is then used as documentation for budget requests and other enhancements to the program.

In South Dakota with over 5,000 individuals using the library this is the fastest way for us to get information on the quality of our service. The library takes the information from the survey and uses it to plan improvements in our service and at times as supporting documentation during budget hearings.

In the past the only way to complete the survey was to use the paper copy that we sent you in the mail. This survey document is being placed on our Internet site and you can now complete the survey on line.

To access the survey go to <http://library.sd.gov/b&tb/> . Under latest news, the first item is B&TB Patron Survey 2009. Click on this link and it will bring up the survey for your completion.

If you have problems completing the survey on line or completing the paper copy please contact the library at 1-800-423-6665 and ask your Reader Advisor to assist you with completion of the survey.

I encourage you to complete the survey and be part of the planning for the future of your Braille & Talking Book Library.



The Jewish Guild for the Blind offers an annual scholarship program for college-bound high school students who are legally blind. Applications will be accepted from students at the end of their junior year, with recipients selected and scholarships awarded later in their senior year. The program will award 12 to 15 scholarships of up to \$15,000 each.

Applications and supporting documents must be at The Guild by July 1st (at the end of the junior year.) Scholarships are announced by mid-December semester break and Scholarships will be awarded by June 15th. You may complete the GuildScholarship Online Application and locate all other award criteria at www.jgb.org/guildscholar.asp.

Students to Pick Book Award Winners

Students at several schools throughout South Dakota will help decide the winners of two South Dakota Children's Book Awards. Children in grades K - 3 will read and vote for books nominated to win the Prairie Bud Award. While fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will read books vying for the Prairie Pasque Award. Fifteen books are nominated for each of these children's choice awards and students who read at least five qualify to vote for their favorite. Voting starts January 1st and ends March 13th. The South Dakota State Library will tally votes from participating schools and each award will be given to the book receiving the most votes from students throughout the state. The Prairie Bud & Pasque Children's Book Awards are sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association.

A panel of educators and librarians selected the fifteen candidates for each award. Nominated books were chosen for their quality and potential popularity with children. The Prairie Pasque Award was first given in 1987 to Ivy Ruckman for her book, *Night of the Twisters*. Other winners include Phyllis Reynolds Naylor for *Shiloh*, David Pateneau for *Someone Was Watching*, and Louis Sachar for *Holes*. The Prairie Bud Award was created by the Prairie Valley Reading Council and has been given annually since 1998. Winners include *The Toll-Bridge Troll* by Patricia Wolff, *Rotten Teeth* by Laura Simms, and *Look-Alikes* by Joan Steiner.

Following is a list of books that have been nominated and are now available for your reading pleasure in both cassette tape (which have the catalog number listed with a prefix of SD or RC) and braille versions (which have the catalog number listed with a prefix of SDB.)

Prairie Bud

1. SD004175 and SDB00185 *Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin* by: Gene Baretta
2. SD004218 and SDB00201 *Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen* by: Karri Best
3. SD004223 and SDB00197 *I Lost My Tooth in Africa* by: Penda Diakite
4. SD004263 and SDB00243 *Chickens to the Rescue* by: John Hinnelman
5. SD004220 and SDB00206 *Sky Boys* by: Deborah Hopkinson
6. SD004219 and SDB00198 *Houndsley and Catina* by: James Howe
7. RC063583 and SDB00186 *Library Lion* by: Michelle Knudsen
8. SD004185 and SDB00192 *Tunjur! Tunjur! Tunjur!* by: Margaret Macdonald
9. SD004179 and SDB00182 *The Shivers in the Fridge* by: Fran Manushkin
10. SD004178 and SDB00183 *Adele and Simon* by: Barbara McClintock
11. RC065325 and SDB00212 *Clementine* by: Sara Pennypacker
12. SD004177 and SDB00184 *An Island Grows* by: Lola Schaefer
13. SD004168 and SDB00178 *The Secret Science Project that Almost Ate the School* by: Judy Sierre
14. SD004170 and SDB00179 *Mammoths on the Move* by: Lisa Wheeler



"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." - Margaret Fuller

Prairie Pasque

1. SDB00217 *The Hero Revealed: Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy* by: William Boniface
2. RC062599 and SDB00209 *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by: Kate DeCamillo
3. SD004224 and SDB00203 *The Homework Machine* by: Dan Gutman
4. RC062663 and SDB00204 *Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship* by: Isabel Hatkoff
5. RC063493 and SDB00244 *Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607* by: Elisa Carbone
6. SD004176 and SDB00187 *A Million Dots* by: Andrew Clements
7. SDB00207 *Drita My Homegirl* by: Jenny Lombard
8. RC062696 and SDB00181 *Rules* by: Cynthia Lord
9. RC056494 and SDB00194 *Trading Places* by: Claudia Mills
10. SD004169 and SDB00180 *Behold the Bold Umbrellaphant* by: Jack Prelutsky
11. SD004174 and SDB00177 *Yellow Star* by: Jennifer Roy
12. SD004222 and SDB00199 *John, Paul, George, and Ben* by: Lane Smith
13. SD004217 and SDB00193 *Crossing Bok Chitto* by: Tim Tingle
14. RC062745 and SDB00224 *Gossamer* by: Lois Lowry



* May your holidays by merry and bright! *



January is National Braille Literacy Month

Celebrate Louis Braille's 200th Birthday

January 4, 2009, will be the 200th birthday of the man who created the tactile code that has allowed blind people around the world to read: Louis Braille. The braille code, based on six dots that fit under the fingertips, allows blind people to read books and magazines, math and science materials, music, and foreign languages.

The following books are available through the SD Braille & Talking Book Library - just contact your Reader Advisor to borrow them:

RC 53405 and TVB00024 A Picture Book of Louis Braille

by: David A. Adler

RC 63350 Louis Braille: A Touch of Genius by: Michael C. Mellor

SD003528 Louis Braille and the Baker's Daughter

by: Arthur Jackson and Hendrik Booraem

SDB00023 The Story of Louis Braille by: Louis W. Rodenberg



Bookshare.org - free access for readers in K-12

Bookshare.org, the largest library of scanned books and periodicals will be providing you (K-12 students with qualifying print disabilities) with free access to their collection at no charge. You may access Bookshare.org through your school or through an individual subscription. For more information, visit their website at: <http://www.bookshare.org/web/SupportOrgSignUpInfo.html>

Marion Huber Learning Through Listening Awards (LTLs)

RFB&D presents **National Achievement Awards** to eligible members in recognition of extraordinary leadership, enterprise and service to others. Established in 1990, the **Marion Huber Learning Through Listening (LTL) awards** were the first national awards exclusively for high school seniors with learning disabilities. RFB&D annually awards three Top Winners \$6,000 each; and three Special Honors Winners \$2,000 each.

For the purposes of this award, a learning disability is defined as a neurological disorder that affects a person's ability to receive, process, store, and/or respond to information, and which affects the person's ability to read standard print.

LTL Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Have a specific learning disability (please note that visual impairment alone does not indicate eligibility for this award)
- Have been registered as an RFB&D member for at least one year, up to and including the period of March 2, 2008 through March 2, 2009 (individually or through a school)
- Be a member of the 2009 graduating class of a public, private school or home school in the United States or its territories, including U.S. military installations
- Have an overall grade point average of B or above (i.e. 3.0 out of 4.0), based on grade levels 10 through 12 at the time of application
- Plan to continue formal education beyond high school at either a two- or four-year college or vocational school

The application deadline is March 2, 2009.

For an application, visit www.rfbd.org

Descriptive Videos with a Christmas theme

DVS00045 *The Santa Clause* - Tim Allen portrays a divorced father who has a rocky relationship with his son, which is mended when he takes on a new job--of being Santa Claus. This is a Disney production. Closed Captioned. Rated G.

DVS00183 *A Christmas Carol* - Charles Dickens' holiday classic in which a bitter old man discovers the true meaning of Christmas. Starring George C. Scott. Rated PG.

DVS00134 *Frosty the Snowman* - This animated classic tells the story of a magical hat that accidentally brings a jolly snowman to life and causes marvelous adventures. Rated G.



DVS00268 *The Grinch* - Jim Carrey brings Dr. Seuss' beloved tale to life in this wondrous, wacky, entertaining adventure. Why is the Grinch such a grouch? No one seems to know until Cindy Lou Who takes matters into her own hands and turns both Whoville and the Grinch's world upside down in her search for the true meaning of Christmas. Rated PG.

DVS00066 *Home Alone* - Macauley Culkin stars as an eight-year-old who is accidentally left at home during a family Christmas vacation. As his mother struggles to return home, he busies himself rigging booby-traps for two bumbling burglars.

Rated PG.

DVS00459 *The New Adventures of Heidi* - After her Grandfather (Burl Ives) disappears during a storm on their mountain, Heidi becomes the companion of a lonely runaway schoolgirl she befriended. The girl's father takes them to New York for Christmas. But Heidi pines for her beloved Grandfather. Heartwarming family entertainment filled with songs and humor.

DVS00057 *A Charlie Brown Christmas* - Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy and the entire Peanuts gang learn the true meaning of Christmas in this animated classic. Closed Captioned.



The only real blind person at Christmas-time is he who has not Christmas in his heart.

- Helen Keller

Changes for Braille Users

South Dakota patrons who read Braille books are served by the Utah Braille and Talking Book Library. The Governor of Utah recently announced that all state agencies will change their schedule to work Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 6 pm Mountain Standard Time, and will close on Friday. This schedule began on August 4, 2008. To order Braille call 1-800-453-4293 or email requests to blind@utah.gov.

New Fiction Books on Tape

For grades Kindergarten - 3:

RC 66560 *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days* by: Erica Silverman - Cocoa the horse does not want Cowgirl Kate to go to school without him. He feels left out when Cowgirl Kate does her homework and brings home a new friend. But Cowgirl Kate shows Cocoa that he is still her best friend. Four short chapters.

RC 65325 *Clementine* by: Sara Pennypacker - Third-grader Clementine's disastrous week includes cutting her fourth-grade friend Margaret's long hair, chopping off her own hair, and frequenting the principal's office. Her little brother is the easy child, while Clementine, the difficult child, fears that her parents want to get rid of her.

RC 66161 *Sly the Sleuth and the Food Mysteries* by: Donna Jo Napoli and Robert Furrow - Sly's friends need her detective skills to solve three cases involving food. What is wrong with Mrs. Olsen's cookies? Why is Sly's friend Princess behaving strangely at the girls' cooking club? Why are Jack's oranges disappearing?

RC 66547 *Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express* by: Megan McDonald - Stink and his friends think up ways to find homes for the 101 guinea pigs that Mrs. Birdwistle, owner of the Fur and Fangs pet store, rescued from lab testing. But Stink is reluctant to give away his favorite, Astro.

RC 65940 *A Perfect Place: Joshua's Oregon Trail Diary, Book 2* - Joshua begins his second journal when his family arrives in Willamette Valley, Oregon, in October 1848. But the settlers' troubles continue as heavy rains interrupt clearing the land and building new houses.

For grades 4-7

RC 64921 *Bunnicula Meets Edgar Allan Crow* by: James Howe
- Twelve-year-old Peter Monroe has won an overnight visit from M.T. Graves, author of the *FleshCrawlers* series, and his pet crow. Household dogs Harold and Howie are thrilled, but Chester the cat is suspicious and predicts a gruesome fate for the Monroe family pets.

RC 65341 *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by: Trenton Lee Stewart - After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

RC 66276 *The Clue of the Broken Locket* by: Carolyn Keene
-When Nancy meets Cecily Curtis at Misty Lake, two mysteries turn up. One concerns Cecily's fiance, a singer who believes a record company is cheating him. The other involves a Curtis family treasure hidden during the Civil War--Cecily's only clue being half a gold locket.

RC 65908 *What-the-Dickens: The Story of a Rogue Tooth Fairy*
- Gage tells his young cousins a story to take their minds off a catastrophic storm stranding them alone, hungry, and without electricity. His tale concerns a lonely tooth fairy called What-the-Dickens, who accompanies another fairy named Pepper on a special tooth-retrieval mission.

RC 63706 *The Boxcar Children: A Boxcar Children Mystery, Book 1* - Four orphaned children run away and live in an abandoned boxcar until they are found by their grandfather, Henry James Alden, who turns out to be a kind man.

For grades 5-8

RC 64926 *The Empty Mirror* by: James Lincoln Collier - New England, 1931. Thirteen-year-old Nick, whose parents died in a 1918 epidemic, has always been troublesome. Now his reflection has escaped from the mirror and townspeople accuse Nick of committing increasingly dangerous crimes. To prove his innocence, Nick pursues a stranger who looks exactly like him.

RC 66256 *Fire in the Hills* by: Donna Jo Napoli - Italy, World War II. Following events in *Stones in Water* (RC 46143), Roberto arrives in German-occupied Naples determined to reach his home in Venice. His struggle for survival includes helping a young woman called the Red Fox smuggle guns to the resistance movement. Contains violence.

RC 65888 *The True Meaning of Smekday* by: Adam Rex - Year 2013. Eighth-grader Gratuity "Tip" Tucci's assigned essay describes her adventures after the Boov invasion of Earth, now referred to as Smekland. When the aliens command humans to move to Florida, Tip drives a car with her cat called Pig and a rebellious Boov self-named J.Lo.

RC 66080 *Black Duck* by: Janet Taylor Lisle - Would-be reporter David Peterson persuades elderly Ruben Hart to recall Prohibition events that took place in 1929 on the Rhode Island coast. Ruben recounts his dangerous adventures as a fourteen-year-old involved with the captain of the Black Duck, an elusive smuggling boat.

RC 65902 *Summer Ball* by: Mike Lupica - In this sequel to *Travel Team* (RC 59588), Danny still hopes for a growth spurt as he goes to basketball camp, where he must prove himself all over again. He contends with an unsupportive coach and new rivals and decides that he is not a quitter.

For grades 6-9

RC 65459 *Spells and Sleeping Bags* by: Sarah Mlynowski

- In this sequel to *Frogs and French Kisses* (RC 63846), Rachel is thrilled to finally have witch powers and to be going to the same camp as Raf, the boy she has a crush on. But a campmate threatens to spoil it all.

RC 66065 *Call Me Henri* by: Lorraine M. Lopez - Enrique dreams of studying French but is stuck in English as a Second Language (ESL) class at Peralta Middle School. He copes with bullies, his stepfather's anger, and caring for his triplet baby brothers by himself. Joining the French club gives him hope. Some violence.

RC 64967 *Troll Bridge: A Rock 'n' Roll Fairy Tale* by: Jane Yolen and Adam Stemple - Minnesota. Sixteen-year-old Moira, a harpist, arrives late at Trollholm Bridge for her photo shoot with the Dairy Princesses but in time to see a giant wave roll over them. Spying a huge figure in the water clutching the princesses, Moira leaps in to rescue them.

RC 64588 *Ark Angel: An Alex Rider Adventure* by: Anthony Horowitz - After recovering from a near-fatal gunshot wound, teenage spy Alex Rider embarks on a new mission to stop a group of ecoterrorists from sabotaging the launch of the first outer space hotel, Ark Angel.

RC 65335 *River Secrets* by: Shannon Hale - Young soldier Razo and his friends Enna, the fire maker, and Finn, an excellent swordsman, are selected to escort the new ambassador from Bayern to his post in the enemy territory of Tira. Companion to *Enna Burning* (RC 60327) and *The Goose Girl* (RC 58713).

For senior high readers

RC 66010 *Jumper: Griffin's Story* by: Steven Gould - Nine-year-old Griff O'Conner causes his parents' murders in San Diego when he teleports himself to avoid a bully. Griff hides with friends until, at sixteen, he is ready to confront the killers. Sequel to *Jumper* (RC 37465). Violence and strong language.

RC 65816 *My Mother the Cheerleader* by: Robert Sharenow - New Orleans, 1960. Protesting desegregation, thirteen-year-old Louise's mother pulls her out of school and joins a group of hecklers who harass black pupils. When New Yorker Morgan Miller takes up residence in their boarding house, he changes the family's mindset. Some violence and some strong language.

RC 65454 *Extras* by: Scott Westerfeld - After Tally Youngblood's defeat of a strict regime in *Specials* (RC 62890), society becomes a popularity game. Fifteen-year-old "extra" Aya wants to be famous and joins a girl clique that courts death with dangerous stunts.

RC 66241 *Dance with a Vampire: Vampire Kisses, Book 4* - Goth girl Raven Madison and her vampire boyfriend Alexander Sterling are busy preparing for the prom when the preteen brother of evil vampire twins Jagger and Luna arrives and targets Raven's younger brother Billy Boy.

RC 66351 *One Whole Perfect Day* by: Judith Clarke - Katoomba, Australia. Seventeen-year-old Lily's family--her grandparents, single mum, and college brother--have eccentric habits that embarrass her. Lily wants to fall in love but will settle for creating the perfect eightieth-birthday party for her grandfather. She gets her party wish--with some surprises. Printz Honor Book.

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

- Dr. Seuss

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

December 25 & 26	Christmas
January 1	New Year
January 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16	Presidents Day

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