



Kid's News

From the SD Braille & Talking Book Library

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Notes from the Director - Dan Boyd

Changes at the Library

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our patrons for their patience and understanding during this past year.

The South Dakota State Library has been undergoing many changes and since the Braille & Talking Book Library is part of the State Library we have also seen a number of changes. The changes that are being made allow us to provide additional services in the future.

The entire library has now moved to temporary quarters on the second floor of the library building. The first floor of the building will now be remodeled and in about a year the library will move to first floor and that will become our permanent home.

The two biggest changes have been the State Library print book collection and the Braille & Talking Book Library cassette book collection. The Braille & Talking Book Library has reduced the size of its cassette book collection by one half. The reduction was because of less space and beginning in 2008 we will need room for the new digital books. The Braille & Talking Book Library still has all of the cassette titles just not as many copies.

Again, thank you for your patience. The move should be complete within the next month.

Kids Zone - new NLS web site

NLS has introduced Kids Zone, one place on the internet for children who are blind or physically handicapped to search for books and research with reference services. Children's materials were always available through the online catalog, but getting to the material was sometimes a multistep process and not very kid-friendly. Now you children have your own catalog on NLS Kids Zone at www.loc.gov/nls/children/index.html.

"The kids' catalog offers listings of award-winning books, information on popular series, descriptions of magazines for children, and a link of award-winning books, series, and classics also provide the added convenience of direct links to Web-Braille for subscribers and the most recent RC numbers for ordering books from network libraries.

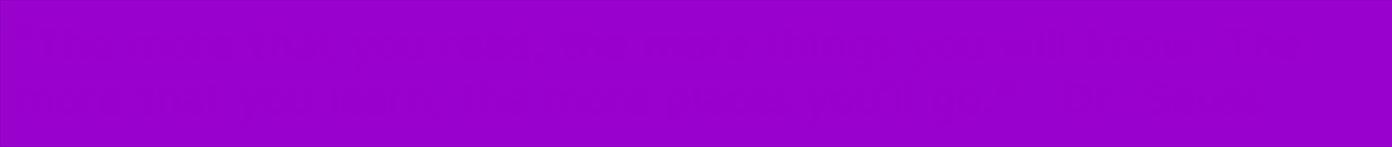
"We read to know we are not alone." C.S. Lewis



Ongoing Special Project

Seedlings Braille Books for Children is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to increasing the opportunity for literacy by providing high quality, low cost braille books for children.

With the Rose Project which is brought to you by a generous grant from the Claire Giannini Fund, blind students in grades 1-12 will be able to order World Book Encyclopedia articles in Braille and no cost to you. To order an article just call Seedlings at 1-800-777-8552 and the article will be produced in braille, and in print if required and will be shipped to you within five working days.



2008 Calendars

A Service from the American Action Fund is the productions and distribution of free Braille calendars to blind and deaf-blind people on a nationwide basis. A very large number of volunteers help the Action Fund provide its services.

They are now accepting orders via email at
calendars@actionfund.org

Or you can fax your order to 818-343-3219.

Finally, you can always request a calendar by writing at:

American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults
18440 Oxnard Street
Tarzana, CA 91356

Did You Know?

The Paralympic Winter Games are Winter Olympic style games for individuals with a physical or mental disability. The Paralympic Games are held in conjunction with the Olympic Games in the same host city. There are currently three classes in the Paralympic Alpine Skiing competition, one including individuals who are totally blind and those with varying degrees of vision loss. Blind and visually impaired alpine skiers use a guide to help them traverse the slopes in a race against their fellow competitors.

Please let us know

Are your preferences changing or do you wish to increase/decrease the number of books that you are currently receiving? Contact your Reader Advisor so that we may assist you.

New Non-Fiction books

RC64184 - Amazing Tigers! by: Sarah L. Thomson

Presents facts about tigers and their cubs - the reason they have stripes, the ways they hunt, and why they are disappearing from the wild. For grades K-3. 2004.

RC64151 - Little Lost Bat by: Sandra Markle

Describes the early experiences of a baby bat that was born in a Texas cave. Discusses the ways his mother cares for him, the loss of his mother, and his adoption by another bat who keeps him safe. For grades K-3. 2006.

RC64003 - The American Story: One Hundred True Tales from American History by: Jennifer Armstrong

U.S. history - from 1565 to 2000 - Describes tragedies, such as the Chicago Fire and the eruption of Mount Saint Helens, and triumphs, including completion of the transcontinental railway and the first moon landing. Profiles Benjamin Franklin, Elvis Presley, and others. For grades 4-7. 2006.

RC63835 - Diving to a Deep-Sea Volcano by: Kenneth Mallory

Discusses the first discoveries of prolific life-forms surrounding hydrothermal vents and the scientists who made the dives one and one-half miles below the surface of the Pacific Ocean.

Describes large tubeworms, giant clams, and other organisms and the miniature submarine Alvin that enabled deep-sea exploration. For grades 4-7. 2006.

RC63820 - The Adventures of Marco Polo by: Russell Freedman

Discusses the life of Marco Polo, who published accounts of his travels from Venice, Italy, through the Middle East and Asia, to the court of Kublai Khan in China. For grades 4-7. 2006.

RC63430 - With a Little Luck: Surprising Stories of Amazing Discoveries by: Dennis Brindell Fradin

Presents eleven scientific breakthroughs, including the discoveries of gravity, penicillin, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Describes how curiosity, hard work, intelligence, and luck led an eight-year-old girl to prehistoric cave paintings, helped four doctors develop pain-free surgery, and assisted others in making monumental advances. For grades 5-8. 2006.

RC63340 - Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini

by: Sid Gleischman

A biography of the American magician and escape artist Harry Houdini (1874-1926). Discusses the increasingly dangerous stunts he attempted, without revealing their underlying secrets. Traces Houdini's career path and describes his interest in spiritualism, his courage, and his determination to succeed. For grades 5-8. 2006.

RC63809 - Good Women of a Well-Blessed Land: Women's Lives in Colonial America by: Brandon Marie Miller

Portrays the daily lives of black, white, and Native American women in colonial America. Describes the different household duties--tanning hides, building shelters, farming, sewing clothing, and raising children. Covers legal rights, indentured servitude, slavery, and the interactions between various ethnic and social groups. For grades 5-8. 2003.

RC63784 - The Best Ever Book of Good Clean Jokes

by: Bob Phillips

An A-to-Z compendium from "absurd" to "zoo," of thousands of wholesome jokes and one-liners for all ages. 1998.

New Fiction Books

For grades Kindergarten - 3:

RC64140 - The Deaf Musicians

by: Pete Seeger and Paul DuBois Jacobs

Jazz pianist Lee is asked to leave his band when he loses his hearing. At sign language class, Lee meets Max who plays the sax. Riding the subway together, they form a new band with a big audience. 2006.

RC63670 - Oliver Pig and the Best Fort Ever by: Jean Van Leeuwen
Building a fort in Oliver Pig's backyard is a big project, even with the help of his friends Albert and James. Four easy chapters. 2006.

RC63915 - Sammy: The Classroom Guinea by: Alix Berenzy

One Monday morning while Ms. B is teaching, Sammy, the class's pet, makes a ruckus in his cage. Ms. B and the students gather around their guinea pig to figure out what is the matter. 2005.

For grades 2-4:

RC63329 - Night of the New Magicians: Magic Tree House, Book 35

by: Mary Pope Osborne

Merlin sends Jack and Annie to the 1889 World's Fair in Paris, France. Their mission is to find four new magicians in the crowds at the Eiffel Tower and protect them from an evil sorcerer. 2006.

For grades 3-6

RC62706 - The Old Meadow by: George Seldon

Dubber Dog wants Chester Cricket, from The Cricket in Times Square (RC58857) to prevent their friend Mr. Budd's eviction from his rundown cabin in the Old Meadow. The animals' efforts seem to make matters worse, but Ashley Mockingbird has a plan. 1987.

RC63791 - High Risk: Nancy Drew, Girl Detective

by: Carolyn, Keene

Nancy Drew searches for a stolen zoning law document that would prevent retired librarian Evaline Waters' house from being bulldozed for a factory. Nancy also takes flying lessons. 2004.

For grades 4-7

RC64148 - West to a Land of Plenty: The Diary of Teresa Angelino Viscardi by: Jim Murphy

In 1883, 14-year-old Teresa and her Italian American family travel by train and wagon from New York to a utopian community in Idaho. Teresa keeps a diary of her experiences during the trip, including their encounters with Indians and other travelers and her younger sister's death. 1998.

RC63337 - Sports Shorts: An Anthology of Short Stories

by: Joseph Bruchac and others

Eight semiautobiographical stories about the authors' athletic experiences, both successful and not, while growing up. 2005.

RC62365 - Tik-Tok of Oz by: L. Frank Baum

Ann Soforth, the Queen of Oogaboo, a small valley in the Land of Oz, decides to conquer the world by creating an army of the eighteen men she rules. Sequel to The Patchwork Girl of Oz (RC32282). 1914.

RC63663 - Guide Dog Connections by: Norine Labitzke

Ashley's mother has a guide dog named Moses, who will retire soon. Chloe's mother is in prison and is raising Goldie to be a guide dog. The two fifth-grade girls become friends while learning about working dogs and blindness. 2005.

For grades 5-8

RC62759 - Mud City by: Deborah Ellis

Fourteen-year-old Shauzia, from Parvana's Journey (RC55612), leaves the Afghan women's refugee camp in Pakistan to head for France. She finds that surviving on the streets is harder than expected. 2003.

RC63800 - Victory by: Susan Cooper

A high-seas, time-shifting adventure that follows two people: Molly, an eleven-year-old English girl who moves to Connecticut in 2006, and Sam, an eleven-year-old boy who served on HMS Victory in 1803. Both are influenced by Admiral Horatio Nelson, a great sailor. 2006.

RC63881 - House of the Red Fish by: Graham Salisbury

In this sequel to Under the Blood-Red Sun (RC44654, BR10261), Tomi and his family are still battling anti-Japanese feeling in 1943 Hawaii. Tomi and his friends try to salvage his father's sunken fishing boat, but Keet Wilson, a white teen, wants to stop him. 2006.

For grades 6-9

RC63662 - Vanishing Act by: John Feinstein

Eighth-grade sports reporters Susan Carol Anderson and Stevie Thomas are covering the U.S. Open tennis championships in New York City. They track down clues when Russian star Nadia Symanova is kidnapped before her match. 2006.

RC63910 - Best Shorts: Favorite Short Stories for Sharing

selected by: Avi

Twenty-four short stories by such well-known authors as Lloyd Alexander, Natalie Babbitt, and Richard Peck. Includes "Rip Van Winkle," "The Lady or the Tiger" and more. 2006.

RC63812 - The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by: John Boyne
World War II. Nine-year-old Bruno is dismayed to leave his three best friends when his family moves from their Berlin home to a remote country house. He struggles to understand why he can't be friends with the boy behind the wire fence. 2006.

For senior high readers

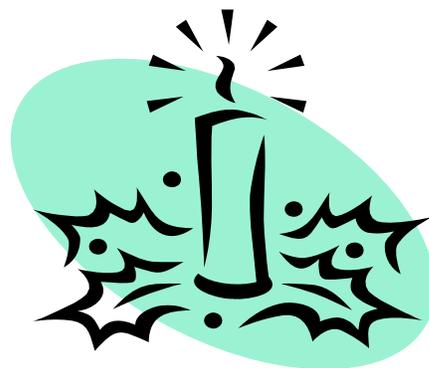
RC63811 - The Last Days by: Scott Westerfeld
Following Peeps (RC62387), New York City is invaded by giant worms and disease. Five teens - one a vampire - form a band whose music has a calming effect on society, killing the worms and healing the vampires. 2006.

RC63850 - Incantation by: Alice Hoffman
Spain, 1500. Sixteen-year-old Estrella, raised as a Catholic, learns of her family's secret Jewish identity. When Estrella is betrayed by her best friend, who is jealous over a boy, the authorities arrest members of Estrella's family. 2006.

RC63874 - A Princess of Roumania by: Paul Park
Teenager Miranda lives with her adoptive parents in Mass., but she has inklings of her early years and relatives in Roumania, an alternate magical world. She returns there, accompanied by friends Peter and Andromeda, to search for her true mother, prisoner of a sinister alchemist. 2005.

RC63941 - Startled by His Furry Shorts: Confessions of Geogia Nicolson by: Louise Rennison
British teenager Georgia continues her quest for a boyfriend. In her journal she records her feelings for sexy Italian Masimo, her old mate Dave, and her ex-crush Robbie. Meanwhile, preparing for a school play and a Viking wedding and her quirky family. 2006.

The Braille and Talking Book Library staff would like to thank all of our patrons, advocates, volunteers, and friends out there who have continued to brighten our days.



Happy Holidays & Best Wishes!

[150 years of building independence...](#)

In celebration of 150 years of building independence for people who are blind and visually impaired, the American Printing House for the Blind is conducting an essay contest. The contest is open to:

- Students with a visual impairment who are enrolled in grades 3 through 12 for the 2007-2008 academic year
- Adult consumers of APH products
- Professionals in the field of blindness, including teachers of the visually impaired and rehabilitation counselors

The deadline for entry is April 1, 2008. The entry form, including the official topic and all guidelines for preparing and submitting an essay, is posted on the APH website at:

www.aph.org/essay.html.

For print or braille copies of the entry form, contact Becky Snider:

Phone: 800-223-1839 or 502-895-2405, ext. 356

Fax: 502-899-2363 or email: rsnider@aph.org



"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! on Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!" - Clement Clarke Moore

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

December 25	Christmas Day
January 1	New Years Day
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 18	Presidents Day

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