



# BOOKBAG

## Notes from the Director

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 now available to be completed on line.

To access the survey go to

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Gq9dPT16qX\\_2fNHY\\_2buKLEdvg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Gq9dPT16qX_2fNHY_2buKLEdvg_3d_3d)

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 for assistance 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.

## 2008 Braille Calendars - free

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](mailto: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



If you have any questions you need answered or have suggestions for the next Bookbag Newsletter, please email us your comments at [talkbkreq@state.sd.us](mailto:talkbkreq@state.sd.us) or mail them to us at SD Braille & Talking Book Library, Bookbag Editor 800 Governor's Drive, Pierre SD 57501.



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](http://www.jgb.org/guildscholar.asp).

### GW Micro Window-Eyes Training

GW Micro announces **Window-Eyes Training in De Smet on March 3 and 4, 2009 by Ferguson Enterprises**. The training will be held at Ferguson Enterprises, 205 Joliet Ave. SE, De Smet, SD 57231

Window-Eyes is the most advanced screen reader available today. If you are a blind consumer, a student, a teacher, an IT professional, a counselor, or an assistive technology trainer, then Window-Eyes training is for you! The fee for training is \$325.00 per day. They will provide Basic Skills Training on the first day and Intermediate Skills Training on the second day.

They also offer CEU credit for \$20.00 per day and you will receive 0.6 hours of credit.

For more information, or to register online, go to:

[www.gwmicro.com/training](http://www.gwmicro.com/training) and select the training registration link.

Please select South Dakota as the location for training.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit."  
- Aristotle, ancient Greek philosopher

## Students to Pick Book Award Winners

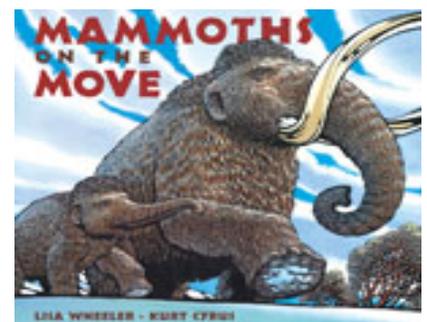
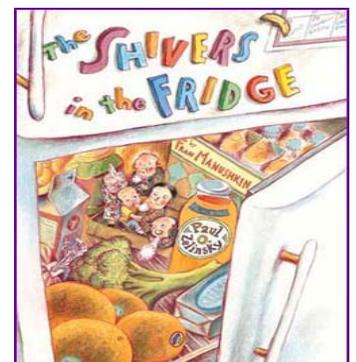
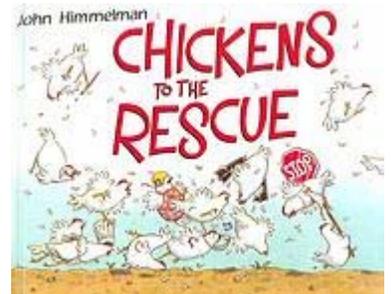
Students at several schools throughout South Dakota will help decide the winners of two South Dakota Children's Book Awards. Children in grades K - 3 will read and vote for books nominated to win the Prairie Bud Award. While fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will read books vying for the Prairie Pasque 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.)

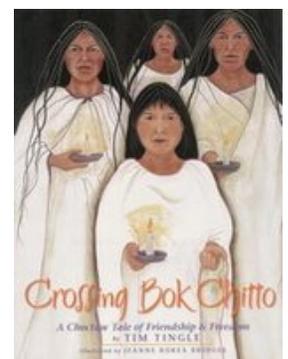
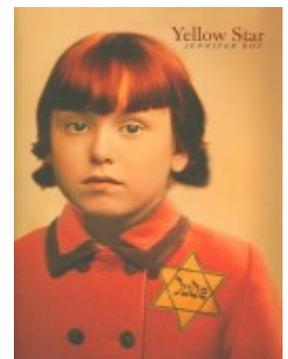
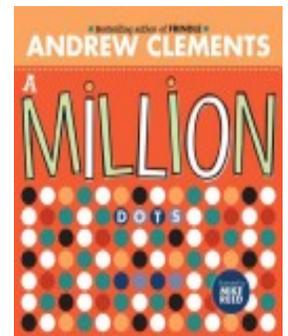
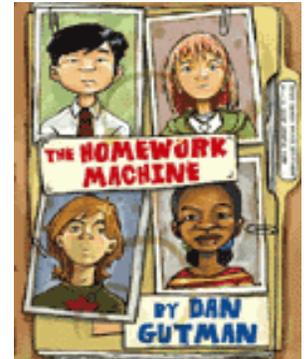
## Prairie Bud

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. D004178 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



## 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



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## RFB&D<sup>®</sup> INTRODUCES NEW AUDIOACCESS<sup>SM</sup>

August 4, 2008 (Princeton, NJ) - Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic<sup>®</sup> (RFB&D<sup>®</sup>), the nation's educational library for students of all ages who cannot effectively read standard print because of a learning disability, such as dyslexia, visual impairment or other physical disability, introduces AudioAccess<sup>SM</sup>, a new downloadable audio textbook that plays on the widely available Microsoft Windows<sup>®</sup> Media Player (version 10 or above) and can be synchronized with most Windows-compatible portable media players.

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On Monday, August 4, 2008, enrolled members can not only order the books they need from RFB&D's fully accessible online catalog of more than 46,000 educational titles, but can now download those books directly to their Microsoft Windows-compatible computer. No longer will students need to wait for their books to arrive in the mail. RFB&D's new online order fulfillment walks members through the ordering process, installs the free RFB&D *Download Manager* software and quickly organizes the books members order on their computer for easy use. The *Download Manager* allows members to download an entire book or just the sections they need.

## IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

Does the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Process still seem a bit confusing? Would it be helpful to have access to a tool kit on teaching and assessing students with disabilities?

If you have any questions like the previous two or if you would just like to learn more about the reauthorized Individuals with Disabilities Education Act that was signed into law on December 3, 2004 by President George W. Bush, visit <http://idea.ed.gov> to learn more.

## January is National Braille Literacy Month

Celebrate Louis Braille's 200<sup>th</sup> Birthday

January 4, 2009, will be the 200<sup>th</sup> 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 K-12 students with qualifying print disabilities, with free access to their collection at no charge.

Students 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>

## TIE Technology Leadership Awards

Technology & Innovation in Education (TIE) wants you to nominate someone from your TIE member schools who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in implementing technology to improve K-12 education. Teacher nominees include any subject area teacher, media specialists, and technology integrationists. Nominees for a Technology Leader includes a district technology coordinator, principal, and superintendent.

Deadline is January 31, 2009. Please register online at <http://conference.tie.net/content/everyone/techawards.htm>.

We appreciate it when schools and parents contact us with any changes to account information such as: name, address, phone number, fax number, email address, and contact person that is authorized to check out machines and books from our library.

Also, remember that other students may be requesting textbooks your child/student used this school year and you would help us by sending any and all textbooks back at the end of the school year.

**Remember to order students' textbooks for 2009/2010 school year; go to <http://library.sd.gov/forms/Braille/textbookorder/default.aspx>**

The BOOKBAG, published quarterly, is our means of communication with parents, teachers, and schools that utilize textbooks and educational materials in alternative format. The BOOKBAG is available in Braille, on cassette or on a diskette upon request and is posted on our website:

<http://www.sdstatelibrary.com/b&tb/>

If you have any questions or comments you would like to address, or wish to request this newsletter in alternative format, please contact the Braille and Talking Book Library.

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- Karen Duenwald, Educational Materials Coordinator