



Prairie Trails Newsletter

South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Library

News from Director

Hello. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Colleen Kirby and I am the new Assistant State Librarian for Access Services. As the Assistant State Librarian for Access Services one of my responsibilities is to oversee the Braille and Talking Book Library. I am a South Dakota native and have worked in a variety of library positions over the past 28 years. Working with the Braille and Talking Book Library is like the icing on the cake.



Many of you knew Dan Boyd, who was Director of the Braille and Talking Book Library for more than 30 years. He was truly an outstanding leader. His dedication to providing service to those who cannot read standard print is unsurpassed. I hope that I will be able to continue the wonderful service that the Braille and Talking Book Library provided under Dan's leadership.

As the Braille and Talking Book staff continues to serve you, we are very excited about our new

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digital players. They are similar to the cassette players, but much smaller and easier to use.

The player features better sound quality, a sleep button that will stop play after a specified time, a charge time of 30 hours; and a recharge time of only 2 ½ hours.

The new digital books are much easier to use. Each digital book (DB) comes on a single cartridge instead of multiple cassettes. It requires no flipping or changing of side selector switches. The digital book cartridge is comparable in size to a cassette. The cartridge will only fit into the digital machine one way, so you never have to worry about inserting a cartridge incorrectly.

People with Internet access also have the option of downloading digital books. There is a USB port on the right side of the machine. Many more titles are currently available for downloading than are currently produced in the cartridge format. You will need to register at the National Library Service's BARD website <http://nlsbard.loc.gov>. Once accepted, you'll be emailed login information and will be able to download books and magazines from the BARD site to a computer, and then copy the files onto a blank flash or thumb drives for playing on the Digital Book Machine.

At the present time you need to get your name on the waiting list to receive the new digital player. Once all current talking book users have received a digital player, people new to the Braille and Talking Book Library will receive their players. You can call your Reader Advisor and request that you be put on the list to receive the digital player. I guarantee you that you are going to love it.

WAIT – Keep your cassette player – don't send it back. The transition from the cassette players to the digital players will take about four-years. For the immediate future direct mail magazines will only be available on cassette. You will also need your cassette player to read books from the current collection that won't be provided in digital format. New titles will be offered in both digital and cassette formats until NLS stops producing cassette books in late 2010. Due to high demand and the limited number of digital

copies we receive, it may be faster to get a new book on cassette instead of waiting for the digital book.

If you do not yet have your new digital player, call your Reader Advisor today. They will put you on the waiting list and will make sure you receive a machine as soon as one is available.

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.

- Joseph Addison

Changes to our Newsletter

The Braille and Talking Book Library will no longer produce two of our publications—the Kid’s News and The Bookbag (newsletters sent to our patrons under the age of 17 and Teachers and Parents who request textbook services for their students.) The information found in those publications will now be included in marked sections of the Prairie Trails Newsletter.

Bookshelf Feature on NLS Digital Player

You have the capability to use "bookshelf" mode on your player. This comes in handy for when you download multiple books onto one USB Flash Drive. To access more than just the first book loaded when a book is not currently playing, press and hold the Play/Stop button to enter the bookshelf and the Rewind or Fast-forward buttons to select the desired book. You will then need to again press the Play/Stop button to play the book chosen.

Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant and interesting.

- Aldous Huxley

Hooked on Talking Books

One of our readers from Yankton, Charlotte Hansen, recently shared this story with her reader advisor. - Years ago when she was first losing her sight, she had trouble accepting her blindness, especially the fact that she couldn't read anymore. She received talking books, but she thought it wasn't the same as reading a printed book. She discussed this with a friend of hers named Frank Branaugh, also from Yankton, who was also blind. He suggested that she sit in a chair with a book in her lap, turn her talking book player on, and listen, turning a page in the book every so often. Our reader tried this, got hooked on the books, and years later is still an avid patron of the library.

Executive NLS/BPH Case

A new EXECUTIVE NLS/BPH CASE for the NLS/BPH digital talking book player has been created. The case is made of soft and water-resistant faux leather. This case has a zippered storage compartment for holding up to three cartridges. The case has been designed to enable the user to easily utilize all keys, load your cartridges, USB port, and headset jack and can be carried on a comfortable shoulder strap or a hand carry strap. The pocket/flap can be secured in an open position by fastening the flap under the unit. In the closed position, the pocket/flap protects the keys, covers the cartridge area, covers the power cord area in the rear and protects the overall unit. This case fits both the standard and advance NLS units.

This case is available for purchase for \$39.95 through Perkins at www.perkins.org when you click on the tab "Buy Perkins Products" and through Executive Products Inc. at www.executiveproductsinc.com/catalog/

Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge: it is thinking that makes what we read ours. - John Locke

The SD Collection is Growing

We have recently added the following books to our SD collection. This collection is comprised of books about South Dakota, books written by South Dakota authors, books recorded in South Dakota, and many others that were requested by our patrons.

SD004458 *American Eve: Evelyn Nesbit, Stanford White, the Birth of the "It" Girl, and the Crime of the Century* by: Paula Uruburu - The scandalous story of Americas first supermodel, sex goddess, and modern celebrity Evelyn Nesbit. SD004458

SD004460 *Chief: Marine Corps Warrior - The Life of John P. "Pat" Flynn, Jr.* by: Sean J. Flynn - Lt. Col. Pat Flynn, descendant of Lakota Chief Spotted Tail, spent 24 years in Marine Corps service, including 16 brutal months as a POW in North Korea. Flynn was a skilled aviator, a faithful Lakota warrior, and an American hero. SD004460

SD004463 *The Big Girls* by: Susanna Moore - At the heart of this electrifying novel is a crime of unfathomable horror and its effect on several profoundly different lives, each altered by a surprising connection to the others. SD004463

SD004464 *Buffalo Woman* by: Dorothy M. Johnson - A fictionalized account, as seen through the eyes of a woman known as Whirlwind, of life with the Oglala Sioux from 1820 through the aftermath of the victory at the Little Bighorn in 1877. SD004464

SD004465 *Taking the Fifth* by: J.A. Jance - Seattle Homicide Detective J.P. Beaumont thought he had seen them all - until he saw this body, its wounds, and the murder weapon: an elegant woman's shoe, its stiletto heel gruesomely caked with blood. The evidence is shocking and unsettling, even for a man who prowls the shadows for a living, for it suggests that savagery is not the exclusive domain of the predatory male. SD004465

SD004466 *Turn The Stars Upside Down* by: Terry C. Johnston - In this powerful, moving account of the last days of Crazy Horse, Terry C. Johnson weaves a saga of warriors, lovers, peacemakers,

traitors, war, and suffering among the innocents on both sides. Most of all, this is the story of one man--a mystic, a fighter, a father and husband--whose last journey was as fateful and dramatic as a life lived without surrender. SD004466

SD004467 *Beyond the Body Farm* by: Dr. Bill Bass and Jon Jefferson - Witty and engaging, Bass dissects the methods used by homicide investigators every day, leading readers on an extraordinary journey into the high-tech science that it takes to crack a case. SD004467

SD004468 *A Tendering in the Storm* by: Jane Kirkpatrick - Determined to raise her children on her own terms, Emma suddenly finds herself alone and pregnant with her third child, struggling to keep her family secure in the remote coastal forest of the Washington Territory. Based on a True Story. SD004468

SD004469 *A Promise to Believe In: Brides of Gallatin County, book 1* by: Tracie Peterson - As Gwen and her sisters struggle to maintain an inn on their own, unexpected visitor Hank Bishop claims to be searching for something in the possession of Gwen's late husband. But mayhem of another sort builds in Gwen's heart as she finds a growing attraction to this man. Can she dare to hope that love might again be hers? SD004469

SD004470 *Wild Places - Wide Apart: a book of short stories* by: Melvin Arthur Anderson - Written in a matter-of-fact, often humorous style, *Wild Places - Wide Apart* takes you from the early forts and fur traders of territorial times in South Dakota after the Civil War. SD004470

SD004471 *Oregon Brides* by: Tracey Bateman - Three young women find themselves in new phases of life after each are touched by devastation. SD004471

SD004472 *Promise the Moon* by: Elizabeth Joy Arnold - War and its aftermath take Josh from Natalie and her children. And so Natalie begins writing letters from Josh that she hides for young Anna and Toby to find - notes from heaven. As Natalie's search brings her closer to her own parents and reunites her with a love

from long ago, she and her children will discover just how much of a hero Josh actually was. SD004472

SD004473 *Colorado Wings: Four Inspirational Love Stories with a Dash of Intrigue* by: Tracie Peterson - Eight lives are forever altered by the events of one day. Whether they were on the plane or share a more distant connection, these four young couples find a dark mystery haunting their budding romances. Waiting for God to work everything out could be their biggest challenge yet. SD004473

SD004474 *Forty to Life* by: Dave Jackson - Provoked by a gang leader into the random shooting of an innocent guy, fourteen-year-old Ray now faces a forty-year sentence in Chicago's infamous prison system. As far as Ray is concerned, it might as well be for life. SD004474

SD004475 *Callie's Mountain* by: Veda Boyd Jones - Callie's grandmother taught her to respect her Carolina mountain upbringing based on faith and love. But awestruck by a benefactor who is also one of Nashville's rising stars, Callie struggles between old teachings and new yearnings. SD004475

SD004476 *Peter Norbeck: Prairie Statesman* by: Gilbert Courtland Fite - The definitive biography of Peter Norbeck. A progressive Republican and strong supporter of the policies of Theodore Roosevelt, he was a towering figure in South Dakota politics. SD004476

SD004477 *The Homesteader: A Novel* by: Oscar Micheaux - Autobiographical, *The Homesteader*, expands on and continues the life of a black pioneer first described in *The Conquest*. In this incarnation, Jean Baptiste is his name. He has just purchased land in South Dakota when he meets his "dream girl," but to his mind marriage is impossible because she is white. SD004477

SD004478 *Abraham Lincoln* by: George McGovern - Abraham Lincoln towers above the others who have held the office of president - the icon of greatness, the pillar of strength whose words bound up the nation's wounds. His presidency is the hinge

on which American history pivots, the time when the young republic collapsed of its own contradictions and a new birth of freedom, sanctified by blood, created the United States we know today. SD004478

SD004484 *Ghostwalk* by: Rebecca Stott - Filled with evocative descriptions of Cambridge, past and present, of seventeenth-century glassmaking, alchemy, the Great Plague, and Newton's scientific innovations, *Ghostwalk* centers around a real historical mystery that Rebecca Stott has uncovered involving Newton's alchemy. SD004484

SD004489 *A Kiss Remembered* by: Sandra Brown - Shelley can't explain why she takes a class taught by Grant Chapman. Unplanned, stunningly hot, and never repeated, a single kiss with Grant has haunted Shelley as a symbol of "what might have been" with the right man. As their relationship grows, guilt mingles with desires Shelly can't deny. SD004489

SD004491 *The Trail of the Lonesome Pine* by: John Fox - Set in the Appalachian Mountains at the turn of the twentieth century, a feud has been boiling for over thirty years between two influential mountain families: the Tollivers and the Falins. Entering the area, John Hale captures the attention of the beautiful June Tolliver, and inadvertently becomes entangled in the region's politics. SD004491

SD004495 *Rocky Mountain Legacy* by: Lois Richer - How better to stop his sister from eloping than to arrange the wedding? That way, Cade Porter's only family member will stay put on his Colorado ranch. He hires the best wedding planner in Denver, but Samantha Woodward, of the famed "Weddings by Woodward's" empire, thinks Cade is mighty arrogant. SD004495

SD004497 *A Soldier for Keeps* by: Jillian Hart - Lexie Evans is not looking for a relationship with Pierce Granger. And that's just fine by the handsome soldier. Neither one has time for romance, but face-to-face with her friend, Lexie realizes her feelings toward him have changed. SD004497

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Do you want your students to have equal access to web browsing? Have them check out Google™ at <http://labs.google.com/accessible>.

A thorough explanation of the many other services that are offered is available at <http://labs.google.com/accessible/overview.html>.

Needing a white cane?

Individuals may now apply online for a free white cane from National Federation of the Blind. Go to <http://www.nfb.org/freecane/forms.asp>.

A PDF is also made available for downloading from:

www.nfb.org/images/nfb/documents/pdf/Free_White_Cane_Application.pdf

Printed applications should be mailed to:

Free White Cane Program
National Federation of the Blind
200 East Wells Street at Jernigan Place
Baltimore, MD 21230

Overdues

Since March 2010, the SD Braille & Talking Book Library began mailing overdue notices every month. Our sending overdues just means we are trying to keep an accurate record of our collection and making sure that the books continue to circulate regularly.

Now that we are making the transition to digital materials, we have been ordering fewer copies of cassette titles, and our collection of digital cartridges is still quite small.

Prompt returns keep waiting lists short for everyone. If you need to keep books longer than 6 weeks, please contact your Reader Advisor and request that the books be renewed. If you should receive an overdue notice for books you have already returned or never received, just let us know and we will remove them from your patron record.

Staff Book Picks for Adults

Dakota has recently read *Catch of the Day* by: Kristan Higgins DB/RC 68034 - Maine. Thirty-two-year-old Maggie Beaumont, who has been single since her high school boyfriend dumped her, keeps busy by running a diner, volunteering, and helping with her twin sister's family. Maggie doesn't notice her brother's colleague, lobsterman Malone, although Malone is acutely aware of her. Some strong language. Rita Award. 2007.

Mary suggests reading *Twenty Wishes: A Blossom Street Book* by: Debbie Macomber DB/RC 66637 - Four widows--Anne Marie, Lillie, Barbie, and Elise--meet at Anne Marie's bookstore, and each makes twenty wishes to improve her life. Anne Marie assists Ellen, an at-risk child; Barbie meets Mark, who uses a wheelchair; Elise starts a foundation in memory of her husband; and Lillie falls in love. Bestseller. 2008.

Other Blossom Street books that might interest you as well are: *The Shop on Blossom Street* RC 58642, *Back on Blossom Street* RC 64791, *Twenty Wishes: A Blossom Street Book* DB/RC 66637, and *Summer on Blossom Street* DB/RC 69206.

Marcia has just finished reading her suggestion of the Twilight Series which are vampire-based fantasy romance novels by Stephanie Meyer. Books in this series are: *Twilight* RC 62066, *New Moon* RC 64367, *Eclipse* RC 65812, and *Breaking Dawn* 67328.

Karen suggests reading *Schulz and Peanuts: A Biography* by: David Michaelis DB/RC 67443. - Biography of Charles Schulz, the creator of the comic strip Peanuts, which he drew from 1950 until

his death in 2000. This book describes his childhood, the realization of his long-held desire to be a cartoonist, his family life, his two marriages, and the autobiographical aspects of his characters. 2007.

Nancy has read and enjoyed the *Abram's Daughters Series* by Beverly Lewis. Books in this series are: *The Covenant* RC 56398, *The Betrayal* RC 56399, *The Sacrifice* RC 59512, *The Prodigal* RC 60280, and *The Revelation* RC 60595. - *Abram's Daughters* introduces readers to an Old Order family, a close-knit community and a devout people whose way of life and faith in God is as timeless as their signature horse and buggy. Set against the backdrop of post-World War II, this compelling saga spans three generations of a Lancaster County Amish family. Abram Ebersol and his devoted wife are raising four courting-age daughters on a firm foundation of Plain tradition, and they expect their girls to carry on that heritage by joining the church and making a covenant with God. Each of Abram's daughters, choosing her own path, must come to terms with the Old Ways of thinking and living.

Colleen suggests reading *Doggie Day Care Murder: A Melanie Travis Mystery* by: Laurien Berenson DB/RC 68343 - Connecticut. Poodle owner and amateur sleuth Melanie Travis scouts out the Pine Ridge Canine Care Center on behalf of a friend who may leave her golden retriever there while she works. When the center's charming co-owner, Steve Pine, is shot to death, Melanie goes undercover to catch the killer. 2008.

Connie suggests reading *The Hour I First Believed* by: Wally Lamb DB/RC 68011 - While teacher Caelum Quirk visits his recently deceased aunt's Connecticut farm, his school-nurse wife Maureen witnesses the Columbine high school rampage at home in Colorado--and falls apart. Starting their lives over back East, Caelum learns life-altering family secrets. Strong language, some violence, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2008.

Descriptive Videos Update

In 2007, the company responsible for providing us with descriptive VHS movies (DVS) stopped production. Our goal is to update the Descriptive VHS movie collection with Descriptive DVD format movies as soon as we can. Only one company is currently producing auto-start DVDs and they do not provide recently released movie theater titles, they only produce what is termed as a classic.

So far, we are waiting to see if a company with a wider selection of titles will implement the auto-start function to their DVDs, but have not seen any change yet.

Newly Added Magazines

Please let your Reader Advisor know if you would be interested in receiving the following publications available on cassette:

Great Decisions 2010 Briefing Book - "Published annually by the Foreign Policy Association, the Great Decisions briefing book features impartial, thought-provoking analyses on eight issues of concern to U.S. policymakers today. The 2010 edition features articles on Special envoys, Kenya and R2P, Global crime, U.S.-China security relations, Global financial crisis, Russia and its neighbors, Persian Gulf, and Peace building and conflict resolution." - Borrowed from the Foreign Policy Association website: fpa.org/info-url_nocat4705/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=1015755

Vantage Point - A Christian Talking Magazine for the Blind featuring interviews and inspirational articles on health and fitness, the environment, travel, music, the arts, and stories of personal accomplishment, Vantage Point offers variety and inspiration. Published by the Christian Record Services. This magazine is sent out quarterly.

Vital Speeches of the Day - Each monthly issue features eight to ten speeches by individuals who have attained leadership in

the fields of economics, politics, finance, education, sociology, health, government, criminology, law, business, taxation, and labor. It is the policy of the magazine to cover both sides of public questions and to print speeches in full.

Fisheries - The American Fisheries Society (AFS), founded in 1870, is the oldest and largest professional society representing fisheries scientists. The AFS promotes scientific research and enlightened management of aquatic resources for optimum use and enjoyment by the public. It also encourages comprehensive education of fisheries scientists and continuing on-the-job training.

Kids/Teens News

Staff Book Picks for our younger readers

Dakota is reading *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain DB/RC 53084. - The escapades and high jinks of schoolboy Tom Sawyer, who lives with his Aunt Polly in a small Missouri town on the Mississippi River. Tom angles for the affections of Becky Thatcher, runs away with Huck Finn and Joe Harper, and tells the truth when it matters. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 1876.

Josh suggests reading *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau DB/RC 59907, BR 15120 - A city planned to survive for two hundred years, now in year 241, suffers shortages--and a secret message-bearing box is missing. Independent-thinking twelve-year-olds Doon and Lina exchange obligatory jobs and make a discovery that could change their known world. For grades 5-8. 2003.

Other books in our collection, by Jeanne DuPrau include: *The Diamond of Darkhold* DB 68665; *The People of Sparks* DB/RC 60098, BR 15562; and, *The Prophet of Yonwood* DB62892.

Karen has been reading *The Porcupine Year* by: Louise Erdrich DB/RC 68022 - Minnesota, 1852. Her brother Pinch's adoption of a young porcupine as a pet marks the beginning of a year of

canoe travel for Omakayas's family after they leave their Lake Superior island in search of a new home. Sequel to Game of Silence RC 61109. For grades 4-7. 2008.

New Braille Books

SDBA0100 *Junie B. Jones Loves Handsome Warren* by: Barbara Park - Junie B. and her best friends want to impress the new boy at school. Lucille wears fancy dresses and Grace shows how fast she can run. But when Warren is homesick, Junie B. finds her own way to be his friend. For grades K-3. SDBA0100

SDBA0101 *Roald Dahl's Revolting Recipes* by: Felicity Dahl and Josie Fison - Recipes for preparing some of the scrumptious and wonderfully disgusting dishes that appear in Dahl's books. There's chicken soup from George's Marvelous Medicine (BR 10915), toffee-apple trees from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (BR 11466), and Bruce Bogtrotter's cake from Matilda (BR 17775), among other treats. For grades 3-6. SDBA0101

SDBA0102 *The Anne of Green Gables Cookbook* by: Kate Macdonald - Inspired by the most famous of all Canadian children's books, L.M. Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables, this cookbook combines easy step-by-step recipes with quotations from three of the ever-popular Anne books. From 'Anne's Liniment Cake' to Diana Barry's Favourite Raspberry Cordial', these delicious treats will be fun to make. For grades 6-9 and young adult. SDBA0102

SDBA0103 *Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook* by: Barbara Park - Junie B. Jones experiences glee while showing off her new furry mittens in kindergarten, but disaster strikes when they disappear from the playground. For grades preschool - 3. SDBA0103

SDBA0104 *Junie B. Jones Is a Beauty Shop Guy* by: Barbara Park - After her first trip to a beauty parlor Junie decides she wants to work there, and she practices on her bunny slippers, her dog, and herself with disastrous results. Junie B. Jones believes she has a calling to become a barber and, after practicing on

various stuffed animals, decides to move on to a human subject - herself. Is Junie B. on her way to a great new career? Or is she about to have the worst hair day ever? For grades preschool - 4. SDBA0104

SDBA0105 *Winnie-the-Pooh's Teatime Cookbook* by: A. A. Milne - Discusses the phenomenon of afternoon tea and provides recipes for muffins, pastries, and other appropriate fare, punctuated by quotations from the works of A. A. Milne. SDBA0105

SDB00329 *Other Bells for Us to Ring* by: Robert Cormier - When her father is transferred to an army camp in Massachusetts during the Second World War, Darcy feels isolated in her French-Canadian neighborhood until she meets the vivacious Kathleen Mary O'Hara and learns about Catholicism. For grades 5-9 and older. SDB00329

SDB00330 *How to Steal a Dog* by: Barbara O'Connor - Georgina Hayes is desperate. With her mama juggling two jobs and trying to make enough money to find a place to live, Georgina is stuck looking after her younger brother, Toby. When Georgina spots a missing-dog poster with a reward of five hundred dollars, the solution to all her problems suddenly seems within reach. All she has to do is "borrow" the right dog and its owners are sure to offer a reward. For grades 5-9. SDB00330

SDB00331 *The Imp That Ate My Homework* by: Laurence Yep - Jim teams up with his grandfather, who is known as the meanest man in china town, to defeat a powerful demon. Prairie Pasque 2000-2001. For grades 4-8. SDB00331

SDB00332 *Georgie Lee* by: Sharon Phillips Denslow - Georgie Lee is the sweetest, strangest, smartest, funniest, most inquisitive, and most mysterious black and white cow you will ever meet. J.D. is a boy who loves adventure and hiking and the neighborhood dogs and haunted houses and spending the summer on his grandmother's farm. J.D. does not love Georgie Lee. But there is an entire summer ahead. For grades 3-6. SDB00332

SDB00333 *Rats!* by: Jane Cutler - Fourth-grader Jason and his younger brother Edward shop for school clothes, get ready for Halloween, acquire a couple of pet rats, and deal with not-birthday presents from Aunt Bea. For grades 2-6. SDB00333

SDB00334 *A is fo Apple, W is for Witch* by: Catherine Dexter - Ten-year-old Apple, who can't wait to be a witch like her mother, tries to use a spell to teach pesky Barnaby a lesson and gets into serious trouble. For grades 3-6. SDB00334

New SD Collection Books for our Younger Readers

Books in this collection have been written by a South Dakotan, are about South Dakota, or are books our readers have requested.

SD004423 *Little Audrey* by: Ruth White - In 1948, eleven-year-old Audrey lives with her father, mother, and three younger sisters in Jewell Valley, where her mother still mourns the death of a baby, her father goes on drinking binges on paydays, and Audrey tries to recover from the Scarlet Fever that has left her skinny and needing to wear glasses. For grades 4-7. SD004423

SD004425 *Mountain Born* by: Elizabeth Yates - A boy in a family of sheep farmers raises a black lamb to be the leader of the flock. A Newbery Honor roll book. For grades 3-7. SD004425

SD004429 *Devil Pony* by: Matt Christopher - Several unexplainable accidents lead Stu to believe that his horse is in someway related to the Bancroft poltergeist. For grades 3-6. SD004429

SD004430 *It All Began With Jane Eyre: or, The secret life of Franny Dillman* by: Sheila Greenwald - Avid reading and a vivid imagination get Franny Dillman into hot water when she turns from the classics to modern teenage novels. For grades 5-9 and young adults. SD004430

SD004439 *Vinegar Pancakes and Vanishing Cream* by: Bonnie Pryor - Surrounded by siblings who are athletic, smart, or cute,

Martin wonders who he is while enduring a wild camping trip, disasters in the kitchen, and other family escapades. For grade 3-7. SD004439

SD004440 *Viking Adventure* by: Clyde Robert Bulla - Sigurd learns lessons from his father so he'll be ready for the adventures to come. The time finally arrives when Sigurd sets out across the sea to Wineland. The voyage is filled with new sights, people, and hardships. For grades 4-8. SD004440

SD004445 *Ingledove* by: Marly Youmans - Several years after Fontana dam flooded the town where they were born, Ingledove and her brother Lang go wandering in the Great Smoky Mountains, where they encounter their mother's peculiar people, the Adantan, and an evil being who charms Lang. For grades 5-9 and young adults. SD004445

SD004446 *A Mystery for Thoreau* by: Kin Platt - Sixteen-year-old Oliver Puckle, news gatherer for the Concord Freeman in the summer of 1846, has his work cut out for him when word arrives of a gruesome murder at Walden Pond. It seems the only citizen who is not a suspect is the poet philosopher, Henry David Thoreau. As Oliver leads the charge to unravel the mystery, he has much to learn from his colorful neighbors. For grades 6-9 and young adults. SD004446

SD004448 *Casebook of a Private (Cat's) Eye* by: Mary Stolz - Can feline detective Eileen O'Kelly crack the case that has left the Boston police baffled and wringing their paws? Will she be able to track down the murderer who did away with celebrated chef Madame Jewel? Or will Madame Jewel's sister, the tearful and tart-tongued Miss Clara, have to close the Inn for lack of a decent meal? For grades 6-9. SD004448

SD004450 *Shoeshine Girl* by: Clyde Robert Bulla - When Aunt Claudia says no allowance, Sarah Ida is determined to get even and find a job. The shoeshine stand is the only place that will hire a ten-year-old girl. For grades 4-8. SD004450

SD004451 *Forever Changes* by: Brenda Halpin - Although encouraged to apply to colleges, Brianna Pelletier, a mathematically-gifted high school senior with cystic fibrosis, dwells on her mortality and the unfairness of life. For grades 6-9. SD004451

SD004454 *Jumping Jenny* by: Bonnie Pryor - The year that Jenny starts kindergarten, she has a busy time in the classroom and at home trying to adjust to some grown-up changes. For grades preschool - 3. SD004454

SD004455 *Horses in the Garage* by: Bonnie Pryor - Sixth grader Samantha finds a way to cope with her difficulties in adjusting to a new stepfather, a new home and a new school when she makes friends with the unconventional Jasmine and learns to ride a horse. For grade 3-6. SD004455

SD004456 *The Lace Dowry* by: Andrea Cheng - In Hungary in 1936, twelve-year-old Juli befriends the Halas village family of lace makers--especially their daughter Roza--hired to stitch her dowry, a friendship which changes her perspective of the world and increases her sense of self. For grades 5-8. SD004456

SD004457 *Deep in the Heart of High School* by: Veronica Goldbach - Vanna Reynolds was popular and happy back in Plano, Texas, but now she lives with her mother in a tiny apartment in San Antonio. Fatima Garcia does well in school and helps out with her family's construction business, but is worried about her weight. Olivia Silverstein tries to make life easier for her mother. When will she get to have her own life? Vanna, Fatima, and Olivia are ready to tackle the matters of the heart that await them, deep in the heart of high school. SD004457

SD004459 *Three Little Words: A Memoir* by: Ashley Rhodes-Courter - Ashley Rhodes-Courter spent nine years of her life in fourteen different foster homes, living by those words. As her mother spirals out of control, Ashley is left clinging to an unpredictable, dissolving relationship, all the while getting pulled deeper and deeper into the foster care system. SD004459

SD004461 *The Black Stallion Challenged* by: Walter Farley - The Black Stallion is the fastest horse in America and he and his jockey, Alec Ramsay, are training for a big race. Suddenly there comes a new challenger: Flame! The Island Stallion can run like the wind and his jockey, Steve Duncan, knows that Flame will give the Black the race of his life. For grades 5-8. SD004461

SD004462 *The Rebel* by: Hester Burton - Disillusioned by the French Revolution, an idealistic eighteenth-century English student searches for a new cause through which to express his love of freedom. For grades 4-7. SD004462

SD004479 *Georgie Lee* by: Sharon Phillips Denslow – Georgie Lee is a cow. The sweetest, strangest, smartest, funniest, most inquisitive, and most mysterious black and white cow you will ever meet. J.D. is a boy who loves adventure, but does not love Georgie Lee, but there is an entire summer ahead. For grades 3-6 SD004479

SD004480 *Track Attack* by: Betty Hicks - Jazz loves being on the track team! And her dad is her biggest fan -- maybe too big a fan. He argues with the coach, yells at the ref, and screams his head off at every meet. Jazz loves her dad, but can she keep him from having a full blown track attack? For grades 3-6. SD004480

Kiddie Records Weekly

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Winners of South Dakota Children's Book Awards

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Prairie Bud – SD004390, TVB00198 *The Fabulous Bouncing Chowder* by: Peter Brown - When Chowder goes off to the Fabu Pooch boot Camp, as usual he just doesn't fit in. Chowder tries his best but his attempts to make himself more fabulous all falls flat. Everything changes when Chowder finds a trampoline. Will Chowder win the First Animal Fabu Pooch Pageant and a one-year supply of Snarf Snacks?

Prairie Pasque – SD004333, SDB00330 *How to Steal a Dog* by: Barbara O'Connor - Living in the family car in the small North Carolina town after their father leaves them virtually penniless, Georgina, desperate to improve their situation and unwilling to accept her overworked mother's calls for patience, persuades her younger brother to help her in an elaborate scheme to get money by stealing a dog and then claiming the reward that the owners are bound to offer.

Bookbag News for Teachers and Parents

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Questions are welcome

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