



Prairie Trails Memorandum

South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Program

From the Assistant State Librarian

Living with Your Digital Player

As almost all of you are aware, our digital players talk back to you. Every time you touch a control button or arrow, the player announces the name of the control you've just pressed.

This feature is a great help when you are learning how to use the player. But some readers find that over time it gets to be a bit of a bore. You know you've hit the Volume Up arrow, and you don't want to waste an extra second every time you tap it.

There is a very simple way to change this routine. Turn the player on
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and make sure you do not have a book cartridge or USB drive plugged in. Press the Fast Forward and Speed Down arrows simultaneously, and hold them down until the player says "Reduced Verbosity."

The Reduced Verbosity command turns off all but the essential announcements. The player will still tell you which book you are playing, how far you are in that book, and how much time you have left on the battery. But it won't repeat every control name every time you touch one.

If you find you miss the chattier version, it's easy to switch back. With the player turned on, remove your cartridge or thumb drive, and hold the Fast Forward and Speed Up arrows keys down until you hear the player say, "Normal Verbosity." Your player returns to its original, loquacious but well-intended self. Kind of like your editor.

Do be aware that advanced players, those with serial numbers beginning with "DA1," are set to "reduced verbosity" when they arrive. If you want

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the enhanced audio feedback on your DA1 Player, just press the Fast Forward and Speed Up arrows down simultaneously. You'll hear the "Normal Verbosity" message.

NLS Audio Magazines Now on Digital Cartridge

In the spring of 2013 NLS began the transition of its magazines from cassettes to digital cartridges. Now all NLS-produced magazines are circulated on digital cartridge.

The magazines need to be returned to help keep costs down and potentially expand the magazine program. The cartridge loan period for weekly publications is one week after you receive them. The cartridge loan period for monthly, bimonthly, and quarterly publications is one month after you receive them.

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Please treat magazine cartridges the same as book cartridges. After reading the magazine(s), return the cartridge to the red container, flip the mailing card over, and place it with your outgoing mail. Timely reading and returning of magazine cartridges will help NLS continue to provide the high-quality audio-magazine program you have enjoyed.

In some cases you may receive a magazine cartridge that has more than one magazine on it. The NLS digital player is equipped with a bookshelf feature to assist you in navigating your digital cartridge. To activate the bookshelf feature, press and hold the green rectangular Play/Stop button on your player until you hear a beep and the announcement "Bookshelf." Then use the fast forward and rewind buttons to go from magazine to magazine. Press Play when the magazine you want is announced. Complete audio instructions for using the bookshelf feature are included on all cartridges that contain more than one magazine issue.

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Keep in mind that any magazine cartridge that has a monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly publication on it – even if it also has a weekly publication on it – will have a loan period of one month after you receive it. Enjoy your audio magazines but **please remember to return them.**

Failure to return magazine cartridges in a timely manner can result in magazine service being deferred. If you do not return your magazines NLS will stop sending you magazines. Magazines produced on cartridge by NLS are also available for download on the BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) website.

Applications by Fax or Email

The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Program is now permitted to accept faxed or electronic applications for library service. The

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application must be signed or stamped by a “competent authority” who can certify that the applicant has a qualifying condition. The information pertinent to the applicant must be legible on the application. The completed application can be faxed to 605-773-6962 or scanned and emailed to talkbkreq@state.sd.us.

Of course, the Braille and Talking Book Program still accepts applications by regular mail. If you know someone who would like the service, you may call to have an application mailed. Applications can also be printed from the website: <http://library.sd.gov/BTB/publications>.



Digital Player with
Cartridge

Braille and Audio Download (BARD)

Another Great Idea

In previous newsletters we have talked about Braille and Audio Reading Download or, as it is commonly known, BARD. Our collection contains approximately 12,000 titles in digital format. In BARD you have over 30,000 titles to choose from. The trick with BARD is that you must have the means to download the books.

Many of you don't have the computers, computer skills, or high-speed Internet connections required to download books. In the past, we have suggested that you put your relatives – especially the grandkids – to work downloading books for you. For those who don't have family nearby, we have another suggestion.

Why not promote a volunteer downloading service in your community? It could be done through the youth ministry of your church, a local school, a service group, your book club, or another community organization.

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NLS and the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Program do not object to your having a trusted friend, relative or caregiver download books for you. All we ask is that these helpers observe the BARD Pledge and do not make downloaded books available to anyone who isn't a certified patron of our library network.

So why not check with your pastor, local Lion's Club chapter, or other community volunteer group? You'll be surprised how many people are willing to volunteer help, especially when it's an activity they can do in their own homes or parish halls, at no cost to themselves. You can provide the blank NLS cartridges or USB drives, and the volunteers can copy downloaded books onto them for you to read at your leisure.

Braille and Talking Book staff will be happy to talk with representatives of these groups and explain how the BARD download service works.

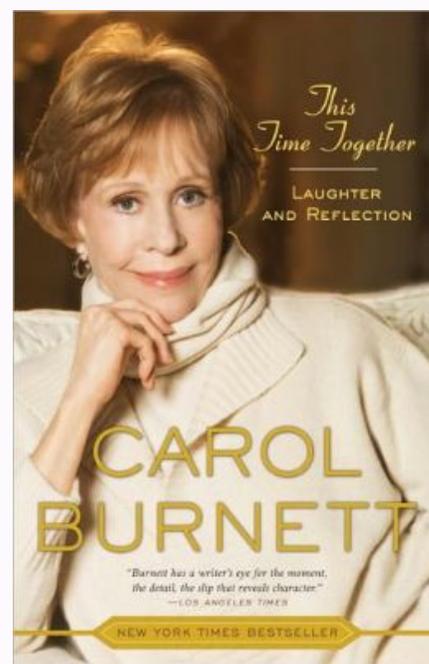
Bestsellers — Biography and Autobiography

This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection (DB070853)

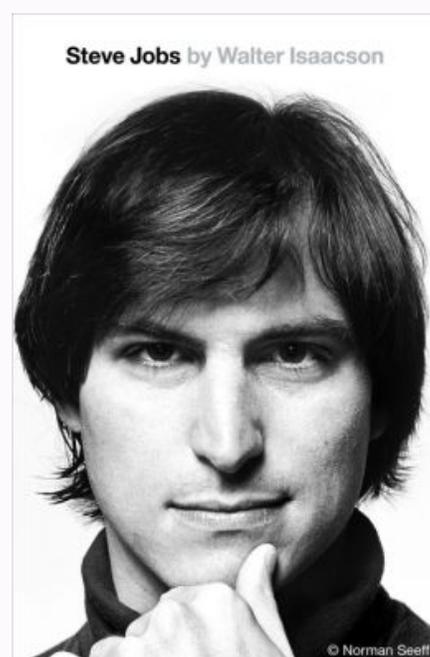
Comedic variety-show star Carol Burnett shares anecdotes about fellow actors, including Tim Conway, Elizabeth Taylor, and Jimmy Stewart. She also provides glimpses into her personal life, both humorous and sad.

Steve Jobs (DB073682)

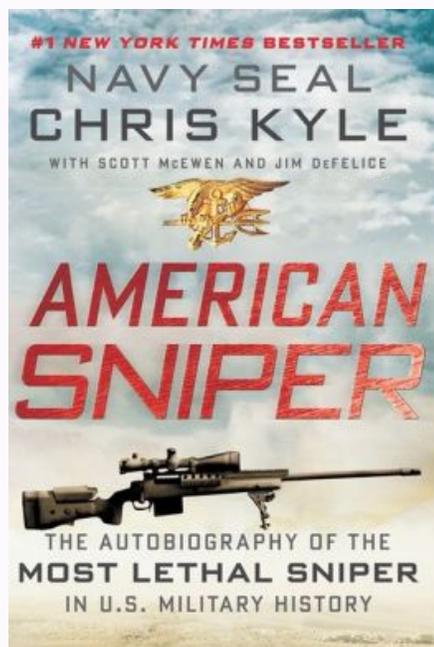
This biography of entrepreneur Steve Jobs (1955-2011) chronicles his childhood; education; entry level jobs in California's Silicon Valley; 1976 co-founding of Apple computer in his parents' garage; leadership in spearheading the iPod, iPhone, and iPad; personal and professional relationships; and his 2003 cancer diagnosis. Some strong language.



***This Time Together**
by Carol Burnett*



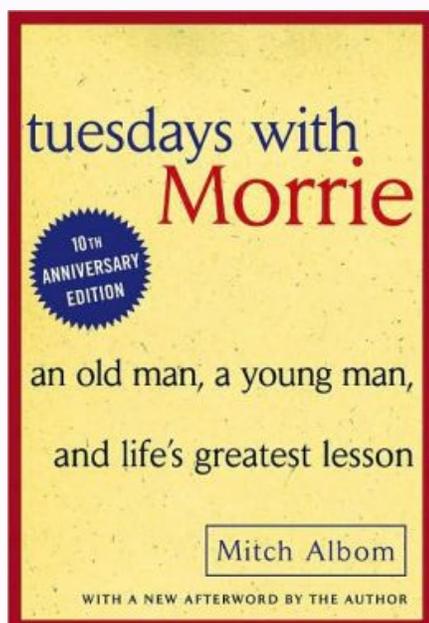
***Steve Jobs** by
Walter Isaacson*



American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History (DB074166)

Texas ranch hand-turned-Navy SEAL recalls his career as the sniper with the most kills in U.S. military history, his training, his four tours of duty in Iraq, and the strains of deployment on family life. Violence, strong language.

American Sniper
by Chris Kyle



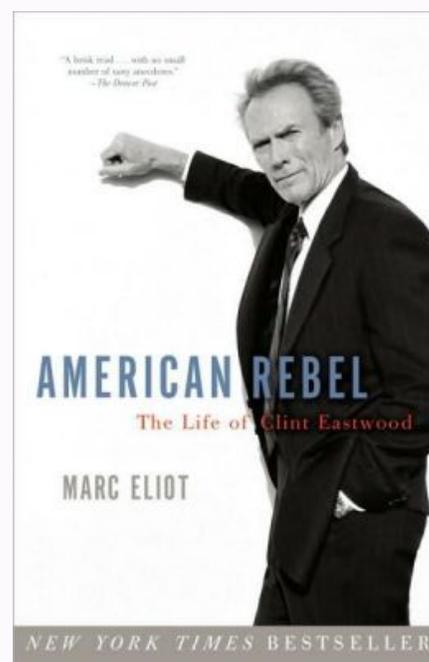
Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson (DB044849)

Some twenty years after college, Mitch Albom reconnects with a former professor who is terminally ill. His weekly visits with his dying mentor become a colloquium on the meaning of life and Albom gains insight into "love, work, community, family, aging, forgiveness, and finally, death."

Tuesdays with Morrie
by Mitch Albom

American Rebel: The Life of Clint Eastwood (DB070691)

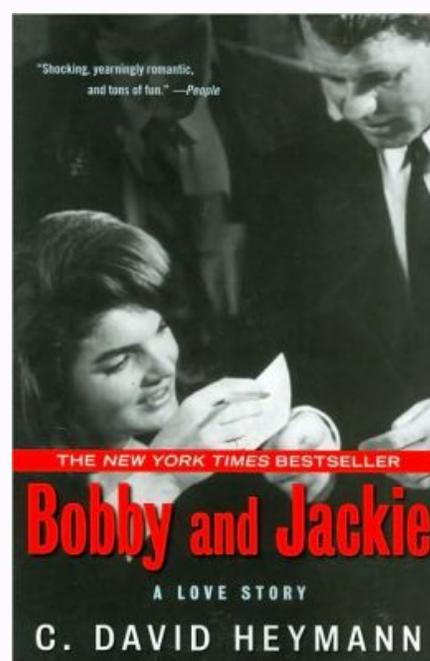
This film historian's biography of the Academy Award-winning actor, producer, and director discusses Eastwood's five decades of work, his life as the father of seven children with five different women, the palimony lawsuit against him, and his stint as mayor of Carmel, CA. Some strong language.



American Rebel
by Clint Eastwood

Bobby and Jackie: A Love Story (DB069565)

This book explores the relationship between Jackie Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy following the death of President John Kennedy in 1963 and asserts that their friendship turned into an affair that continued until Bobby's 1968 presidential campaign. Strong language.



Bobby and Jackie
by C. David
Heymann

Kids/ Teen News

Prairie Bud & Pasque Children's Book Awards

The Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque Children's Book Awards are sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association with the express purpose of encouraging children to become enthusiastic, discriminating readers.

Any South Dakota student in grades K-2 can vote for the Prairie Bud books and any South Dakota student in grades 3-5 can vote for the Prairie Pasque books. To vote, a child must have read or heard at least 5 of the contest books. Schools must participate in the Prairie Bud and Pasque awards for students to be eligible to vote.

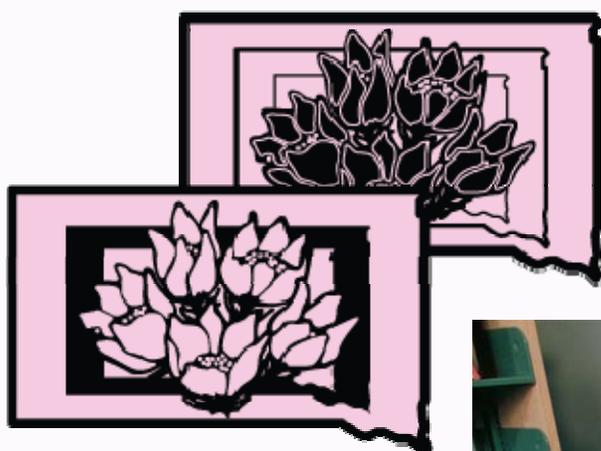
The voting deadline is March 31, 2014. The book award winners will be announced in April during National Library Week.

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On the next pages is the list of books nominated for the Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque awards. The DB number follows each title. If you would like to read a book that does not have a DB number or that says In Process, please let us know and we will rush processing of that specific title.

Start reading today. March 31 will be here before you know it.



Boys using a Digital Player together.

2013-14 Prairie Bud Nominees

Marisol McDonald Doesn't
Match/Marisol McDonald No
Combina by Monica Brown

Tom's Tweet by Jill Esbaum
(DBS004654)

Three Hens and a Peacock by
Lester Laminack (In Process)

The Gingerbread Man Loose in
the School by Laura Murray

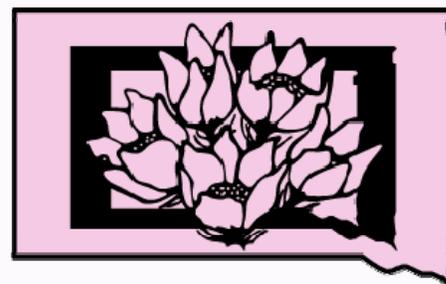
Prairie Storms by
Darcy Pattison (DBS004652)

Blackout by John Rocco
(DBS004651)

Rah Rah Radishes by April
Pulley Sayre (DBS004649)

Tales for Very Picky Eaters by
Josh Schneider (DB075818)

Swirl by Swirl by
Joyce Sidman (DBS004638)



Earth to Clunk by
Pam Smallcomb (DBS004653)

Love, Mouserella by David
Ezra Stein (DBS004637)

Balloons Over Broadway by
Melissa Sweet (DB075815)

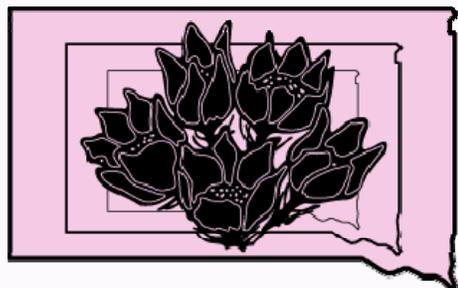
Press Here by Herve Tullet

A Storm Called Katrina by
Myron Uhlberg (DBS004644)

Harry and Hopper by
Margaret Wild (DBS004657)

When I Grow Up by
Al Yankovic (DBS004655)

2013-14 Prairie Pasque Nominees



Henry's Adventure at the Franklin Hotel by Nancy Cartwright and Joanna Jones (DBS004640)

The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale by Carmen Agra Deedy (DB074273)

Titanic Sinks! by Barry Denenberg (In Process)

No Ordinary Day by Deborah Ellis (In Process)

Amelia Lost: by Candace Fleming (DB073290)

Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George (DB075926)

True (...Sort Of) by Katherine Hannigan (In Process)

Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke

Junonia by Kevin Henkes

Wild Wings by Gill Lewis (DB073949)

Elephant Scientist by Caitlin O'Connell (BR19609)

Cal Ripken, Jr.'s All-Stars: Hothead by Cal Ripken (DB073910)

The Christmas Coat by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (TVB00249)

For the Birds: The Life of Roger Tory Peterson by Peggy Thomas (DBS004659)

Won Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku by Lee Wardlaw (BR20022)

Harry Houdini: by Janice Weaver (In Process)



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