



Prairie Trails Memorandum

South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Program

One Book South Dakota

The South Dakota Humanities Council is proud to announce the 2014 One Book South Dakota is "Dakota" by noted author Kathleen Norris. The award-winning book will serve as the joint One Book for North and South Dakota, in a collaborative effort with the North Dakota Humanities Council and the 125th Anniversary Committees from both states. Dakota is available for download on BARD. We will also have copies available for people to checkout. Just call or email your reader advisor and ask for Dakota by Kathleen Norris, DB040504.

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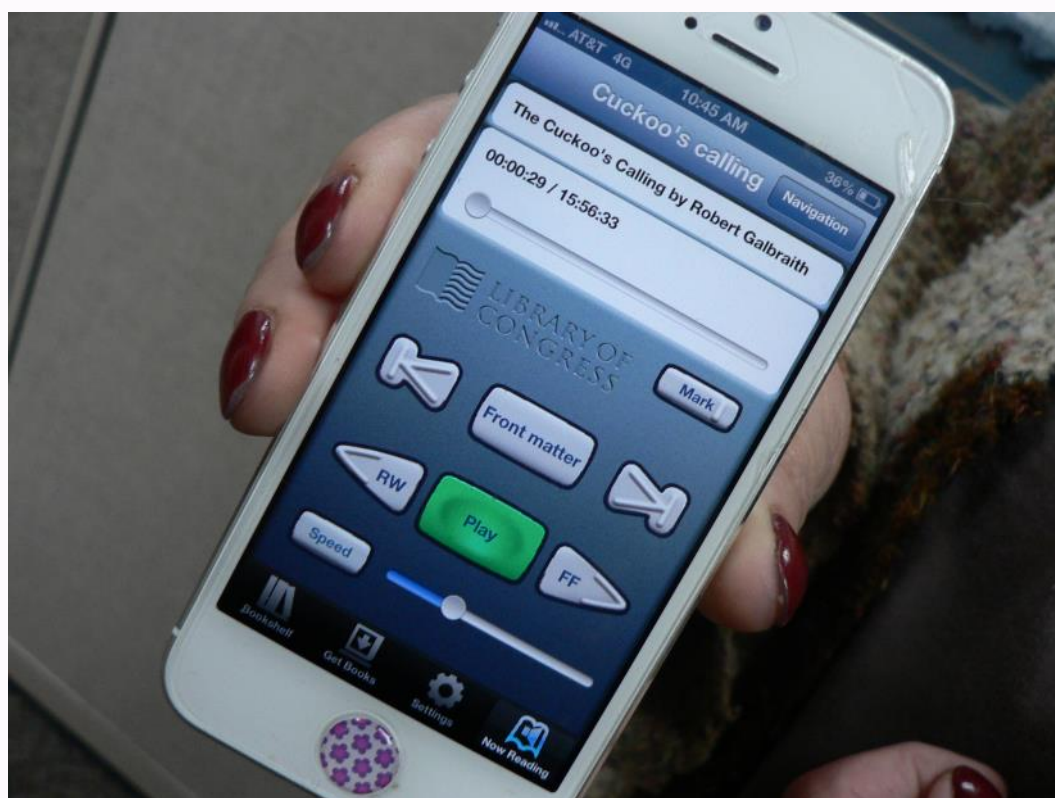
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BARD Mobile App!

BARD Mobile is an app that allows patrons registered with the Braille and Talking Book Program to download audio and Braille books to their personal mobile iOS devices – iPods, iPads, and iPhones. BARD Mobile will operate on an iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch with iOS version 4.3 or later. This includes the iPhone 3GS and all later iPhones, all iPads, and fourth generation or later iPod touches. Connectivity to a wireless carrier or a Wi-Fi provider is required to download material from BARD.

Use of BARD Mobile is restricted to eligible BTBP patrons who have a BARD account.

For current patrons with iOS mobile

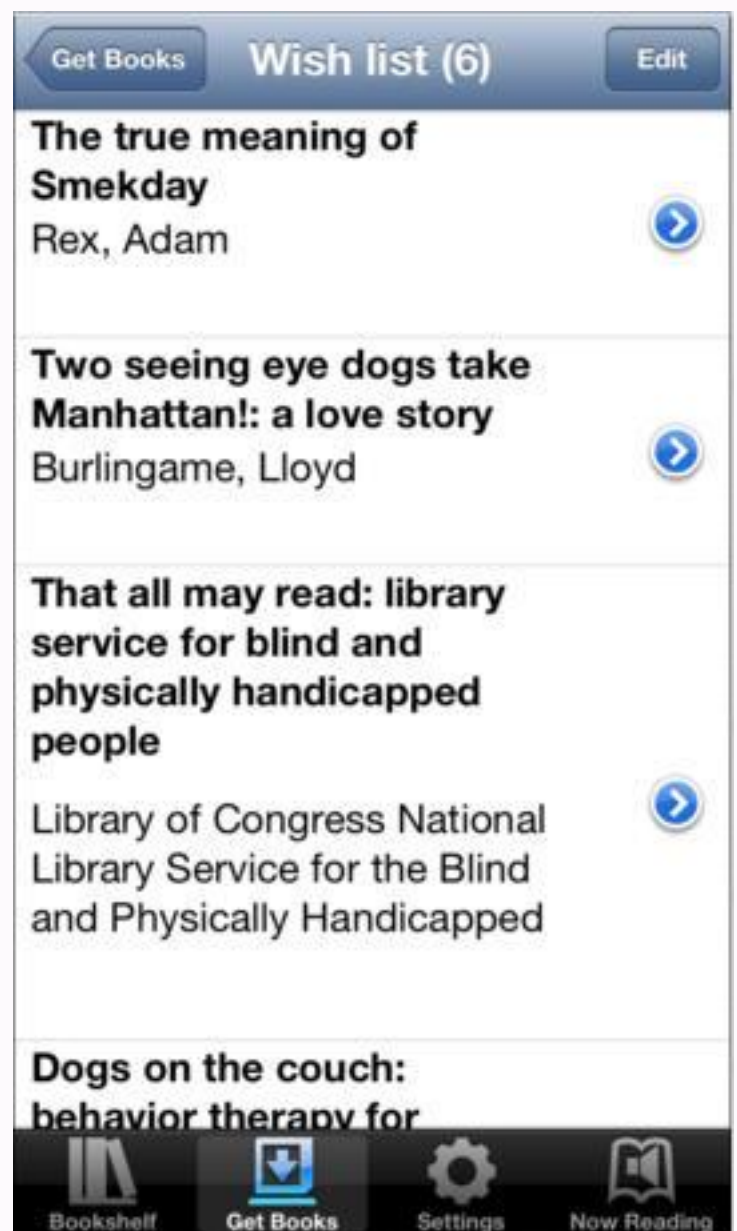


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devices interested in using BARD and BARD Mobile, visit the BARD website listed at the end of this article. If you are not registered to use BARD, click on the BARD Application instructions link, and then the Link to BARD Application for Individuals. Fill out the application and submit it. You will receive an email verifying your acceptance and a temporary password to log in to BARD.



BARD Mobile App
 Photo of mobile device with app BARD Mobile App icon and screenshot of wish list



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For Braille users: If you want to read Braille books with BARD Mobile, you'll need a Braille display. Be sure to read Section 7 of the user guide, as it explains how to configure your display and provides keystrokes that make reading Braille a smooth experience.

For more detailed information on using BARD Mobile visit the User Guide provided by the National Library Service.

To get the free BARD Mobile app, go to the iTunes App Store.

Useful Links:

BARD Mobile User Guide: nlsbard.loc.gov/apidocs/BARDMobile.userguide.iOS.current.html

BARD Website: nlsbard.loc.gov/mainpage

iTunes App Store: itunes.apple.com/us/app/bard-mobile/id705229586?mt=8

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IMPORTANT NOTE: BTBP staff is unable to teach you to use a mobile device. However, we are here to assist you with specific BARD issues.

The Braille and Talking Book Program does not supply iOS devices; you must purchase a device yourself.



BARD Mobile App
Screenshot of book
navigation (Table of Contents)

Digital Talking Book Player Dos and DON'Ts

DO play your digital talking book player with or without having it plugged in.

DON'T leave your player UN-used for long periods of time without having it plugged IN.

DO leave your player plugged IN, if you can.

DON'T expect the battery to always recharge to the original 29+ hours it had when new (anything at or above 12 hours is considered acceptable).

DO call us for a replacement machine if your battery won't charge above one hour.

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DON'T be surprised if the charging time drops dramatically from one time to the next – especially if you have been using a flash drive instead of a cartridge.

DO call us for a replacement machine if your battery charge time is too short for your convenience (if it is charging less than 12 hours).

Patron with Reader's Advisor demonstrating digital talking book players



School News

New Educational Materials Coordinator

Lynda Lowin is the new Educational Materials Coordinator for the Braille and Talking Book Program. She will be handling all alternative format textbook orders. If you need Braille or large print textbooks for a student, please contact Lynda at 773-4914 or 1-800-423-6665, option 1, option 3. You can also email Lynda at lynda.lowin@state.sd.us.

Children and teens should contact Mary Sjerven for their leisure reading. Mary can be contacted at 773-3514 or 1-800-423-6665, option 1, option 1. You can also email Mary at mary.sjerven@state.sd.us.

Deadline for Ordering Alternative Format Textbooks

The January 15th deadline for getting alternative format textbook orders sent to the Braille & Talking Book Program for the fall term of the 2014/2015 school year is soon approaching. Orders for the spring term should be placed by July 15th. We will continue to accept orders past these dates, but will not be able to guarantee delivery of the finished textbooks by the first day of school classes.

School districts will pay the cost of the textbooks needing to be produced. Textbooks that are already produced and available to be lent from our collection will be sent free of charge on a first request/first serve basis – so please get your requests in as soon as possible.

The textbook order form is available at: <http://library.sd.gov/BTB/publications/APP/FRM-Textbook.pdf>. Please mail one print copy of each book you would need enlarged or brailled (two cop-

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ies should be sent if you have two students using the same book).

Please send copies of vision reports listing central & peripheral field of vision for visually handicapped and blind students registered with the school by January 1, 2014 to Lynda Lowin, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501 or lynda.lowin@state.sd.us. These are needed to request Federal Quota funds that can be used to obtain textbooks and equipment from the American Printing House for the Blind when available.



Shelves of textbooks at BTB

National Federation of the Blind 2014 Scholarship Program

Website: <www.nfb.org/scholarships>

Email: scholarships@nfb.org

Deadline: March 31, 2014

Are you a legally blind college student living in the United States or Puerto Rico? This annual program offers 30 scholarships worth from \$3,000 to \$12,000 to eligible students, from high school seniors beginning their freshman year in the fall semester of 2014, up through grad students working on their PhD degrees. These merit scholarships are based on academic excellence, community service, and leadership. In addition to the money, each winner will receive assistance to attend the July 2014 NFB Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida, providing an excellent opportunity for high-level networking with active blind



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persons in many different professions and occupations. To apply, read the rules and the Submission Checklist; by or before the deadline, complete the official 2014 Scholarship Application Form (online or in print), supply all required documents, and request and complete one interview by an NFB affiliate president (unless the president requests a later date). Applications are accepted for five months, from November 1, 2013, to March 31, 2014. Go to www.nfb.org/scholarships for complete rules and requirements.



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