Notes from the Interim Director, Dorothy Liegl

Read the Book—Meet the Author

Each year the South Dakota Humanities Council selects a book that they encourage all South Dakotans to read and discuss. The program, One Book South Dakota, encourages many local communities to host discussions about this One Book.

**Ordinary Grace**

William Kent Krueger

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This year the One Book is "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger.

This book is set in Minnesota in the early 1960s. Thirteen-year-old Frank Drum's summer is steeped in death: a neighborhood boy hit by a train, a hobo found dead--and then a member of Frank's family is murdered. Frank is determined to seek vengeance and can't understand why his younger brother isn't. Some violence and some strong language.

William Kent Krueger is a popular mystery writer from Minnesota. His mysteries include a series that features ex-Chicago cop, Cork O'Connor who has transplanted to Minnesota and has an off-again, on-again career as a sheriff. If you enjoy "Ordinary Grace" you might also enjoy the Cork O'Connor books.
Cork O'Connor series:

"Iron Lake"; "Boundary Waters"; and "Purgatory Ridge" (3 books on one cartridge) DB078912

"Blood Hollow"; "Mercy Falls"; and "Copper River" (3 books on one cartridge) DB078937

"Thunder Bay"; "Red Knife"; and "Heaven's Keep" (3 books on one cartridge) DB078953

"Vermilion Drift"; "Northwest Angle"; and "Trickster’s Point" (3 books on one cartridge) DB079021

"Tamarack County" DB079056

"Windigo Island" DB079584
William Kent Krueger will be visiting libraries across South Dakota to talk about his book and you are invited to attend. To find the schedule for discussions, check the South Dakota Humanities Council website http://www.sdhumanities.org/events.php

You can also hear William Kent Krueger, get his autograph, and speak to him personally at the South Dakota Festival of the Book which will be held in Deadwood September 25-26th.

Check out "Ordinary Grace" and join the discussion at your hometown library.

**Update on Magazines**

Loan periods for audio magazines have been extended so patrons will now have more time to enjoy their publications. The loan period for weekly magazines is now three weeks (up from one week), while the loan period for monthly magazines is now seven weeks (up from four weeks).
Mystery authors to try

Our Interim Director, Dorothy Liegl reads a lot of cozy mysteries. Below are a few of her favorite authors that are found in our Braille and Talking Book collection. You may like these authors, too. Included are the latest books in our collection by them.

Law Enforcement series:

Author, Steven Havill
His main character is a county sheriff
Books by this author include:

- "One Perfect Shot" DB074932
- "Double Prey" DB074797

Author, Kathy Reichs
She is a forensic murder mystery writer.
Her main character is Temperance Brennan.
Books by this author include:

- "Bones of the Lost" DB077441
- "Bones Never Lie" DB079344
Culinary series:
Author, Katherine Hall Page
Her main character is a caterer.
Books by this author include:
- "Have Faith in Your Kitchen" DB075191
- "The Body in the Boudoir" DB080391

Home Repair series:
Author, Sarah Graves
A Do-It-Yourself Home Repair Mystery
Books by this author include:
- "Dead Level" DB076203
- "Tool & Die" DB076017
Murder She Wrote series:
Author, Donald Bain

Jessica Fletcher is a mystery writer who constantly stumbles over bodies. You may have watched her television series about her, "Murder She Wrote".

Books by this author include:

- "Skating on Thin Ice" DB074728
- "Coffee, Tea, or Murder" DB072520

Library/Bookstore series:
Author, Lorna Barrett
She writes the Booktown series

Books by this author include:

- "Bookplate Special" DB070510
- "Chapter and Hearse" DB072209

Happy Reading!
One BARD Account Per Person

If a move is in your future, or if you change e-mail addresses for any reason, you do not need to create a new BARD Account with that new e-mail address as your user ID. Instead, log into your BARD account and choose the Update Account Settings link that is located about two-thirds of the way down the BARD Main Page. This will take you to a page of options, including a link to Change Your E-Mail Address. Once you change your e-mail address/user ID, you will be required to reset your password to protect the security of your account.

If you have questions please call the library automated phone system at 1-800-423-6665. Choose option 1 for the Braille and Talking Book Program. Then select option 2 to reach Marcia's phone.

News on the Android BARD Mobile App

NLS has entered the final phase of development for the BARD Mobile app for Android devices. They are hoping to have the final app approved and added to the Android app store within the next couple of months.
Looking For a Speaker?

If you know a group or organization that would benefit from learning about the many resources and services of the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Program, please contact us. Our staff can travel across the state to speak to groups that are interested in helping individuals who are blind or print disabled. Braille and Talking Book staff can also exhibit at health fairs and conferences to connect with eligible patrons or those who work with eligible patrons.

Check us out on September 3-4, 2015 at the South Dakota State Fair in the Senior Citizens Building.
Netflix Begins Audio Description for Visually Impaired

Written by Netflix

At Netflix, we work hard to continually improve the experience for our members when viewing movies and shows on our service, including providing accessibility across devices. Now we're expanding our accessibility options by adding audio description on select titles, beginning today with our new critically acclaimed series, Marvel's Daredevil.

Audio description is a narration track that describes what is happening on-screen, including physical actions, facial expressions, costumes, settings and scene changes. Customers can choose audio narration just like choosing the soundtrack in a different language.
In coming weeks, we'll add more titles, including current and previous seasons of the Golden Globe and Emmy award-winning political thriller House of Cards, Emmy award-winning comedy-drama series Orange is the New Black, as well as Tina Fey's Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt and the epic adventure series Marco Polo.

Netflix is actively committed to increasing the number of audio-visual translations for movies and shows in our English-language catalogues. We are also exploring adding audio description into other languages in the future.

Over time, we expect audio description to be available for major Netflix original series, as well as select other shows and movies. We are working with studios and other content owners to increase the amount of audio description across a range of devices including smart TVs, tablets and smartphones.

Stay tuned!
Pioneer Girl

A popular writer of the South Dakota pioneer days - author of the book series "Little House on the Prairie" - has made the news. "Pioneer Girl" can now be put on your request list. Call your Reader Advisor at 1-800-423-6665.

"Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography"
By Laura Ingalls Wilder
Previously unpublished autobiography of Wilder (1867-1957), finished in 1930, and the source of much material in the Little House books, including Little House in the Big Woods (DB 50921). Discusses growing up in the Midwest in the late 1800s. The book includes scholarly notations that expand on Wilder's recollections. 1930.
DB080323
Tips for Better Service

Do you run out of books? To make your circulation run most effectively you should return a book as soon as you finish listening to it.

Your talking book is checked in the same day we receive it. Checking in a book will prompt the system to assign a new book to be pulled the next day. When you send back more than one book the system will replace the same number of books. Returning a large number of books may cause you to have to wait for your next shipment.

Remember to allow approximately one week for your next book to arrive from the time you put it in the mail. If you run out of books frequently you may consider increasing the number of books you receive. The books are checked out for a six week loan period.

Another possibility is that you may have two or more overdue items. In this case the system will block you from getting any more books. If you have questions, please call your Reader Advisor at 1-800-423-6665.
Volunteer Recognition gathering:
May 6, 2015

By Josh Easter, Equipment and Audio Production Manager

Volunteers are an integral part of producing local materials in audio format. The National Library Service (NLS) provides a large variety of titles each year but for those readers who want to listen to stories about South Dakota and the region we need a way to create audio versions locally.
Volunteer narrators and reviewers fill the need by reading books for our South Dakota collection which includes subjects of South Dakota regional interest, including biographies, stories, and histories of the diverse individuals and groups that have shaped South Dakota. We also read Prairie Bud/Prairie Pasque and Young Adult Reading Program nominee books as well as books by South Dakota authors.
To recognize the invaluable contributions of their time, talent, and energy we held a volunteer recognition event at the Pizza Ranch in Sioux Falls on May 6th. Braille & Talking Book Program Interim Director Dorothy Liegl and Equipment and Audio Production Manager Josh Easter (who also coordinates volunteers) said a few words about the importance of having volunteers and a recording studio in Sioux Falls.

We then presented the volunteers with certificates signed by National Library Service (NLS) Director Karen Keninger thanking them for their dedicated and valuable service in the recording studios in support of the national free library program for blind and physically handicapped readers.

Mary Johns, Director of the Siouxland Libraries system, was presented with a certificate thanking the Siouxland Libraries and their helpful staff for providing scheduling coordination and for the space for the recording studio.
Josh played an audio interview he had recorded with one of our talking book patrons who reads books from the South Dakota collection. She gave feedback about what the program means to her and how important the locally recorded books are to someone who is new to South Dakota and wants to learn more about the state. The volunteers were moved hearing the impact that the work they do has for real people. They appreciated hearing the feedback and the thanks from an actual user of what they have worked on.

Everyone enjoyed meeting each other and visiting since most of the volunteers work alone and hadn't met some of their fellow volunteers.

We also have a recording studio at the State Library in Pierre and recording studios in the Federal Prison Camp at Yankton, SD.

Our Pierre Volunteers are: Carol Axtman, Bonnie Bjork, Jean Luidahl, Twila Merkwan, and Lola Schreiber
Library Depositories

Did you know that many of the smaller public, community and school libraries have machines and books to loan out from the Braille & Talking Book Program? Well some of them do!

If your machine isn't working right and you need a replacement contact your area library to see if they have a machine you can borrow! You will need to return the borrowed player to the library once yours is received unless other arrangements have been made with Marcia at the Talking Book Program.
Do you run into cases where the weekend is drawing near and you don't have enough books on hand to keep you occupied until the United States Postal Service (USPS) brings more books next week? The library in your area may be able to help! Give them a call or drop in and borrow some of the talking books they have on hand! The books do not need to be returned to your local library when you are finished with them. Simply return them in the mail like you do your own books! When the Talking Book Program receives them new books will be sent to the library so there will be a fresh supply!

If your local library doesn't have machines and books on hand please encourage them to call Marcia to get set up. It won't cost the local library anything and there will be more happy patrons in their community!

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Happy Reading!

Marcia Kaup, Reader Advisor
Buddhist Minister Creates Art Show

There were no artists or poets to field questions at a gallery reception that was held on March 19 at the Aberdeen Recreation and Cultural Center, but the collection of work still speaks volumes. "Revealing the Inner Inmate: Expressions of Art and Poetry from Inmates in South Dakota" was on display through April 17 at the ARCC (Aberdeen Recreation and Cultural Center) Gallery.

Lawrence Diggs of Roslyn is the Buddhist chaplain for the Sioux Falls prisons. Diggs, along with Lois Beckner, cultural arts program coordinator for ARCC, facilitated the project.
The collection showcased paintings, braille word, poetry, beadwork and sculpture from 35 artists and 13 poets who were or are inmates of the South Dakota State Penitentiary, South Dakota Women's Prison, or Mike Durfee State Prison. There was also one piece from an inmate who is in the federal prison system.

A tactile piece was one of the displays at the show. The braille work comes from Pheasantland Industries which contracts with the South Dakota Department of Corrections to make informational braille pieces that are used for everything from maps to science books. Some of the pieces they make depict anatomical models. In books for sighted people colors depict different areas while with the braille pieces, different textures are used. Diggs highlighted the fact that this project brings two marginalized groups together -- inmates and the blind - making a connection that benefits both parties.

Note: Pheasantland Industries produces textbooks for students in the Braille and Talking Book Program. This includes the tactile work necessary for subjects such as science, geography, and mathematics. An example is the graphs and charts reproduced for math.
South Dakota Collection

The South Dakota collection contains books that are written by South Dakota authors or about South Dakota. These books are read by volunteers at our recording studios in Sioux Falls, the Federal Prison in Yankton and at the Braille and Talking Book Library in Pierre. If you wish to order any of the following titles please call your Reader Advisor at 1-800-423-6665.

"Soft Fur and Iron Men: a History of the Fur Trade in South Dakota and the Upper Missouri" By Aaron Robert Woodard

In this fascinating study, Professor Aaron Woodard sheds new light on an old subject - the fur trade in the Upper Missouri. Concentrating particularly on his own state of South Dakota, Woodard weaves a tale of international intrigue, vicious Indian fights and heroic mountain men. DBS004580

Soft Fur and Iron Men
by Aaron Robert Woodard
"Tepee Days. Tales of the Plains"
By Ralph V. Hunkins and Regina Hunkins

The Great Plains region was the last, and probably the most romantic, of our country's several frontiers. It was the home of nomadic Indians such as Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, Plenty-Coups, and other Plains Indians who have left their stamp upon this part of American history. DBS004582

"Ranching Days in Dakota and Custer's Black Hills Expedition of 1874"
By Lewis F. Crawford

Shrill whoop, a clatter of hoofs, a valley of shots, the cowboy has come to town. He sits straight and firm in his saddle, sombrero swinging in his hand and kerchief flopping in the wind. He stops abruptly before the saloon, dismounts and proceeds to "shoot up" the place. DBS004583
"The Buffalo are Back" By Jean Craighead George

When the first settlers came, seventy-five million buffalo roamed the Great Plains. By 1900, there were almost none. As the buffalo fell, nature lost its balance. The tough green grass did not grow, the larks did not sing, and terrible storms began to blow. The Prairie was in trouble, and the buffalo was the key to it all. DBS004584

"Borglum's Unfinished Dream" By June Culp Zeitner

Gutzon Borglum loved America and the West. An artist and a genius, he was also concerned with ecology, sports, transportation, and politics. How Gutzon and his son Lincoln changed a lonely spot in South Dakota to a National Shrine, thus reawakening patriotism in this country and changing forever the life of the state is the subject of this book. DBS004591
"One-Room Country School, South Dakota Stories" By Charles L. Woodard

"One Room Country School, South Dakota Stories" delivers precisely what its title promises, that is, a collection of short narratives by former teachers and students who taught and studied in one-room, multi-grade schools in mostly eastern and mid-South Dakota, generally in the 1930s and 1940s. A few of the stories pre- and postdate these two decades, a very few being as recent as the 1990s. DBS004665

"On the Homefront, South Dakota Stories" By Charles L. Woodard

In War, family contributions extend beyond the absent beloved. In this collection of stories contributed by people from across South Dakota, you will explore not only perspectives of those who served on the front line, but you will also share in the experiences of those left to defend another front. The Home front. DBS004661
"Frontier Woman: The Life of a Woman Homesteading on the Dakota Frontier"
By Walker Demarquis Wyman

This book is the edited autobiography of Grace Fairchild, a woman who moved from Wisconsin to South Dakota in 1898 to teach. She married and in 1902 moved with her husband and children to western South Dakota to homestead. DBS004674

"South Dakota Days" By Frank Lyons

A series of stories about rural Midwest life in the 1930s and 1940s. It is written in the down-to-earth language of the times. Even though life was tough during the never-ending Great Depression, people of South Dakota learned how to live their lives with humor, happiness, and eternal hope for better days ahead. For readers who lived on Midwest farms and ranches in the mid-twentieth century, the stories will stir up memories. For others, it will allow them to "time machine" themselves back to that place and time. DBS004728
"Ethnic Oasis: the Chinese in the Black Hills" By Liping Zhu

The discovery of gold in the Black Hills of South Dakota brought thousands of people to the mining town of Deadwood, including many Chinese immigrants. Ethnic Oasis explores how the Chinese met the challenge of living and working in Deadwood. DBS004729

"Buffalo Gap: A French Ranch in Dakota 1887" By Baron E. de Mandat-Grancey

A French Nobleman traveling in the Black Hills in the 1880's found an astonishing variety of strange and amusing facts, fodder for his brilliant commentary and wit. The Baron De Grancey provides insights into the American character as perceived by a foreigner. He turns his attention to life in the Black Hills: drama in Deadwood, hijinks in Hermosa, bar fights in Buffalo Gap, Indians and cowboys, dance-hall girls and priests, settlers and large landowners. DBS004738
"Dusty Boots: My South Dakota Cowboy Dad" By Marlene A. Johnson

Take one dad with a lifetime of stories, add a daughter who wrote them down, and you have Dusty Boots: My Dakota Cowboy Dad. Through one man's life journey, Dusty Boots takes you from the Depression to a new century. This book contains happenings of the life of Orman O. Willey. DBS004739

"Mama Came from Norway" By Olaf H. Olsrth

This is a self-published account concerning the trials of a woman, the author's mother, homesteading America's Last Frontier in Harding County, South Dakota. DBS004740
"Cowboys: Voices in the Western Wind"
By David L. Harrison

The life of a cowboy driving a cattle herd was hard. It took a person with grit to drive a thousand head of longhorns along the Chisholm Trail. Cowboys faced badlands, lightning storms, and deadly twisters. But they also found time to swap stories around the campfire. David L. Harrison has created a cast of tough-as-leather cowboys who speak their minds in twenty-two entertaining poems from roundup on a ranch in Texas to the one-thousand-mile trek to market in Abilene, Kansas, where they finally let loose. DBS004742

"Astride the White Mule" By Chuck Cecil

South Dakota was a dry state from 1917 to 1935 through state law established before national prohibition went into effect in 1920 and continuing on after it was repealed in 1933. DBS004743
Kids/ Teen News

Braille and Large Print Textbooks

Braille and Large Print textbooks are available to qualifying students. I am still taking orders for materials for the 2015-2016 school year, but at this time cannot guarantee delivery before the start of the fall semester.

If you have books that were borrowed for the 2014/15 school year they are due back to the State Library by June 15, 2015. Please check that all your books have been returned so that other students may use them. Some students have books that were borrowed from other states and they need to be returned as soon as possible as well. If your student needs to use the books longer, please call so they can be renewed.
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If you purchased books from Pheasantland Industries and would like to donate them to the Braille and Large Print Collection for the benefit of other students, please note that they are being donated when you send them to me.

I am in the office Monday through Friday, 8:00-Noon CST.

Lynda Lowin,
Educational Materials Coordinator

[Caption of photo on previous page]

Shelves of Brailed and Large Print textbooks at the South Dakota State Library
And the Winners are ...

The Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque Children's Book Awards are sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association. Prairie Bud is for kindergarten through second grade students and Prairie Pasque is for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Books nominated for the award are selected by a committee of educators and librarians. The book award committee tallies votes from all participating schools announcing the winner during National Library Week in April. Students are encouraged to read and vote for their favorite book of the year from the master list of twenty titles in each division. The book that receives the most votes from students wins the award. All books in both age divisions are in our collection so that the students registered with the Braille and Talking Book Program may participate. Be watching for the 2015 -- 2016 books to be published in the Fall Edition of the Prairie Trails Newsletter.
The 2014-2015 Prairie Bud and Prairie Pasque winners are:

**Prairie Bud Winner**

"A is for Musk Ox" By Erin Cabatingan and Matthew Myers

Musk Ox, our rambunctious anti-hero, literally chews through the cover of this anarchic alphabet book. Having eaten the apple that A was supposed to be for, he blithely inserts himself, claiming A is for Musk Ox—because musk oxen are Awesome and live in the Arctic, which includes Alaska! Zebra, his nemesis, is less than thrilled. And so this cantankerous couple lead the reader on a romp through the alphabet with Musk Ox claiming every letter for himself, and Zebra doing his level best to keep him under control.

*DBS004732*
Prairie Pasque Winner

"Wonder" By R. L. Palacio

Just before starting fifth grade, home-schooled ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme abnormalities, is told he will be attending a prep school. Nervous, he tries to convince his classmates that he is an ordinary kid just like them. For grades 5-8 and older readers. DB074228

Wonder

by R. L. Palacio
South Dakota Teen Choice List 2014-2015

Congratulations to this year's winners of the South Dakota Teen Choice awards! 1,351 South Dakota teens voted for their favorite book over the last 5 months and have decided their favorite books for 2014-2015 are:

Middle School—First place
"The False Prince" By Jennifer Nielsen

To unify the discontented kingdom of Carthya, Conner, a nobleman of the court, devises a plan to find impersonator for the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince. Four orphans are recruited to compete for the role of Prince Jaron. Commercial audio book. For grades 5-8. DB078371
Middle School—Second place
"The Heartbreak Messenger" By Alexander Vance

When seventh-grader Quentin agrees to help his best friend Rob's older brother break up with his girlfriend for twenty bucks, he realizes this could be a lucrative business. But when asked to provide his services to a friend of his, things get personal. For grades 5-8. 2013.

High School—First place
"Pushing the Limits"

By Katie McGarry

No one knows what happened the night Echo Emerson went from popular girl with jock boyfriend to gossiped-about outsider with "freaky" scars on her arms. Even Echo can't remember the whole truth of that horrible night. All she knows is that she wants everything to go back to normal.
But when Noah Hutchins, the smoking-hot, girl-using loner in the black leather jacket, explodes into her life with his tough attitude and surprising understanding, Echo's world shifts in ways she could never have imagined. Not available in DB

High School—Second place
"Throne of Glass" By Sarah Maas

After serving a year of hard labor in the salt mines of Endovier for her crimes, assassin Celaena Sardothien receives an offer from Crown Prince Dorian. She will be freed--if she acts as his champion in a new royal assassin competition. Violence. For senior high and older readers. DB076152
Magazines for Kids

"Boys Life"
Format: electronic braille, press braille
Monthly publication (plus special issue)
Articles on the Outdoors, sports, and hobbies, with adventure fiction and humor;
ages 9--16. Published by the Boy Scouts of America.

"Cricket: The Realm of Imagination"
Format: digital audio, digital download
9 issues a year
Contains stories, poems, and articles by internationally known authors. Also includes songs, jokes, and crafts. For ages nine through fourteen. Packaged with "National Geographic Kids".
"National Geographic Kids"
Format: digital audio, digital download
9 issues a year
Contains articles for children about people, places, and customs, animals and plant life. For ages nine through fourteen.

Note: Beginning with the April 2015 issue, Carus Publishing merged "Muse" and "Odyssey" magazines into a single publication called "Muse". National Library Service (NLS) patrons who formerly received the audio edition of "Odyssey" will begin receiving the audio edition of "Muse" without interruption. NLS will continue to produce a braille edition of "Muse".

"MUSE"
Format: digital audio, digital download, electronic braille, press braille
9 issues a year
Muse is the science and arts magazine for kids that's spot on with the facts, but off-kilter with the jokes. Kids who can't help wondering whether video games really kill their brain cells, or what a gentleman ladybug is called, will find the answers here, in articles written by award-winning authors and accompanied by high-quality illustration and photography. For ages 9--14.

"Sports Illustrated for Kids"
Format: digital audio, digital download
Monthly
Sports news and articles for ages eight through thirteen. Features sports cards, personalities, and events: youths who are excelling in athletics; and a regular column by youths discussing controversial sports-related issues.
"Stone Soup: The Magazine by Young Writers and Artists"
Format: electronic braille, press braille
5 issues a year
Contains stories, poems, illustrations, and book reviews created by children through age thirteen. Features activities section with suggested related projects.

"Seventeen"
Format: electronic braille, press braille
10 issues a year
Contains tips on beauty and fashion for young women. Articles on careers, education, family, social relations, and diet.

"Young Adult Magazine of the Month"
Format: digital audio, digital download
Monthly
Special NLS program designed to provide a limited substitute for newsstand browsing for young adults. Readers are sent a different magazine each month.
Celebrating July 4th

Do you want to know more about the history of our nation's birthday? The following books detail some of what took place and the people that helped shape our nation.

"Our Declaration of Independence" By Jay Schleifer

July 4, 1776, the thirteen American colonies issue the Declaration of Independence announcing the birth of a new, free nation. The author details events leading up to this document, the key players in its drafting, and the actual writing and adoption of the nation's "birth certificate." For grades 2-4 and older readers. DB036135
"The Notorious Benedict Arnold: a True Story of Adventure, Heroism and Treachery"  By Steve Sheinkin

Biography of Benedict Arnold (1741-1801) discusses his birth in colonial Connecticut, heroism in George Washington's revolutionary army, marriage to a prominent Philadelphian, switch in allegiance to the British army, and death in disgrace and exile. Cites primary sources. For grades 6-9. YALSA Award for Nonfiction. 2010. DB074602

"Under Siege: Three Children at the Civil War Battle at Vicksburg"  By Andrea Warren

This book follows the 1863 siege on Confederate Vicksburg--the key to Mississippi River traffic--by the Union army. Ten-year-old Lucy McRae and eleven-year-old Willie Lord, both Vicksburg residents who survived in dugout caves, and twelve-year-old Frederick, the son of invading general Grant, provide eyewitness accounts of the conflict. For grades 5-8. 2009. DB069732
Summer Reading Program

Registrations are still being accepted for the summer reading program that runs for 6 weeks from June 8 through July 17, 2015. It is open to ages 0 to 21. The program encourages the participant to read twenty minutes per day, seven days a week. Participants record their reading times on a weekly chart. The six weekly charts are returned to the library at the conclusion of the program to be eligible for the grand prize drawing. The grand prize for the 4 age divisions is a $50 gift certificate. For more information on the program or to register call Mary Sjerven at 1-800-423-6665. Select option 1 for Braille & Talking Books and then option 1 again to reach Mary's phone.
RECENT DONATIONS

From time to time, patrons, and family and friends of patrons, of the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Program choose to make a memorial or general contribution. Monetary contributions are placed in a special fund and are used to enhance services for our South Dakota readers and are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. Most recently, gift funds were used to purchase additional audio descriptive DVD's. Gift funds have also purchased special equipment needed for the recording of books of regional interest (our South Dakota collection) and helped fund the summer reading program.

The Braille and Talking Book Program would like to thank the following donors for gifts received in 2015:

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- For Phyllis Mae Zvonek
  Jonnie Zvonek

- For Wanda Mae Smith
  Betty MacNeil and Dale Smith

- For Harriet Diaz
  Gregory K. and Stephen M. Diaz
GENERAL DONATIONS

- Evening Star Lions Club
  Rapid City, South Dakota

Acknowledgements are sent to donors and honorees, so please include the person's name for whom a memorial is made and the name and address of those to be notified of a contribution. You can designate a specific purpose for the gift or allow the Library to choose based on immediate needs.

Holiday Closings

Please note the library will be closed on the following day:

July 3 for the 4th of July
The Prairie Trails Newsletter is our means of communication with all patrons of the Braille and Talking Book Program. The Prairie Trails Newsletter is made available on audio on cartridge, and also in braille, in large print, and is posted on our website.

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