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**Notes from the Assistant State Librarian,  
Steven Buras**

## Spring time!

*"Spring is when you feel like whistling  
even with a shoe full of slush."*

-- Doug Larson

Spring in South Dakota is a much different experience than growing up in Louisiana. It has been almost two years since I moved here to be the Director of the Braille & Talking Book Library and Assistant State Librarian. It has been wonderful! I look forward to many more years here and continuous success for all of our patrons.

The 2018 Winter Reading Program was once again a big success. We had 42 young readers sign up with 36

completing the program. These young students are the future of South Dakota!

There are more opportunities for patrons of all ages to become involved throughout the year. We are hosting an Adult Book Discussion in May, youth Summer Reading Program in June and July, and will be introducing a more robust collection of descriptive DVD's. Continue listening for those details.

Steven Buras

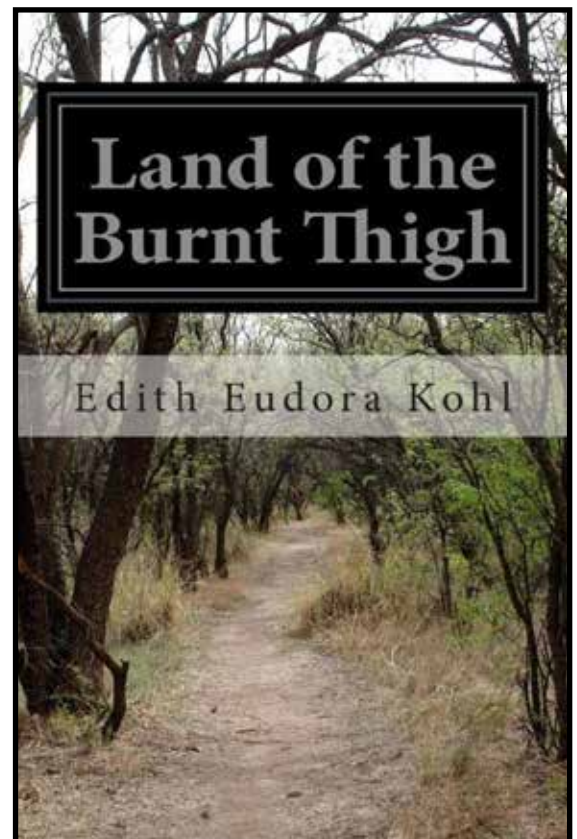
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## Spring Book Discussion

**Lynda Lowin - Adult Programs Coordinator**

Call today to join our May 1st book discussion!

***Land of the Burnt Thigh*** by Edith Eudora Kohl is the title for our spring book discussion. South Dakota Humanities scholar Dorothy Liegl will lead the discussion on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 starting at 6:30 pm Central Time/5:30



Book cover of  
***Land of the Burnt Thigh***  
by Edith Eudora Kohl

Mountain Time. Participants will call in on a special toll free number or join her in person at the State Library in Pierre.

If you are interested in joining the discussion, please call Lynda at 1-800-423-6665, option 1, 2 to receive a copy of the book. Requests need to be made by April 17 to ensure that you will have a copy and time to read it before the discussion. This book takes about 6-1/2 hours to read.

About the book: Among the hordes of homesteaders who settled the American West were thousands of single women who hoped to gain for themselves a piece of land and the money and satisfaction that came with it. The memoirs for many of these self-described “girl homesteaders,” long ignored by historians, show the significant impact these women had on their communities. ***Land of the Burnt Thigh***, first published in 1938, is one of the best of these accounts. Edith Eudora Ammons and her sister Ida Mary moved to central South Dakota in 1907 to try homesteading near the “***Land of the Burnt Thigh***” - the Lower Brule Indian Reservation.

*The SDB&TB Spring Book Discussion is made possible by the SD Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for Humanities.*



## Descriptive Videos available

Borrow great blockbuster movies on DVD or Blu-ray from the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library! The movies are especially for the enjoyment of people who are blind or visually impaired. The movies carefully describe the visual elements of the movie -- action, characters, locations, costumes, and sets -- without interfering with the dialogue or sound effects. To enjoy these movies and hear the descriptions, all you need is a regular DVD or Blu-ray player and a television.

- You may borrow one or two movies at a time and put others on your request list
- The loan period is two weeks. We have only one copy of each movie so please return videos promptly so that others have a chance to enjoy them too.
- There is a replacement fee (the cost of replacement plus a \$7.00 processing fee) for damaged or lost discs.
- Please contact your reader advisor if you want to sign up by calling the Braille and Talking Book Library at 1-800-423-6665, option 1.

**DVD and Blu-ray Highlight titles:**



Marvel Cinematic Universe Movies

- Ant Man
- Avengers
- Doctor Strange
- Thor
- Spiderman Homecoming
- Captain America: Civil War



Disney Movies

- Inside Out
- Monster's Inc.
- Frozen
- Wreck It Ralph
- Finding Nemo



Star Wars Series



Harry Potter Series

- Passion of the Christ
- Heaven is for Real
- Noah
- War Room
- Titanic
- Lincoln
- Avatar
- Fifty Shades of Grey
- Hope Springs
- Eat Pray Love
- Julie & Julia
- We Bought a Zoo

# South Dakota Collection

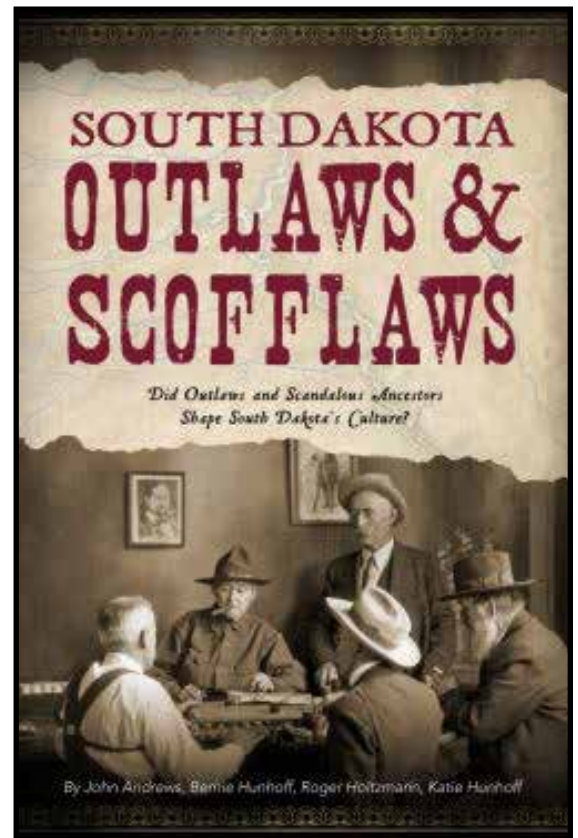
The following book(s) have been added to the South Dakota Collection. They are written by a South Dakota author or have some connections to South Dakota. Please call your Reader Advisor if you would like to order any of the following titles.

## **“South Dakota Outlaws and Scofflaws”**

By John Andrews, Bernie Hunhoff, Roger Holtzmann & Katie Hunhoff

South Dakota's pioneer history was rich with horse thieves, con artists, snake oil salesmen and the like. Whether from necessity or orneriness, some of our first citizens felt they needed to break laws just to claw out a living on the prairie. Our ancestors who lived outside of polite society's expectations make for some of South Dakota's best stories. We've compiled our favorites in **Outlaws and Scofflaws**. Published by South Dakota Magazine.

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Book cover of **South Dakota Outlaws and Scofflaws** by John Andrews, Bernie Hunhoff, Roger Holtzmann and Katie Hunhoff



## Colorific February concludes

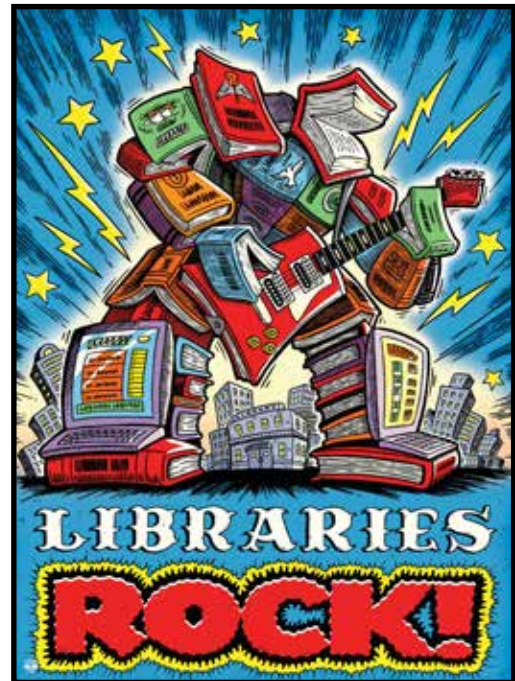
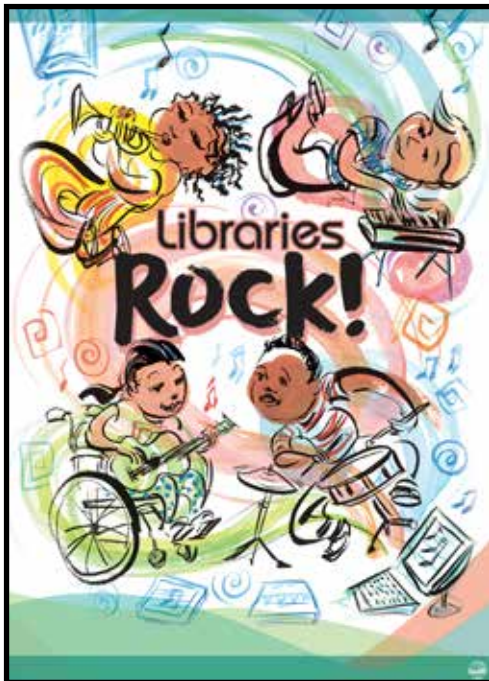
Choshgai Roanhorse, age 14, of Agency Village, S.D., was a winner in the second annual South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library Winter Reading Program. Choshgai was awarded a 12-inch tactile and visual table globe.

“Colorific February” was the theme of this year’s program. Choshgai was one of 42 readers who participated. All participants are registered with the Braille and Talking Book Library program and read in an alternative format, like braille or digital audio.

At the conclusion of the program, the 36 participants who returned their reading charts were eligible for the globe drawing. The globe is covered with a tactile clear plastic overlay. Among the overlay’s features are continent outlines, elevations and latitude and longitude lines.

*Above: four different colored cartridges*

Thank you to all of who participated -- you are all winners! I hope you enjoyed the challenge and I encourage you to continue to read every day whether for learning or pleasure.



## 2018 B&TB Summer Reading Program

above:  
2018 Libraries  
Rock! theme  
Childrens and  
Teens posters

“Libraries Rock” is the theme of the 2018 SD Braille and Talking Book Library Summer Reading Program. It will run from June 3 to July 14, 2018 and is open to all youth registered with the Braille and Talking Book Library ages birth to 19. It will have two age divisions: Ages birth to 12, and ages 13 to 19.

We are following the 20/24/7 reading program where participants read a minimum of 20 minutes each day, seven days a week. A sticker is placed on the provided reading chart each day when the participant reads a minimum of 20 minutes.

Readers must return their reading charts at the conclusion of the program to be eligible for the gift





card drawings. There will be 2 age divisions and each will have drawings for 2 Amazon gift cards. If a reader returns all of their weekly reading charts they will have six chances to win. In addition to the gift cards all entries will be combined for a grand prize drawing.

Registration forms will be sent out by mail and email in April. If you need additional information please contact Josh Easter at 1-800-423-6665, press 1, 4 or email [josh.easter@state.sd.us](mailto:josh.easter@state.sd.us).

*completed weekly charts from previous years*

## Order Alternative Format Textbooks

Braille or Large print textbooks for students K-12 should be ordered ASAP to ensure that students will have them before school starts in the fall. The order form is on our website: <http://library.sd.gov/BTB/publications/APP/FRM-Textbook.pdf>.

Please contact Lynda Lowin at 1-800-423-6665 option 1,2 for more information.

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## 10-Squared Club

The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library recognizes the accomplishments of our active readers who have reached age 100 or older. They are sent an invitation to join this elite club and receive a certificate of merit, a letter, and a small gift. We have heard amazing stories from our 10<sup>2</sup> Club members.



This newsletter's 10-squared inductee is:

## **Evelyn M. Willet**

Evelyn M. Willet was born on May 20, 1916. She signed up for talking books at the age of 101 and immediately became inducted into the 10-Squared Club for the South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Library. She received a 10-Squared Certificate and a small gift to show our appreciation for being an active reader.

Evelyn says her century of life has been a long one, a good one. She said she's kept busy. Keeping busy is a secret to a long life.

She said she never read much as a child. It took her a while to understand words in a story. After she learned to read she used to read stories of the west!

Evelyn's favorite book of all time is the bible. Now that she has become a talking book patron she will be able to listen to the entire bible.

Some things she enjoys are church, craft work and she loves to take drives.

Congratulations Evelyn!



## **GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

Gifts and bequests that are donated to the Braille & Talking Book Library are used to enhance the services that we provide. We appreciate the generosity of those that give and we miss those patrons who have been honored with memorials. All donations are considered a charitable donation and therefore are tax-deductible. When making a donation, please include the address of those to be notified for memorials or donations in honor of a special occasion or person.

The donations that you make are used to help us better serve our patrons. Donations have been used to purchase descriptive DVDs, celebrate the work of our volunteers, honor our readers who are 100 years old or older, and support reading programs such as the summer reading program. You can designate a specific purpose for your gift. If you have any questions, call your reader advisor at 1-800-423-6665.

## Donations can be sent to:

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Please make checks payable to the SD Braille and Talking Book Library. Thank you for helping to enhance and improve library services.

## Recent Memorial Donations

- \$100 Friends and Family of **Carrie Fredrickson**
- \$300 Friends and Family of **Lorraine Johnson**
- \$500 **Ruth Poppen** Estate

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# Holiday Closings

The Library will be closed for the following holiday(s). Please plan to order your books accordingly. Keep in mind that the books you return will take longer to reach us. You may want to order extra books at least one week in advance of the following holidays:

- April 2, 2018 **Easter** – closed Monday
- May 28, 2018 **Memorial Day** – closed Monday
- July 4, 2018 **Independence Day** – closed Wednesday
- September 3, 2018 **Labor Day** – closed Monday
- October 8, 2018 **Native American Day** (Columbus Day) – closed Monday



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