



# Kid's News

From the SD Braille & Talking Book Library

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## Notes from the Director - Dan Boyd

### Happy Birthday South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Library

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing service to South Dakota patrons by the South Dakota State Library, Braille & Talking Book Program. Below is a short history of the Braille & Talking Book Library in South Dakota.

In 1969 when the Braille & Talking Book Library was opened, talking books were on hard vinyl records that played at 16 RPM and newer talking books on hard vinyl records that played at 8 RPM. Some of the older books were on reel-to-reel magnetic tape. The Braille & Talking Book Library was located in an old lumber yard warehouse.

In the beginning the Braille & Talking Book Library was responsible only for the distribution of the recorded books, magazines and braille books. The distribution and repair of the record players was the responsibility of Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired. The playback equipment distribution and repair was assumed by the SD State Library in 1974.

In 1973, the Braille & Talking Book Library began providing books recorded on cassette tapes. Those books were two-track and played at 1 7/8 IPS. In 1977, the move was made to four-track cassettes played at 15/16 IPS. This allowed for six hours of recording on a c-90 cassette.





In 1976 the SD State Library moved into a new building that also housed the Braille & Talking book Library.

In 1984 the SD Braille & Talking Book Library moved from a manual system of book distribution to an automated system. This allowed by better management of library services for each individual patron.

Fast forward to 2009 and the Braille and Talking Book Library is moving from the analog cassette books to flash memory digital books. With this change the library can mail digital books to our patrons, or our patrons can select some books directly from their computer and download them into the new NLS digital player. The ability, from your home, to view a catalog of digital books, select the book you want to read and then download the book to a USB flash-memory cartridge for use in your player is one more positive change in the process of getting library service closer to you the patron.

At this time the library serves 5,400 patrons with a collection of over 48,000 titles. Our patrons borrow approximately 100,000 books and magazines each year.

## **CHANGE AT THE LIBRARY**

During this past year the SD Braille & Talking Book Library has been in a state of transition. The first part of the transition has been the moving of the library from second floor of the building to the first floor. The second part of the change has been the start of changing from cassette books to digital books and from cassette players to digital players.

In the first part of the change we were required to reduce the size of our collection from over 45,000 titles with almost 100,000 copies to the same number of titles with about 60,000 titles. Then each of the 60,000 copies required a barcode placed on the container, all the barcodes entered into the library system and finally the copy with its barcode has to be attached to a location on the new compact shelving so the book can be found.

This process has taken much longer than we expected and during this change the South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Library has not been able to send books out in the mail everyday. I want to thank all of our library patrons for being so understanding during this change. With the help of a very dedicated staff, within the next few days this part of the library change will be completed and book circulation will begin returning to normal.

The second part of the SD Braille & Talking Book Library change is the beginning of the change from cassette books to digital books. This is a change that will take place over a four to five year period. During this period of time new digital players will become available along with new digital books. The players will be smaller, lighter and much easier to use. The books will feel like a cassette but it will only take one digital chip to hold most any book in the collection. This means that you will not need to change chips or turn chips over to continue listening to a book. Just put the chip in the player and push the play key. The sound quality of the book will be improved greatly from that of a cassette.

The distribution of the digital players and books will begin in September. Veterans will receive the digital players first. If you are a veteran please call the library so that we can get your name on the list.

If any other patrons are interested in receiving a digital player in the next few months please call and talk with your Reader Advisor and get your name on the list.

If you have questions about the digital books and/or players you can call the library at 1-800-423-6665 and speak with your reader advisor.



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## **27th Braille Readers Are Leaders Contest 2009-2010**

Children in grades K-12 are welcome to register online at [www.nfb.org/bral](http://www.nfb.org/bral) for the 27th Annual Braille Readers Are Leaders contest. You will have the chance to win T-shirts, cash prizes, and even an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2010 NFB Convention. Paper registration forms can be requested by email, mail, telephone, or fax from: BrailleReadersAreLeaders@nfb.org, or 1800 Johnson Street, Baltimore, MD 21230. Phone: (410) 659-9314 ext. 2510 Fax: (410) 659-5129

## Magazines at The Braille & Talking Book Library

The SD Braille and Talking Book Library has the following magazines:

- Boy's Life (braille)
- Braille Chess Magazine (braille)
- Cowboy's and Indians (audiocassette)
- Cricket: The Magazine for Children (audiocassette)
- Humpty Dumpty (audiocassette)
- Muse (braille)
- National Geographic Kids (audiocassette)
- Seventeen (braille)
- Spider: The Magazine for Children (audiocassette and braille)
- Sports Illustrated for Kids (audiocassette)
- Stone Soup: The Magazine by Young Writers and Artists (braille)
- Teen People (audiocassette)
- Young Adult Magazine of the Month (audiocassette)

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## Summer Reading Awards Program

The Governor's Summer Reading Program presented plaques to the first and second place winners on Saturday, August 15 in Mitchell, South Dakota at the Dakota Discovery Museum. This is the nineteenth year of the program which is open to children 7 to 15 years of age who read books on recorded cassette or Braille format. Participants are registered with the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library. The program is supported by the South Dakota Lion's Foundation and the S.D. Humanities Council.

The Program began with a pizza luncheon, followed by the presentation of plaques presented by Dan Boyd and assisted by Louise Schley. Louise also presented a \$50 Savings Bond to the top readers overall. Sarah Dolney was the top recorded book reader and Marcus Van Dam was the top Braille reader. The highlight of the day was children's author, Jean L.S. Patrick presenting her book, "The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth." This program was supported by the South Dakota Humanities Council.



Pictured left to right front row is Jennifer Busch, Alcester, Emily Busch, Alcester, Violet Petersen, Pierre, Savannah Westrom, Viborg, and Marcus Van Dam, Dell Rapids, S.D. Back row: Louise Schley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Sioux Falls, representing the Lion's Foundation, Mary Sjerven, Summer Reading Program Coordinator S.D. State Library; Pierre, Jordan Harkless, Hayti, Rachael Jorgensen, Ward, Sarah Dolney, Webster and Dan Boyd, Assistant State Librarian Access Services, State Library.

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## Please let us know

If you would like to make changes to your reading preferences or that you wish to increase or decrease the number of books that you are currently receiving, please contact your reader advisor as soon as possible so that they may assist you.

If your last name starts with A-G you may contact: Mary

If your last name starts with H-O you may contact: Dakota

If your last name starts with P-Z you may contact: Marcia

## New Non-Fiction books

**RC 66270 *Should I Play the Drums?* by: Tom Crask** - Traces the history of drums--some of the oldest and simplest of instruments--and describes their modern-day complexity. Explains the versatility of drums and the variety of music played on these percussion instruments. Introduces famous drummers and suggests resources for learning more about drums. For grades 3-6. 2007. RC 66270

**RC 66405 *Children of Jihad: A Young American's Travels among the Youth of the Middle East* by: Jared Cohen** - Account of Jewish American Rhodes scholar's 2004-2005 travels throughout the Middle East. Details author's attempts to befriend members of Hezbollah in Lebanon, college students in Iran, Palestinian refugees, and Kurds to ascertain their political attitudes and identify technology's role in shaping their worldviews. For senior high and older readers. 2007. RC 66405

**RC 66418 *Pocket Babies: And Other Amazing Marsupials* by: Sneed B. Collard III** - Discusses general characteristics, behavior, habitat, history, and conservation of the some three hundred marsupial species found mainly in Australia, New Guinea, and South America. Features opossums, kangaroos, koalas, wombats, bandicoots, bilbies, numbats, moles, Tasmanian devils, quolls, and more. For grades 4-7. 2007. RC 66418

**RC 66528 *Fireside Stories: Tales for a Winter's Eve* retold by: Caitlin Matthews** - Eight folktales of Scottish, Russian, Inuit, Austrian, Czech, and Jewish origin that are traditionally told in winter. In "The Winter Cabin" barnyard animals, who escape slaughter by running away to the forest, frighten a wolf from their home. Brief introductions provide background information. For grades 3-6. 2007. RC 66528

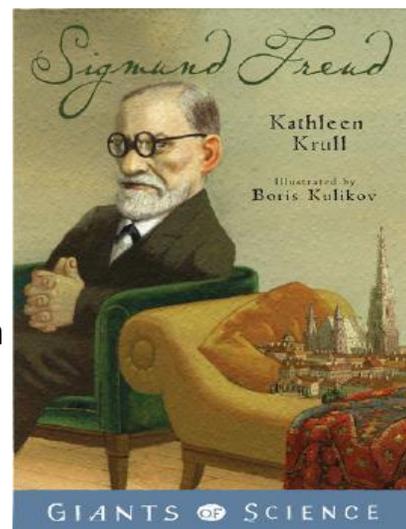
**RC 66916 *The Great Adventure: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of Modern America* by: Albert Marrin** - Examines the life, political career, and legacy of the twenty-sixth U.S. president, Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919). Discusses his illnesses and determination to lead an adventurous life. Explains his expansion of presidential powers, conservation of natural resources, and promotion of the nation as a world power. For grades 6-9. 2007. RC 66916

**RC 67065 *An Unbroken Chain: My Journey through the Nazi Holocaust* by: Henry A. Oertelt** - Author describes living with his older brother and mother in Berlin when the Nazis came to power. Discusses ways the Jewish family avoided capture with the help of Christian friends until June 1943. Highlights eighteen coincidences that enabled the brothers to survive. Violence. For senior high and older readers. 2000. RC 67065

**RC 67173 *Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali* by: Charles R. Smith Jr.** - Rap-inspired verse celebrates the life of American boxing champion Muhammad Ali, born Cassius Clay in 1942. Covers Ali's 1960 Olympic gold medal, his conversion to Islam, objections to the war in Vietnam, attitudes towards racism, and battle with Parkinson's disease. For grades 5-8. Coretta Scott King Honor Book. 2007. RC 67173

**RC 67188 *Robot Explorers* by: Ron Miller** - Discusses the use of mechanical robots to explore our solar system. Covers missions to the Moon and Mars, the Pioneer and Voyager programs, the Galileo and Cassini-Huygens probes that supplied information and images of the planets, the Stardust probe that collected comet material, and future possibilities. For grades 5-8. 2008. RC 67188

**RC 67211 *Sigmund Freud* by: Kathleen Krull** - Biography of the founder of psychoanalysis, Sigmund Freud (1856-1939). Discusses his medical studies, scientific interest in the brain and psychology, development of talk therapy, and pursuit of fame. Explains the reactions of the intellectual community in Vienna, Austria, to Freud's new approach to treating mental illnesses. For grades 5-8. 2006. RC 67211



**RC 67437 *Gwendolyn Brooks: "Poetry Is Life Distilled"* by: Christine M. Hill** - Biography of Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000), the first African American to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry (1950). Discusses her experiences with racism and civil rights, her family and career, becoming the Library of Congress consultant in poetry in 1985, and her influence on the literary world. For grades 6-9. 2005. RC 67437

## New Fiction Books

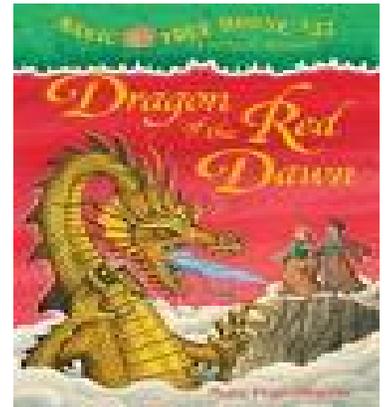
### For grades Kindergarten - 3:

**RC 66928 *The Best Eid Ever* by: Asma Mobin-Uddin** - Aneesa's grandmother surprises her with three new outfits and prepares her favorite foods for the Eid feast at the end of Ramadan. But when Aneesa meets two sisters at the prayer hall who are war refugees, she and her grandmother know the best thing to do. RC 66928

**RC 67038 *The All-I'll-Ever-Want Christmas Doll* by: Patricia C. McKissack** - In a house where there is little money, the youngest sister Nella wants a Baby Betty doll. On Christmas Day, their father presents the longed-for doll to his three daughters. Nella fights for sole possession but soon realizes that sharing the doll is more fun. RC 67038

### For grades 2-4:

**RC 64922 *Dragon of the Red Dawn: Magic Tree House, Book 37* by: Mary Pope Osborne** - Merlin the magician is feeling old and full of sorrows, so siblings Annie and Jack time travel to ancient, feudal Japan to find one of the secrets of happiness. In the land of the samurai, Annie and Jack find Basho. RC 64922



**RC 66314 *Judy Moody and Stink: The Holly Joliday* by: Megan McDonald** - While Judy Moody is writing her long wish list of Christmas presents, her brother Stink talks to the new mailman, Jack Frost, about the only thing he wants for Christmas: snow. RC 66314

**RC 67021 *Into the Dark: An Echo Falls Mystery* by: Peter Abrahams** - When an environmental activist is found dead on Ingrid Levin-Hill's grandfather's farm, the young Sherlock Holmes aficionado investigates to clear her grandfather of murder charges. RC 67021

**RC 67317 *Martin Bridge: In High Gear!* by: Jessica Scott Kerrin** - Two stories. In "Science Fair" Martin's group includes Gibson, who is not a team player. In "Bicycle" Martin's brand-new bicycle is stolen, but he learns valuable skills by volunteering in a shop that recycles bikes for kids in need. RC 67317

## For grades 3-6:

**RC 66364 *Julie's Journey: An American Girl, 1974; Book 5* by: Megan McDonald** - 1976. Julie and her sister Tracy join their cousins on a three-week covered wagon trip to celebrate the Bicentennial in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on the Fourth of July. The journey is filled with adventures, challenges, and self-discovery. RC 66364

**RC 66903 *Samsara Dog* by: Helen Manos** - Samsara Dog has lived many lives--some good, awful, short, and long. Finally he becomes the best friend of a boy who goes blind. And that is when he learns the most important lesson of all--the one that leads him into Nirvana. RC 66903

**RC 66643 *Good Luck, Ivy: An American Girl, 1976; Book 7* by: Lisa Yee** - San Francisco, 1976. Ten-year-old Ivy Ling--best friends with Julie Albright from Meet Julie (RC 65860, BR 17626)--faces a big decision. The Ling family reunion is scheduled on the same day as the all-city gymnastics tournament. Ivy's team is counting on her and so are her parents. RC 66643

**RC 67130 *The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake: Cabin Creek Mysteries, Book 2* by: Kristiana Gregory** - Alerted by their dog in the middle of the night, Jeff and his brother David watch a fishing boat dump a large bundle overboard near Lost Island. Suspecting foul play, the boys and their cousin Claire investigate. Sequel to The Secret of Robber's Cave (RC 67099). RC 67130

**RC 67363 *Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Sleeping Dog* by: Donald J. Sobol** - Match wits with fifth-grader Leroy "Encyclopedia" Brown to solve ten short mysteries. In the title piece, a beagle named Elmo falls asleep during tryouts for a job as a pet-food taster. Encyclopedia Brown figures out who put knockout powder in Elmo's food bowl--can you? Solutions included. RC 67363

**RC 67488 *Toad Rage* by: Morris Gleitzman** - An Australian cane toad named Limpy notices that human drivers deliberately run down and kill his relatives. Determined to figure out why humans hate toads and to change their opinion, Limpy embarks on a dangerous trek from his swamp to the Summer Olympics in Sydney. RC 67488

## For grades 4-7

**RC 63697 *Peter and the Shadow Thieves* by: Barry, Dave, and Ridley Pearson** - Molly and the other starcatchers are in danger when the sinister being Lord Ombra visits Mollusk Island and seems to control people through their shadows. Peter and Tinker Bell travel to England to help save the stardust. Sequel to Peter and the Starcatchers (RC 62169). RC 63697

**RC 66525 *Darkwing* by: Kenneth Oppel** - Earth, early Paleocene epoch, 65 million years ago. With the dinosaurs dying out, new species with changing abilities appear. Among them is Carnassial, with a taste for eating meat, and Dusk, an early bat, whose special gifts guide his colony to safety. Some violence. RC 66525

**RC 66552 *The Penderwicks on Gardam Street* by: Jeanne Birdsall** - Four years after their mother's death, the Penderwick sisters--Rosalind, Skye, Jane, and Batty--are appalled when their aunt Claire arranges a date for their father. Desperate to avoid having a stepmother, the girls hatch their own plan. Sequel to *The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale...* (RC 61553, BR 16482). RC 66552

**RC 66677 *Into the Wild: Warriors, Book 1* by: Erin Hunter** - A young house cat, Rusty--later renamed Firepaw and then Fireheart--leaves home to join the endangered ThunderClan, one of four rival clans of wildcats claiming the forest. With noble warrior cats mysteriously dying, Rusty trains to become a warrior, a hunter, and a survivor. Some violence. RC 66677

**RC 66941 *Rising Storm: Warriors, Book 4* by: Erin Hunter** - As summer blazes through the forest, Fireheart faces increasing dangers. Fireheart's apprentice Cloudpaw runs away, banished enemy Tigerclaw might seek revenge, and clan leader Bluestar is demoralized. Meanwhile a deadly fire threatens ThunderClan. Some violence. RC 66941

**RC 67167 *North* by: Donna Jo Napoli** - Rebelling against his overly protective mother, twelve-year-old Alvin runs away from Washington, D.C., and heads for the Arctic, where his hero, African American Matthew Henson, was an explorer. Alvin gains self-confidence as he travels north by passenger train, freight car, and dogsled. RC 67167

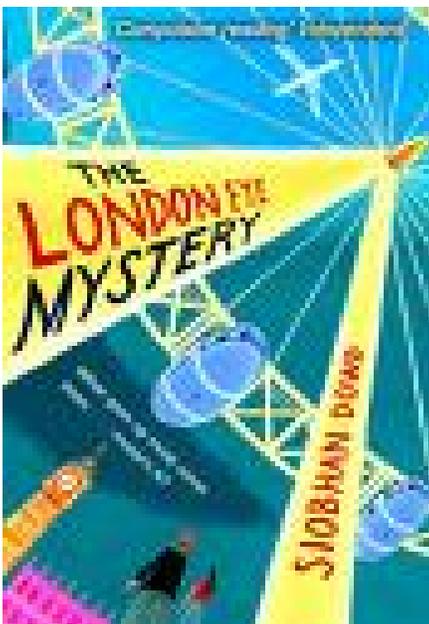
## For grades 5-8

**RC 66838 *Sammy Keyes and the Psycho Kitty Queen: A Sammy Keyes Mystery* by: Wendelin Van Draanen** - Sammy and her friend Holly urgently try to figure out why dead cats are turning up in neighborhood garbage cans. Sammy also deals with a visit from her mother, the truth about her upcoming fourteenth birthday, and her crush on her nemesis Heather's brother. RC 66838

**RC 66873 *El Cid* retold by: Geraldine McCaughrean** - Recounts the feats and adventures of the legendary medieval Spanish hero El Cid--from his banishment from court to his battles with the Moors in southern Spain to his capture of the stronghold of Valencia and his last journey. RC 66873

**RC 67107 *Black Storm Comin'* by: Diane Lee Wilson** - Utah Territory, 1860. Biracial twelve-year-old Colton joins the Pony Express in a fit of desperate determination after his white father abandons the family on their California-bound wagon train. He carries his aunt's freedom papers to deliver in Sacramento--if he survives the mountain blizzards. RC 67107

**RC 67158 *The Battle of the Labyrinth: Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 4* by: Rick Riordan** - When demonic cheerleaders invade his high school and the war between the Olympians and the evil Titan lord Kronos draws near, Percy Jackson hurries to Camp Half Blood to initiate a quest through the Labyrinth with his demigod friends. Sequel to *The Titan's Curse* (RC 65245) RC 67158



**RC 67204 *The London Eye Mystery* by: Siobhan Dowd** - England. When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye Ferris wheel, even the police are baffled. So Ted, whose brain is wired differently, and his older sister Kat work together to solve the mystery. RC 67204

**RC 67210 *A Bridge to the Stars* by: Henning Mankell** - Sweden, 1956. Eleven-year-old Joel Gustafson and his father Samuel, a logger who was once a sailor, live alone with their secrets. Joel sneaks out at night to find a lonely dog he saw. But his father's secret involves a woman. RC 67210

## **For grades 6-9**

**RC 64465 *Hurt Go Happy* by: Ginny Rorby** - Thirteen-year-old Joey Willis, deaf since age seven, has an overprotective mother who refuses to let her daughter learn sign language. When Joey meets neighbor Dr. Mansell and his sign-user chimpanzee Sukari, her world blooms with possibilities. But a crisis involving Sukari brings Joey some heavy responsibilities. RC 64465

**RC 64961 *Standing Against the Wind* by: Traci L. Jones** - Inner city Chicago. Shy, studious eighth-grader Patrice Williams hopes to win a scholarship to a boarding school in Mississippi. When classmate Monty Freeman defends her from some harassing boys, Patrice finds an unexpected ally. John Steptoe New Talent Award. RC 64961

**RC 66634 *The Case of the Missing Marquess: An Enola Holmes Mystery, Book 1* by: Nancy Springer** - England, 1888. When her sixty-four-year-old mother disappears on Enola's fourteenth birthday, Enola sends telegrams to her much-older brothers Mycroft and Sherlock Holmes. After deciphering why her mother left, Enola escapes to London to search for her and becomes involved in a second mystery. RC 66634

**RC 66700 *After Tupac and D Foster* by: Jacqueline Woodson** - Eleven-year-olds Neeka and her best friend meet newcomer "D Foster" and the three girls become a team. When their hero, rapper Tupac, is shot, they decide to have a "big purpose" as Tupac did and stay friends forever--but D's mom returns. RC 66700

**RC 67052 *When the Black Girl Sings* by: Bil Wright** - The only black girl in an all-white prep school, eighth-grader Lahni Schuler contends with her white adoptive parents' separation as she prepares for a singing competition. Going to church with her mother inspires Lahni to join a gospel choir, which gives her new self-confidence. RC 67052

**RC 67128 *The Empty Kingdom: The Mark of Solomon, Book 2***

**by: Elizabeth E. Wein** - In *The Lion Hunter* (RC 67090), Telemakos took refuge with Abreha, ruler of Himyar. Now he is Abreha's prisoner, separated from his beloved sister and unable to send messages of his predicament to his family in faraway Aksum. Some violence. RC 67128

## **For junior and senior high readers**

**RC 65824 *Fell* by: David Clement-Davies** - Continues the legend of The Sight (RC 55656) among the wolves of Transylvania in the Middle Ages. Fell, a lone wolf who sees into minds, learns that his destiny is linked to that of fifteen-year-old Alina, considered a changeling. Some violence. RC 65824

**RC 66391 *Dragonhaven* by: Robin McKinley** - On Jake's first solo overnight in Smokehill National Park, he finds a dying dragon, a dead poacher, and a living newborn dragonlet. He hasn't a clue how to save it, but even though it's illegal, he's determined to try. RC 66391

**RC 66693 *Dreamhunter: Dreamhunter Duet, Book 1* by: Elizabeth Knox** - 1906. Fifteen-year-old Laura Hame and her cousin Rose come from a family of dreamhunters--people who enter the place of dreams and relay them to others. After Laura's father disappears, Laura searches the magical world for him, experiences nightmares, and encounters a monster. RC 66693

**RC 66918 *Unwind* by: Neal Shusterman** - In a future world, parents may "unwind," or disassemble, their offspring between the ages of thirteen and eighteen to harvest their body parts for others' use. Teens Connor, Risa, and Lev fight to uphold their beliefs and perhaps save their own lives. RC 66918

**RC 67235 *All We Know of Heaven* by: Jacquelyn Mitchard** - Two families are devastated when their sixteen-year-old daughters are involved in a car accident and one dies. Maureen and Bridget--similar-looking best friends--are, at first, misidentified at the hospital. Later, while Bridget's family realizes its loss, Maureen's rejoices in a miracle. But Maureen has brain damage. RC 67235

**RC 67620 *The House of Djinn* by: Suzanne Fisher Staples** - Dismayed fifteen-year-old Californian Jameel learns that he has been designated head of the family in Lahore, Pakistan--and that a marriage with his cousin Mumtaz has been arranged. A "djinni," or spirit, helps him decide between cultures. Sequel to Haveli (RC 42984, BR 10586).

RC 67620

## South Dakota Children's Book Awards

The Prairie Bud & Pasque Children's Book Awards are sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association. Prairie Bud winners are determined by South Dakota kindergarten, first and second grade students. Prairie Pasque winners are determined by South Dakota third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Students are encouraged to read and vote for their one favorite book of the year from the master lists of fifteen titles. The books receiving the most votes from the students win the awards. A committee of educators and librarians select the books nominated for the awards.

### 2009–2010 PRAIRIE BUD Nominees

- SD004360, TVB00196 ***Max's Dragon*** by: Kate Banks
- SD004366, TVB00197 ***When Dinosaurs Came with Everything***  
by: Elisa Broach
- SD004390, TVB00198 ***Fabulous Bouncing Chowder*** by: Peter Brown
- RC065462, TVB00199 ***May I Pet your Dog?*** by: Stephanie Calmenson
- SD004387, TVB00200 ***Fred Stays With Me*** by: Nancy Coffelt
- SD004398, TVB00201 ***That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown***  
by: Cressida Cowell
- SD004397, TVB00202 ***Mary and the Mouse*** by: Beverly Donofrio
- SD004391, TVB00203 ***Stormy's Hat: Just Right for a Railroad Man***  
by: Eric Kimmel
- SD004401, TVB00204 ***Hello Bumblebee Bat*** by: Darrin Lunde
- SD004385, TVB00205 ***Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly***  
by: Alan Madison
- RC067038, TVB00206 ***The All-I'll-Ever-Want Christmas Doll***  
by: Patricia McKissack
- SD004384, TVB00207 ***Vulture View*** by: April Pulley Sayre
- SD004383, TVB00208 ***First the Egg*** by: Laura Vaccaro Seeger
- SD004364, TVB00209 ***Leaves*** by: David Stein
- SD004386, TVB00210 ***Ballerina Dreams: A True Story*** by: Lauren Thompson

## 2009–2010 PRAIRIE PASQUE Nominees

SD004337, SDB00295 **Lenny's Space** by: Kate Banks

RC065284, SDB00316 **No Talking** by: Andrew Clements

RC065011, SDB00306 **Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little**  
by: Peggy Gifford

RC066424, SDB00307 **Piper Reed, Navy Brat** by: Kimberly Willis Holt

SD004365, TVB00211 **One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II** by: Lita Judge

SD004361, TVB00212 **Tuttle's Red Barn** by: Richard Michelson

RC065467, BR017490 **Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller** by:  
Sarah Miller

SD004396, TVB00213 **Planting the Trees of Kenya** by: Claire Nivola

SD004333 **How to Steal a Dog** by: Barbara O'Connor

SD004362, TVB00214 **Captain Raptor & the Space Pirates** by: Kevin  
O'Malley

SD004378, TVB00215 **Tap Dancing on the Roof** by: Linda Sue Park

RC066423, SDB00314 **Invention of Hugo Cabret** by: Brian Selznick

SD004363, TVB00216 **This is Just to Say** by: Joyce Sidman

SD004395, TVB00217 **Why War is Never a Good Idea** by: Alice  
Walker

## Voting Instructions & On-line Ballot

In order to be eligible to vote, all participating students must read or have read to them at least five titles from the nominee list. A student may only vote for a book that he/she has read or heard read.

**Online voting will begin January 1, 2010. Deadline for voting will be March 15.**

Check for open voting at <http://library.sd.gov/forkids/prairie/index.htm>

The coordinating teacher or librarian may use nominee list to record vote tallies received for each title. Each coordinating teacher or librarian will only be allowed to vote once.

The Book award committee will compile the vote tallies from all participating schools and the winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 2010. National Library Week 2010 will be celebrated with the theme, "Communities thrive @ your library."

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## Receive an RFB&D Membership for FREE.

For those of you who have not signed up for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) and want to receive audio textbooks for school, you may be able to receive them without paying a fee for membership. You must have a documented print disability, such as a learning disability, visual impairment or other physical disability.

The application for Free RFB&D individual membership can be found at <http://www.rfb.org/membership-individual.htm>

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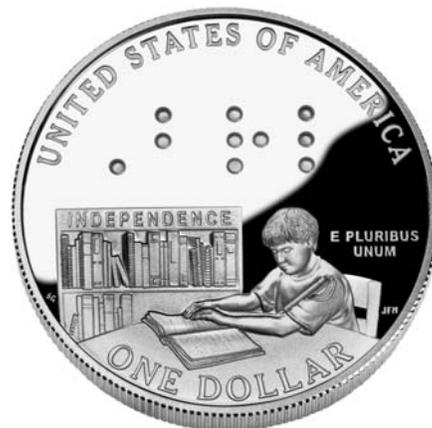
## First U.S. Coin with Readable Braille

This year we celebrate 200 years after the birth of Louis Braille, also known as the bicentennial of his birth. A newly minted coin was unveiled to help in the celebration of the inventor of the braille system of reading and writing that we use today.

The 2009 Louis Braille Bicentennial Silver Dollar is now available for purchase. The obverse of this coin features a portrait of Louis Braille. The reverse shows a child reading a book in Braille with the word "Braille" (abbreviated BRL in Braille code) above him. The word INDEPENDENCE is featured on a bookshelf behind the child.

It is also inscribed with *LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST, LOUIS BRAILLE, 1809* and *2009*. In addition to readable Braille, the 2009 Louis Braille Bicentennial Silver Dollar has other distinguishable features such as its size and reeded edge.

Search <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/coinsMedals/> for some more trivia.



## Bookshare.org Library Now Free to All U.S. Students with Qualifying Disabilities

Memberships for U.S. schools and qualifying U.S. students of all ages including K-12, post-secondary and adult education, are now free, thanks to special funding from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). You can find more information online at <http://www.bookshare.org/>

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### The Braille and Talking Book Library will be closed for the following holidays:

Veterans' Day - November 11  
Thanksgiving Day - November 26



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