



Prairie Trails Memorandum

South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Program

South Dakota Magazines and Books Go Digital

News from Director –

This winter Josh Easter, AV Coordinator, has been immersing himself in the world of digital technology. In December he set up the digital recording studio at the South Dakota State Library. Since then he has been teaching himself all the ins and outs of digital recording. In early February he assisted the Yankton Federal Prison Camp in setting up their digital recording studios. Josh also trained the narrators on how to use the equipment.

As of today all magazines and books
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produced in South Dakota are being produced in digital format. The books that will be read first are South Dakota titles that are currently available on cassette and new South Dakota titles that are not available in any format. In four to five years there will no longer be machines available to play the cassettes, so it is important that we have the titles available on digital cartridges. The narrators are beginning to record South Dakota history.

What does this mean for you? If you are currently receiving magazines that are produced in South Dakota, you will be receiving them on cartridges rather than cassettes. Be sure to

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Digital Talking Book Player with cartridge.



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return a magazine when you have finished reading it. Because the cartridges are expensive we can only create a few copies of each magazine. If you return a magazine promptly we can send it on to the next person. If you do not have one of the new digital players you will want to contact the Braille and Talking Book Program and have the staff send you a player. If you enjoy history you might want to check out some of the South Dakota titles as they become available on digital cartridge.

Don't return your cassette player yet!

Some of the magazines you receive might come from another state. Not all of the states have transitioned to digital format. You will need the cassette player to listen to those magazines you receive from other states.



Readers with the
Cassette Player.

Newsletter Via Email

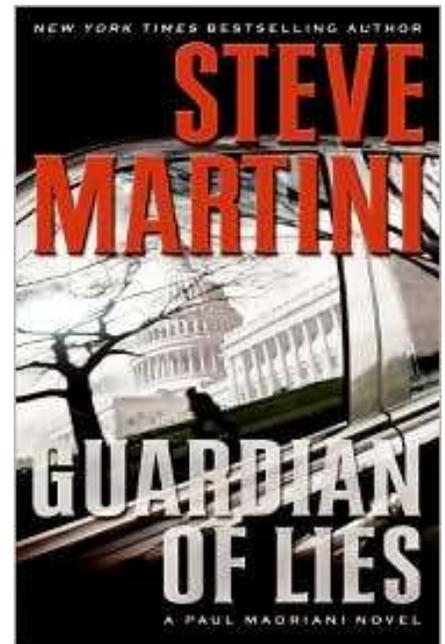
As the state budget belt tightens, we here at the Braille and Talking Book Program are doing our part to be fiscally responsible while still providing the same level of customer service **you enjoy. One idea we've decided to pursue is** to start sending out our newsletter via email instead of print, cartridge, or Braille to patrons with an email address listed in their account.

The email version of our newsletter contains the exact same content as our print newsletter, and it is still sent out in a large-print font. We also post our newsletter on our website (library.sd.gov/BTB/news).

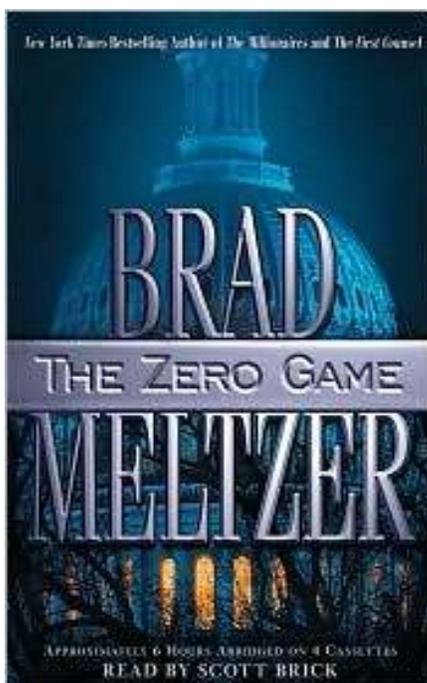
If you have an email address and would like to start receiving this newsletter electronically, or if you need to update the email address we have listed in your account, please call us at 800-423-6665 or email us at talkbreq@state.sd.us. We appreciate your understanding as we work to be good stewards of our resources.

Fresh Out of Your Favorite Author? **Try a “readalike!”**

John Grisham: For those who enjoy John Grisham’s fast-paced legal thrillers, Steve Martini might be an author of interest for further reading. A few of Martini’s popular books include Guardian of Lies (DB69461) and Shadow of Power (DB or RC 66953), suspense genre novels focusing on Cold War secrets and the Supreme Court, respectively. Grisham fans may also like Brad Meltzer, author of The Zero Game (*DB or RC 57375) and The Book of Lies (DB or RC 67532).



Steve Martini’s
Guardian of Lies



Brad Meltzer’s
The Zero Game

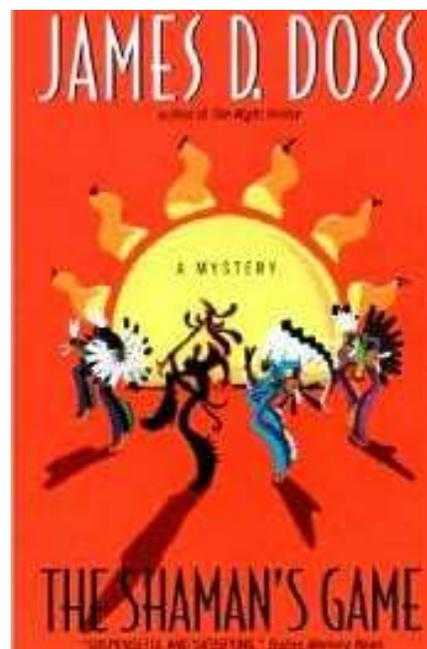
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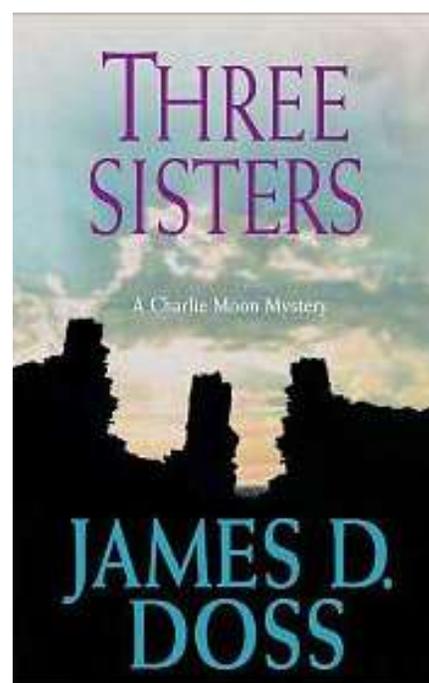
Tony Hillerman: If you like Tony Hillerman you might want to try James Doss. His Shaman series is about retired Ute policeman Charlie Moon and his aunt Daisy Perika, a shaman. The books take place in southern **Colorado**. A few of Doss's books include **The Shaman's Game** (*DB or RC 62195), Snake Dreams (DB 68338), and Three Sisters (DB 68305).

Danielle Steel: Many BTBP readers are fans of Danielle Steel, the prolific author who often focuses on the relationships and personal obstacles of her typically female protagonists.

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James D. Doss' **The Shaman's Game**



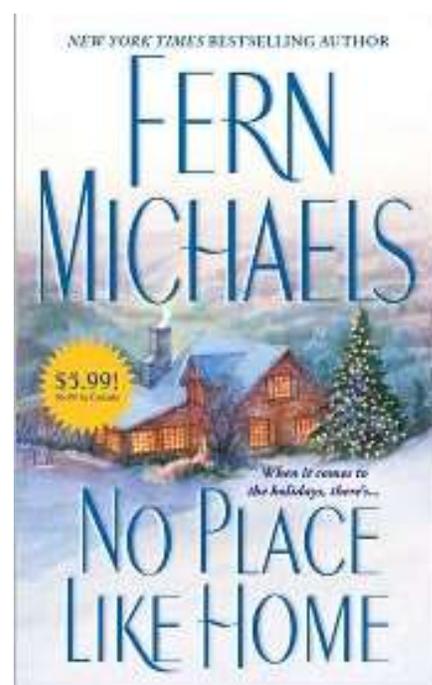
James D. Doss' **Three Sisters**

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Readers who enjoy books by Danielle Steel may want to checkout Fern Michaels, who also writes domestic fiction focusing on family, relationships, and wealth. Michaels has written several popular series, including the Texas series, beginning with Texas Rich (RC 25391), the Vegas series, beginning with Vegas Rich (RC 44137, the Captive series, beginning with Captive Passions (*DB or RC 35469), as well as the Cisco Family series, beginning with No Place Like Home (DB or RC 55943).

*DB numbers are given, but some of them may only be available right now as downloadable DBs from the BARD system and where ONLY a DB number is given, there will not be an RC equivalent for that book.

Fern Michaels'
No Place Like Home



Searching the Online Catalog

Although we have emphasized the advantages to downloading **audio books and magazines from the NLS BARD site**, we're certainly not discouraging patrons from borrowing books from the library. Not everyone has the option to download and some patrons who can download still want to continue to access our collection.

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you may order them online.

To order online, you must first be able to access your personal reading record. In the left-hand column of the catalog there is a link that says Patron Information. When you click on this link a patron login screen will appear. You will need to input your User ID and Password. Your User ID is the same as your Patron ID with the Braille and Talking Book Program. The Patron ID will begin with SD1A followed by a number. If you have a book from us you can find your Patron ID on the mailing card. You can also call the B&TB Program at 1-800-423-6665 or email us at talkbreq@state.sd.us.

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In the catalog you can view your patron information. You can see what you currently have checked out and also all titles that you have

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Once you have searched the catalog and found books you would like to check out, put a checkmark in the box next to the title you want. Mark all the titles you would like to checkout and then select Add to BookBasket at the bottom of the screen. You can continue to search for books or you can click on the Proceed to Checkout box. When you Proceed to Checkout all the books that are available will be shipped. If a book is not available it will be added to the list of titles that you would like to receive in the future. If you are on Nightly Selection Autoselect or on Nightly Selection List Only, the titles that are not available when you order from the catalog will be shipped to you when they become available.

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Talking Book Topics

Six times a year you will receive the catalog, Talking Book Topics. The catalog lists all of the new books that have been added to the Braille and Talking Book collection during the two previous months. Please take time to review the catalog and identify books that you would like to read. If you receive the catalog in large print you will find an order form at the back of the catalog. You can mark the books you want and then mail it to the Braille and Talking Book Program. You can also call or email us with the books you would like to read. Talking Book Topics is available in large print or audio format. If you are not receiving the catalog please let us know and we will make sure you receive the latest issue.

Family reading



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State Library Staff Excited for Debut of Titles to Go

The State Library is working with public libraries across South Dakota to bring downloadable audio and electronic books to South Dakota citizens. Library patrons in participating communities will soon be able to download audio and electronic books, or e-books, from their home computers, courtesy of their public libraries.

The new collaborative "South Dakota Titles to Go," was born as a result of negotiations managed by the State Library. The

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participating libraries provide the funding for the downloadables, supplied by OverDrive. OverDrive is a digital distributor of e-books, audiobooks, music and video.

Downloadable titles are available in a variety of popular genres, **including bestsellers, fiction, romance, suspense, children's and young adult, business, self-help and language learning.**

Downloadable audiobooks and e-books may be checked out, **placed on the patron's computer, burned to a CD or transferred** to a portable device such as a Nook. They are automatically returned when due. Music and video formats may be added later.

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Various electronic devices including MP3 player, an e-reader, and a smart phone.

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“South Dakota’s public libraries are key community resources for the digital age, and through the Titles to Go program, local libraries across the state will be able to make even more digital resources available to their users,” State Librarian Dan Siebersma said. “By pooling resources, participating libraries are able to provide these new resources at no cost to their patrons.”

The new service is in the trial stages now and is expected to be available within the next month.

Check with your local public library to find out if Titles to Go is available in your community. These books will not play on your NLS reader, but you can play them on your computer, a CD player, or an MP3 player. This is one more option when you are looking for new books to read.



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One World, Many Stories

Kids/Teen News

2011 Summer Reading Program



One World, Many Stories is the theme for **this year's Summer Reading Program**. The program will take place June 6 – July 15. Watch your mailboxes for more information and registration forms. Children that also **participate in their public library's Summer Reading Program** will receive an additional prize. If you have questions about the Summer Reading Program please contact Karen Duenwald, 1-800-423-6665.



Bookbag News for Teachers and Parents

2011/12 School Year Textbook Deadline is Past

January 15 was the deadline to place textbook orders for the 2011/12 school year. If you have not placed your textbook orders please do so as soon as possible. The Braille and Talking Book Program will continue to accept textbook orders, but we cannot guarantee that orders placed after January 15 will be delivered by the beginning of the school year.

If you have any questions about ordering textbooks in alternative formats, please call Karen, Educational Materials Coordinator, at 1-800-423-6665.



Textbooks

Returning Textbooks

Teachers, please remember to return all alternative format textbooks to the Braille

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and Talking Book Program at the end of the school year. Some **books that were sent for your students' use during the 2010/2011 school year** have already been requested for other **students' use during the 2011/2012 school year. Each textbook** currently used by students must be returned before August 2011, so we can provide these books to other students before the first day of school.

Donations and Memorials

The Braille and Talking Book Program would like to thank everyone who has helped us this year through their generous donations as well as those whose final wishes included helping us to better serve users of the Braille and Talking Book services in South Dakota.

All gifts and memorial donations to the Braille and Talking Book Program are tax-deductible and will be used to promote the service and to acquire materials not funded by the annual budget. Acknowledgements are sent to all donors. For memorial donations, please remember to include the name of the person for whom the memorial is made and the name and address of those to be notified.



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