

Prairie Trails Memorandum

South Dakota Braille & Talking Book Program

From the Assistant State Librarian

Automated Phone System

Recently the South Dakota State Library implemented an automated phone system.

When you call the general number or the 800 number you will hear an automated message. The message will say:

- **You have reached the South Dakota State Library. Please select an option from the following menu.**
- **For Braille and Talking Book, please press 1.**

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When you press one you will hear the following message:

- **You have reached Braille and Talking Book.**
 - **For last names beginning with A through M, press 1**
 - **For last names beginning with N through Z, or for libraries and nursing homes or other facilities, press 2**
 - **For schools, children and young adults, press 3**
 - **For talking book machines, volunteers and other questions or concerns, press 4**
- **Please remain on the line to hear the Braille and Talking Book options again or press 0 to return to the main menu.**

It always takes a while to learn a new system. Please be patient and in no time you will have learned how to use our automated phone system. If you have any questions about the automated phone

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system, please call 1-800-423-6665, select option 6 and ask for Colleen.

Keeping You Informed

Three times a year you receive the Prairie Trails Memorandum. We let you know what is happening in the Braille and Talking Book Program and provide you with information about topics that might be of interest.

Occasionally the Braille and Talking Book Program has time sensitive news that we would like to share but until now we have not had the means to do so. Last month Connie Sullivan, Program Assistant, created a Braille and Talking Book listserv. All patrons with email addresses have been added to the listserv. When we have time sensitive information to share we will send an email on the listserv.

The listserv will allow us to keep many of you abreast of the latest news from the Braille and

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Talking Book Program. If you would prefer not to be on the listserv, please call your Reader Advisor and let them know. If you would like to be on the listserv, but have not provided us with your email address, please call your Reader Advisor and give them your email address. We look forward to providing you with the latest Braille and Talking Book news.

Colleen

Telephone Handset



South Dakota Has New State Librarian

The South Dakota State Library is pleased to announce that Daria Bossman has been appointed State Librarian. She came to the South Dakota State Library in 2008 as the assistant state librarian for development services and has been instrumental in the library's transitional efforts.

Formerly the director of library services and an assistant professor for 15 years at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa, she also served as a refer-

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New State Librarian,
Daria Bossman

ence and acquisitions librarian at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City and at Morningside. In addition to her 20 years of administrative experience, Bossman taught English and history in high schools in Nebraska and Oklahoma. She holds degrees from Midland Lutheran University in Nebraska and Emporia State University in Kansas.

“Daria’s background in library development, as well as her experience in education, are a solid fit for this position,” said South Dakota Secretary of Education Dr. Melody Schopp. “She has the passion to continue moving South Dakota forward in its development and support of 21st century libraries.”

Bossman lives in Pierre with her husband, William Bossman, chief prosecutor for the Rosebud Tribal Court. They have three adult sons and two granddaughters.

Digital Talking Book Player Accessories

The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Program has several accessories for the NLS digital talking book player available to patrons who need them:

- **Headphones**--Stereo headphones are limited to patrons with hearing loss or those who live in group settings, such as a nursing home. Standard headphones and ear buds will work with the digital talking book player, so you may use a set you already own.
- **Pillow speaker**--Small speaker to be placed under a pillow so that only the reader can hear it. Limited to patrons who are confined to bed.
- **Elbow adapter**--An L-shaped adapter for use with USB flash drives playing BARD materials; it allows a flash drive inserted in the USB port on the side of the player to lie parallel with the player, rather than sticking straight out.

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- **Breath-Switch Adapter**--Controls the play/stop function of the digital player. For use by patrons who have little or no manual dexterity to operate the NLS digital player. Requires a separate application and comes with an elbow adapter.
- **Amplifier**--For patrons with profound hearing loss. Requires a separate application filled out by a medical doctor. Comes with headphones.

To request one of these devices, please call the Braille and Talking Book Program at 1-800-423-6665.

Book Club Update

In the last issue of *Prairie Trails* we asked people to let us know if there was interest in forming a book club. Unfortunately there was not enough interest to start a book club at this time.



Changing Colors

Do you have trouble using BARD because of the color scheme? If so, you do have the option to change the colors to display black and white. To change the color to Black and White, follow these steps:

- Login to BARD
- Click on Update Account Settings
- Click on the Color Settings drop-down box
- Select Black & White
- Click the Update button at the bottom of the page to save changes



Magazines on Cassette

The Braille and Talking Book Program will no longer be receiving magazines recorded on cassette. If you are currently receiving a magazine on cassette that is sent to you by the Braille and Talking Book Program and not NLS, you will no longer receive that magazine. If you would like to receive a different magazine, please call your Reader Advisor. They can tell you what is available from NLS and what is available directly from the Braille and Talking Book Program. NLS is moving all magazines to digital cartridge, so you will need to have a digital player to receive magazines.

Cancelling Talking Books Service

If you are a Talking Books patron, family member, friend, or care institution who has decided to cancel an individual's Talking Books

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service, please remember that players and materials are the property of the federal government and must be returned to the lending agency. Even non-working players must be returned, since they can often be repaired or salvaged to repair other players. If you have any questions about cancelling Talking Books service, please call 800-423-6665.

Digital Player with
Cartridge



Author Readalikes

If you are looking for new books to read here are some authors you might want to try.

If you enjoy John Grisham, then try:

- Lisa Scottoline
- David Baldacci
- Perri O'Shaughnessy
- Scott Turow
- Stuart Woods
- Nelson DeMille
- Michael Connelly

Man using Digital Reader



If you enjoy Lillian Jackson Braun, then try:

- Rita Mae Brown
- Carole Nelson Douglas
- Carolyn Hart
- Tamara Myers
- Laurien Berenson

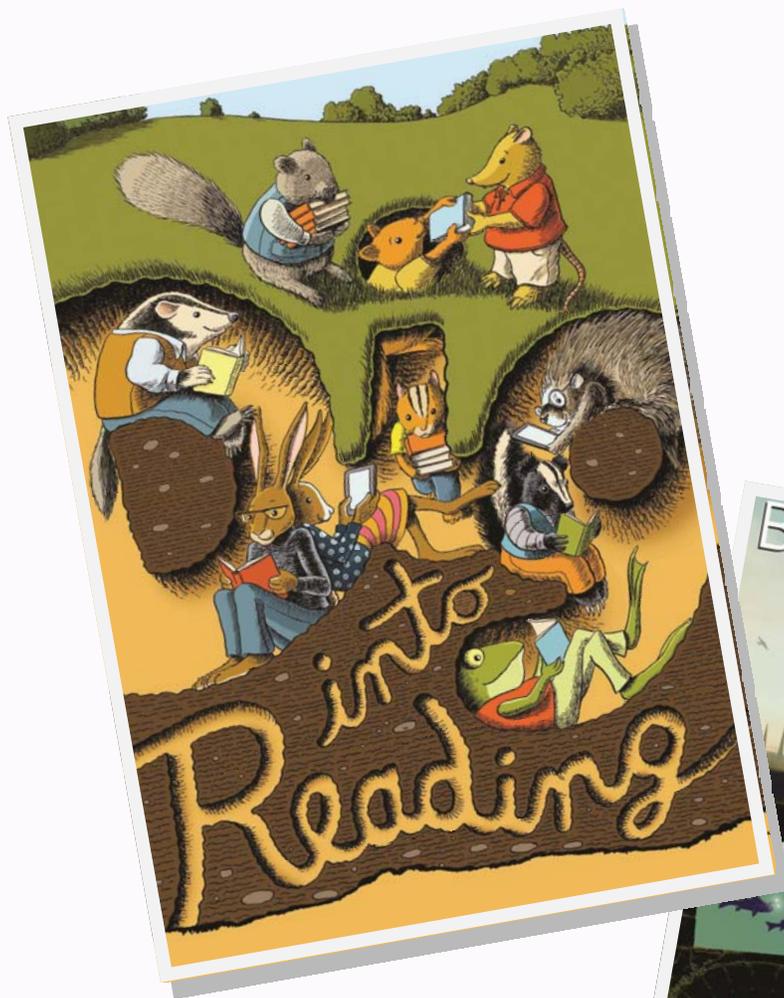
If you enjoy Janette Oke, then try:

- Karen Kingsbury
- Terri Blackstock
- Beverly Lewis
- Tracie Peterson
- Lauraine Snelling
- Jan Karon

Kids/Teens News

Are You Ready for Summer Reading?

We hope you are planning to attend the summer reading program offered by your local public library. This year's theme for youth is Dig into READING. The theme for teens is Beneath the Surface. Karen Duenwald will be happy to help you find books to read. Please contact Karen at 1-800-423-6665, select option 1 for Braille and Talking Book, and then select option 3 for schools, children, and young adults. You can also email Karen at Karen.Duenwald@state.sd.us.



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