Happy Fall to All!

It seems like Summer just began, and yet we are almost to Fall. That essentially speaks of my time here in South Dakota. It has been a journey, but seems like yesterday I was new to the state. I always like to take time to reflect when speaking to the patrons of South Dakota.

This marks two years of data collecting that shows how the Braille and Talking Book Library has progressed over the past years. We currently stand at exactly 1,900 active patrons with 22 patrons who are at least 100 years old. The BTBL has also averaged about 125,000 circulations in
that time span. A few other numbers to highlight are more patrons are now utilizing BARD and also more facilities and other institutions are becoming depositories.

The last highlight of the Summer is that we are excited to welcome Lynette Thum as our new Reader Advisor.

Steven Buras

In the Spotlight:

Reader Advisor: Lynette Thum

Lynette Thum is our new Reader Advisor at the Braille and Talking Book Library. If your last name begins with the letters H-Z, she will help you find books and magazines that interest you.

Lynette was raised on a farm outside Scotland, SD, and attended Black Hills State College in Spearfish, majoring in Mass Communications with a minor in Library Science. She lived in Sturgis for 17 years and had a variety of jobs, including the front desk at the Sturgis Public Library for 7 years. She then moved to Spearfish and worked mainly in the healthcare field there, until the State of South Dakota finally saw fit to hire her. She has been a state employee ever since. This is her second trip through the
Department of Education, with a 6-year stint at the Department of Health.

Lynette loves dogs, reading, going to movies and laughing with good friends. She enjoys a good margarita and looking at cookbooks, although she has no intention of cooking.

Please call her at 800-423-6665, option 1, then 2. She would love to hear from you!
Updated phone options

With retirements and a new reader advisor comes a shakeup of phone options.

Here is our new phone tree that you will hear when you call our main number. Call us at 1-800-423-6665 (or 605-773-3131), and press 1 for Braille and Talking Book and then:

- For patrons with last names beginning with A through G, press 1 for Lynda
- For patrons with last names beginning with H through Z, press 2 for Lynette
- For libraries, facilities, or people residing in facilities, press 3 for Marcia
- For children, young adults, schools, textbooks or educational materials, press 1 for Lynda
- For anyone interested in becoming a patron, press 3 for Marcia
- For Talking Book machines, volunteers and other questions, press 4 for Josh

Call us anytime at 1-800-423-6665 (or 605-773-3131), press 1 for Braille and Talking Book then 1 for Lynda, 2 for Lynette, 3 for Marcia, and 4 for Josh.
Ballot Questions 2018

Voting for midterm elections will be here soon. Once again, we will be working with the Secretary of State’s office to provide the statewide 2018 Ballot Questions pamphlet in formats accessible to visually impaired voters.

The pamphlet provides the title, explanation, and effect of a vote for each ballot question as provided by the Attorney General. The pros and cons for each ballot question are provided by individuals and do not reflect the opinion of the State. This document will be available in audio, braille, and large print formats. The audio will be posted on the Secretary of State website https://sos.sd.gov as well as available on audio cartridge for our patrons to use in their digital talking book machines.

Contact us if you would like to get on the list to receive the 2018 Ballot Questions in one of these formats.

Closer to the election you will be able to access the print and audio formats on the Secretary of State’s website, https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/upcoming-elections/general-information/2018-GeneralElection-Ballot-Question-Pamphlet.aspx.
Spring Book Discussion

Lynda Lowin - Adult Programs Coordinator

The Spring Book Discussion of *Land of the Burnt Thigh* got off to a shaky start when telephone connection to the conference call met with terrible reception for callers. Everyone hung up and dialed in again and the problem was solved.

Participants called in and were led by SD Humanities Council scholar, Dorothy Liegl, in an informative discussion about homesteading, historical events mentioned in the book and how these events formed or changed settlement of the West, and particularly the reservation lands.

If you enjoyed *Land of the Burnt Thigh*, you may want to read one of these books:

- *The Land They Possessed* DBS004692
- *Bachelor Bess: The Homesteading Letters of Elizabeth Corey, 1909-1919* DBS004696
- *Homesteading in the Badlands 1912* DBS004704
• **The Dakotans** DBS004705
• **Mama Came From Norway** DBS004740
• **Dakota Dreams: Fannie Sabra Howe’s Own Story 1881-1884** DBS004749
• **Dear Unforgettable Brother: The Stavig Letters from Norway and America, 1881-1937** DBS004765
• **My Ever Dear Charlie: Letters Home from the Dakota Territory** DBS004725
• **Frontier Woman: The Life Of A Woman Homesteader on the Dakota Frontier** DBS004674
• **The Little House on the Prairie** (Series)

Call your reader advisor to have one sent!

We are taking a break from adult book discussions for this year but would appreciate your input and feedback on why you did or did not participate in past adult book discussions.

1. Were you aware that a book discussion was being offered?
2. Did the book featured influence your decision to participate or not?
3. If you did participate, did you like the format used?
Author and patron visit the library

We had a wonderful visit from patron Cindy McFadden and her friend, South Dakota author Wayne Fanebust. They stopped by for a visit while in Pierre for a book discussion Wayne presented for the SD Cultural Heritage Center on his newest published book “Chasing Frank and Jesse James: The Bungled Northfield Bank Robbery and the Long Manhunt.”
Lynda and Josh enjoyed getting to visit with them and give them a tour of the Braille and Talking Book Library.

Currently two of Wayne’s books are being recorded by our local volunteers. The titles are “Outlaw Dakota: The Murderous Times and Criminal Trials of Frontier Judge Peter C. Shannon” and “Chasing Frank and Jesse James: The Bungled Northfield Bank Robbery and the Long Manhunt.” It will be a few months before they are available. Our South Dakota Collection contains books by SD authors, about SD and regional history, and other books with topics relevant to South Dakota. Our goal is to make as many of these books available to our patrons as possible, but we are reliant on our volunteers to make it happen.

We love it when you visit us when you are in the area. Let us know you’re coming ahead of time to make sure we are well staffed to receive you and give you a tour of the library.
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 the following title.

“Calamity Jane of the Western Trails”
By John Leonard Jennewein

Writers frequently claim to give the “real scoop” about Calamity Jane in their biographical sketches, but often so exceed the facts that their works are appropriately considered fiction. Despite the passage of more than thirty years, J. Leonard Jennewein’s CALAMITY JANE OF THE WESTERN TRAILS remains among the best biographies of that controversial frontier woman... one of the West’s most interesting characters, Calamity Jane.

DBS004823
Descriptive Videos available

In addition to audio books, the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library offers a selection of audio described movies on DVD and Blu-ray. Audio described movies include a second soundtrack to describe the sets, costumes, and visual cues that the director uses to establish place, create mood, and foreshadow events.

Patrons can call to request a title. You may check up to two video titles at a time for two weeks. There are no renewals. Audio described DVDs should play on any DVD player but Blu-rays will require a Blu-ray player. If you want to know what we have, you may request a DVD or Blu-ray video catalog in large print or find them on our website.

Here is just a sampling of titles. Be sure to request the catalogs for a complete list. These titles feature people who don’t let their challenges keep them from living their best lives.
DVD 316 - **23 Blast** (2014)
PG-13 | 1h 38min | Drama, Family, Sport
Mark Hapka, Bram Hoover, Stephen Lang

When a high school football star is suddenly stricken with irreversible total blindness, he must decide whether to live a safe handicapped life or bravely return to the life he once knew and the sport he still loves. **DVD 316**

DVD 485 - **Breathe** (2017)
PG-13 | 1h 58min | Biography, Drama, Romance
Andrew Garfield, Claire Foy, Hugh Bonneville

The inspiring true love story of Robin and Diana Cavendish, an adventurous couple who refuse to give up in the face of a devastating disease. Their heartwarming celebration of human possibility marks the directorial debut of Andy Serkis. **DVD 485**

DVD 543 - **Marie’s Story** (2014)
Not Rated | 1h 35min | Biography, Drama
Isabelle Carré, Ariana Rivoire, Brigitte Catillon

Marie Heurtin is born both blind and deaf. Sister Marguerette wins her trust and teaches her how to express herself. **DVD 543**
DVD 546 - *Maudie* (2016)
PG-13 | 1h 55min | Biography, Drama, Romance
Sally Hawkins, Ethan Hawke, Zachary Bennett

An arthritic Nova Scotia woman works as a housekeeper while she hones her skills as an artist and eventually becomes a beloved figure in the community. **DVD 546**

DVD 193 - *Monica & David*
Not Rated | 1h 8min | Documentary

MONICA & DAVID is the love story of two adults with Down syndrome and the family who strives to support their needs. Monica and David are blissfully in love and want what other adults have an independent life. **DVD 193**

DVD 600 - *Wonder* (2017)
PG | 1h 53min | Drama, Family
Jacob Tremblay, Owen Wilson, Julia Roberts

Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who enters 5th grade, attending a mainstream elementary school for the first time. **DVD 600**
What’s New with the online catalog (aka OPAC)

located at https://talkbook.sd.gov/sd1aopac

If you want to order books or add books to your request list and have forgotten your Patron ID look on the mail card of a book or the machine that was sent to you. It begins with SD1A and can be found directly above your name!

If you forgot what your password is, try the last 4 digits of your phone number.

If you lost your Patron ID or the password doesn’t work, use the link “Click here to recover access to your
account” and enter your email address. Your Patron ID will be emailed to you along with the link to change the password! If you know your password you do NOT have to click the link in the email to reset your password. Click the Sign in to place requests or manage your account link at the upper right corner of the page and enter your Username and Password.

You can also send a request to have your name, phone number, email address and mailing address updated using the online catalog/OPAC. Sign in and go to My Account. Click Contact Info and Update Contact Info.

In the fields presented you can change your name if it is misspelled or changed due to marriage or divorce, add your new phone number, change your email address by wiping the old email address out and enter a new mailing address by wiping out the old mailing address that is showing or send us a note! It will send an email to the library and your request will be processed as promptly as possible.

above: screenshot of sample account recovery email.
### BARD vs. THE COMPETITION

There are a variety of downloadable audiobook services for people with print impairments. Some are free, some have a cost, some have limits and some don’t. Let’s see how our library’s download service BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) stacks up next to some of the other popular options.

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As you can see, in many ways BARD is way ahead of the competition, with no limits, no waiting, and no cost. And as BARD adds more and more commercial audiobooks, some titles like *The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street* by Susan Jane Gilman (DB079060) are read by the author!

Check out our website for more information about BARD and to create your BARD account today!  
http://library.sd.gov/BTB

**More About BARD**

BARD is a free service that allows patrons to download NLS braille and audio talking books or magazines anytime they want 24/7 at http://nlsbard.loc.gov.

There are 3 ways to download from BARD:

**BARD Mobile**
Download from BARD by using the applications for:
- iOS devices such as iPhones and iPads
- Android smartphones or tablets
- Amazon Fire tablets

**BARD Website**
Use a web browser and manually download onto a flash drive or a blank digital cartridge.

**BARD Express**
PC-only application that simplifies much of the BARD download process onto a flash drive or a blank digital cartridge.
Bill Gates summer reading list

Every year Microsoft Corporation Co-Founder and billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates shares his summer reading list.

We have 3 out of the 5 books on Bill Gates 2018 summer reading list:

- **Leonardo da Vinci**, by Walter Isaacson - DB089588
- **Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I’ve Loved**, by Kate Bowler - DB090181
- **Lincoln in the Bardo**, by George Saunders - DB086941
- **Origin Story: A Big History of Everything**, by David Christian - Not in system
- **Factfulness**, by Hans Rosling, with Ola Rosling and Anna Rosling Ronnlund - Not in system
App Review: Be My Eyes

Be My Eyes is a free mobile app designed as an aid for people who are blind or visually impaired.

When you download the app onto your Apple or Android device, you’re asked if you are blind or sighted. Users who select that they are blind will be able to press a button to connect with the first available sighted volunteer. The volunteer assists with tasks such as letting the user know the expiration date on their jug of milk or which of their socks are blue.

More sighted volunteers are signed up than users who are blind, making the wait time very short for users who are blind.

By My Eyes connects users based on the language on their phone, so you will be connected with someone who speaks your language. At the moment, over 90 different languages are supported by the app.

We highly recommend Be My Eyes for users who are blind or visually impaired. More information at their website: www.bemyeyes.com.

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Kids News

B&TB Library Summer Reading Program Concludes

‘Libraries Rock’ was the theme of the 2018 South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library Summer Reading Program. This year’s program ran from June 3 to July 14 and was open to all youth registered with the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library, ages birth to 19.

Forty readers participated in one of two age divisions: birth to 12 and 13 to 19. Participants followed the 20/24/7 reading initiative of reading a minimum of 20
minutes each day, seven days a week and kept track with the provided reading chart.

Twenty-seven readers returned their reading charts at the conclusion of the program and were entered into the drawings for Amazon gift card drawings in their age division. All drawing entries were combined for a grand prize drawing of an Android tablet. Amazon gift card prizes were provided by the Evening Star Lions Club of Rapid City, and the Android tablet was paid for with donations from users of the South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library.
The winners of the drawings in age division Birth-12 were Caramia Estes (Aberdeen) and Jaxon Scheff (Montrose) and in age division 13-19 were Dani German (Sioux Falls) and Savannah Stahl (Wessington Springs). The grand prize winner of the Android tablet was Blaine Jemming (Woonsocket).

The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library will hold a winter reading program in February 2019.

For more information about the reading programs, contact Josh Easter at the South Dakota State Library at 1-800-423-6665 option 1, 4 or josh.easter@state.sd.us. The South Dakota Braille and Talking Book Library is also on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LibrarySDBTBL. Check out the video of the drawing on our Facebook page or on the South Dakota State Library YouTube channel.

WINTER READING IS COMING...

FEBRUARY 2018
South Dakota Children’s Book Awards for 2018-2019

The Prairie Bud, Prairie Bloom & Prairie Pasque Children’s Book Awards are sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association. Prairie Bud winners are determined by South Dakota PreK, kindergarten, and first grade students. Prairie Bloom winners are determined by South Dakota second and third grade students. Prairie Pasque winners are determined by South Dakota fourth and fifth grade students. Students are encouraged to read and give a star rating for any book they read from the masterlists of titles. The books receiving the most highest number of stars from the students win the awards. A committee of educators and librarians select the books nominated for the awards.

We try to provide as many of the titles in accessible format so that students can participate along with their peers to read and vote for their favorite.

Call the Braille and Talking Book Library at 1-800-423-6665 and we can order the book(s) so you can participate in this program.
List of nominees for 2018/2019

**Prairie Bud (PreK-1st):**

- *Madeline Finn and the Library Dog* by Lisa Papp [DB089865]
- *NanoBots* by Chris Gall [DB087812]
- *Ada Twist, Scientist* by Andrea Beaty [DBS004823]
- *Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell [DBS004825] (Spanish language version in process)
- *Quit Calling Me a Monster!* by Jory John (in process)
- *How To Read A Story* by Kate Messner (in process)
- *Have You Seen Elephant?* by David Barrow (in process)
- *Fabulous Frogs* by Martin Jenkins [DBS004827]
- *A Well-Mannered Young Wolf* by Jean Leroy (in process)
- *The Cow Who Climbed a Tree* by Gemma Merino [DBS004824]
Prairie Bloom (2nd-3rd)

- Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie DB084495
- A Hungry Lion; or, A Dwindling Assortment of Animals by Lucy Ruth Cummins (in process)
- The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey (in process)
- My Favorite Pets: By Gus W. for Ms. Smolinski’s Class by Jeanne Birdsall (in process)
- Follow the Moon Home by Philippe Cousteau and Deborah Hopkinson (in process)
- Penguin Problems by Jory John (in process)
- Miss Mary Reporting: The True Story of Sportswriter Mary Garber by Sue Macy DBS004828
- Best Frints in the Whole Universe by Antoinette Portis (in process)
- Claude in the Country by Alex T. Smith (in process)
- The Great Pet Escape by Victoria Jamieson (to be determined)
Prairie Pasque (4th-5th)

- **Inside Your Insides: A Guide to the Microbes That Call You Home** by Claire Eamer [DB086355]
- **Race the Night** by Kirsten Hubbard [DB086816]
- **Step Right Up: How Doc and Jim Key Taught the World about Kindness** by Donna Janell Bowman [DB088368]
- **Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon** by Torben Kuhlmann [DB086184]
- **The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price** by Jennifer Maschari [DB084301]
- **When Mischief Came to Town** by Katrina Nannestad (in process)
- **Echo Echo: Reverso Poems About Greek Myths** by Marilyn Singer (in process)
- **The Water and the Wild** by K.E. Ormsbee (in process)
- **The Drawing Lesson: A Graphic Novel That Teaches You How To Draw** by Mark Crilley (to be determined)
- **The Nameless City** by Faith Erin Hicks (to be determined)
SD Teen Choice Book Awards 2018-2019

Each year the Young Adult Reading Program (YARP) Committee of the South Dakota Library Association publishes a list to promote quality literature and to help South Dakota teachers and librarians in selecting and promoting books for adolescents. The books are selected from among the many young adult and adult books that have received positive reviews by national reviewing periodicals.

Voting begins during Teen Read Week (October 7-13, 2018) and will continue until April 1st, at this time the votes will be tallied and announced for National Library Week (April 7-13, 2019). Teenagers may vote online for as many books as they would like on a scale basis. This voting will be done online.

One winner will be selected from the Middle School list and another winner from the High School list.
Middle School List

- **Refugee** by Alan Gratz *DB088711*
- **Restart** by Gordon Korman *DB091426*
- **Scar Island** by Dan Gemeinhart *DB087056*
- **Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus** by Dusti Bowling *DB089430*
- **Warcross** by Marie Lu *DB089192*
- **Hunted** by Meagan Spooner *DB088297*
- **Speed of Life** by Carol Weston *DB088452*
- **Slider** by Pete Hautman *DB089272*
- **Amina’s Voice** by Hena Khan *DB087659*
- **All’s Faire in Middle School** by Victoria Jamieson (to be determined)
- **Lone Stars** by Mike Lupica (to be determined)
- **Mars One** by Jonathan Maberry (to be determined)
High School List

- **Eliza and Her Monsters** by Francesca Zappia [DB090014]
- **Goodbye Days** by Jeff Zentner [DB087420]
- **This Is Our Story** by Ashley Elston [DB087022]
- **A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea** by Melissa Fleming [DB087867]
- **One of Us Is Lying** by Karen M. McManus [DB088357]
- **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas [DB087441]
- **Scythe** by Neal Shusterman [DB086810]
- **Caraval** by Stephanie Garber [DB086900]
- **Aftermath** by Clara Kensie (to be determined)
- **Orange** by Ichigo Takano (to be determined)
- **When Dimple Met Rishi** by Sandhya Menon (to be determined)
- **Dallas** by Sam Moussavi (to be determined)

Available YARP HS books:

- **Eliza and Her Monsters** by Francesca Zappia [DB088368]
  - Available via YARP
- **Caraval** by Stephanie Garber [DB86900]
  - Available via YARP
2018 Read for the Record!

On Oct. 25th, 2018 join with thousands of kids reading the same book in libraries and schools across the country. This year the selection is *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell and illustrated by Rafael López. It’s available in audio from our library DBS004825.

Visit the Read for the Record website at www.jstart.org/read-for-the-record for more information.
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:
SD Braille and Talking Book Library
800 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2294

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

*In memory of Irene L. Groon* who at 103 years of age was part of our 10-squared club.
- $200 from Laurence Groon,
- $20 from Jessie Keuchenmeister, and
- $20 from Annette Streich

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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:
- Monday, October 8: *Native American Day (Columbus Day)*
- Monday, November 12: *Veterans Day*
- Thursday/Friday, November 22-23: *Thanksgiving Weekend*
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