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"CHALLENGE TO READ SOMETHING DIFFERENT" ADULT READING PROGRAM

We invite you to join the 2017 Adult Winter Reading Program "Challenge to Read Something Different". To complete the challenge, patrons will need to read five fiction books and five non-fiction books. Each book selected must be from a different category. Participants will be sent a catalog filled with engaging books, from best-sellers and memoirs to stories of adventure, romance, mystery and more. The program will begin when patrons receive the catalog. Patrons will need to keep a reading log and return the completed log to the library by May 31, 2017, in order to be entered into a grand prize drawing.

To register, please call the North Dakota Talking Book Library at 1-800-843-9948 or email at tbooks@nd.gov no later than December 30, 2016.

ORDERING BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Patrons may find that book delivery is slower during the holiday season due to the increased volume of mail the postal service handles this time of year. We encourage patrons to order extra books in advance so you will have plenty of reading material on hand.

This is a great time to think about signing up for BARD to download books on a USB drive to play in the digital machine or download the BARD Mobile app for your iOS or Android device. BARD provides instant access to over 80,000 audiobooks, braille books, magazines and music scores from the comfort of your home, even when the library is closed.

An application for BARD is available at:
<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/ND1A/ApplicationInstructions.html>.

Please be aware that the Talking Book Library will not be able to approve your BARD application on days the library is closed.



TROUBLESHOOTING BARD MOBILE

From NLS BARD Support

We know that occasionally you may have trouble using the BARD Mobile app. If you do, you may be tempted to uninstall and reinstall it. This is almost never necessary. Uninstalling the app will cause you to lose all your books, your reading position in each one, and any bookmarks you may have set. Instead, try the following steps.

If the problem is with a particular book, delete the book from your device and download it again.

For other problems, try:

- Restarting your device.
- Completely close BARD Mobile and then restart it. To completely close BARD Mobile on an Android device, choose Overview, and then choose Close BARD Mobile. To do it on an iOS device, double-tap the Home button to bring up the app switcher. Swipe left or right until you find BARD Mobile, and then flick up with three fingers if you use VoiceOver, or swipe up if you don't.
- If you use BARD Mobile for iOS, re-initialize BARD Mobile. Note that it is possible to re-initialize BARD Mobile on an Android device as well, but doing so erases all your books, so you might as well reinstall the app.

Here's how to re-initialize BARD Mobile for iOS.

1. Close BARD Mobile.
2. Choose the Settings option on your home screen.
3. Choose BARD Mobile in Settings.
4. Turn Setting Initialization on.
5. Close Settings.
6. Reopen BARD Mobile. You will need to agree to the terms of service and log in, as you did the first time you used the app.

If these steps don't help, feel free to contact NLS at nlsdownload@loc.gov.

Please tell us what sort of device you are using, and describe in detail what you are trying to do and what is going wrong. Also, tell us anything you have done to try to solve the problem, and what happened as a result. The more specific you can be, the easier it will be for us to help.

We hope this information is helpful!

ON THE SHELF: HOLIDAY READS

CALL 1-800-843-9948 TO ORDER

DB 44006**Where Did Christmas Come From?**

Author: Al Remson

Remson looks at various Christmas traditions, such as trees, yule logs, hanging stockings, caroling, Christmas dinners, and gift giving, and explains how they began

DB 52929**Skipping Christmas**

Author: John Grisham

Tax accountant Luther Krank calculates that a Caribbean cruise will cost less than what he and his wife, Nora, spent celebrating the holidays last year. Since daughter Blair is in the Peace Corps, they plan to skip Christmas. Luther, however, doesn't anticipate the town's reaction. Some strong language.

DB 68511**Christmas Sweater**

Author: Glenn Beck

Twelve-year-old Eddie is mad that he didn't get a bike for Christmas--only a homemade sweater from his widowed mother. When Eddie's mom is killed on their way home from visiting his grandparents, his grandfather tries to teach the grieving boy about life, happiness, and faith.

*The Talking Book office hours are
Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.*

DB 77883**Big Sky Christmas**

Author: William W. Johnstone

Against his better judgment, Jamie MacCallister agrees to lead a wagon train of settlers from Kansas City to Montana by Christmas. They meet up with a reluctant outlaw who saves an actress. MacCallister also gets help from frontiersman Smoke Jensen and a mountain man called Preacher. Some violence.

DB 80061**Christmas Prayer**

Author: Kimberla Lawson Roby

Alexis Fletcher hasn't had a merry Christmas since her mother passed away. And even as she prepares to start a new family with her fiancé, Chase Dupont, outside forces threaten to destroy her potential happiness. But fate has one more surprise in store for Alexis.

DB 80242**My True Love Gave to Me: Twelve Holiday Stories**

Author: Stephanie Perkins

Twelve romantic holiday stories featuring authors such as Holly Black, Ally Carter, Gayle Forman, Rainbow Rowell, and more. In "Midnights," Mags expresses how she feels about the past New Year's Eves and finally levels with her best friend Noel. Some strong language.

DB 80430**The Mistletoe Promise**

Author: Richard Paul Evans

Three years after Elise divorced her husband for cheating, another holiday season rolls around, sending her into a funk. Then Nicholas Derr approaches her in the food court where they both eat and offers a contract in which they pretend to be in a relationship. Neither expects the consequences.

DB 80443**The Big Book of Christmas Mysteries**

Author: Otto Penzler

Anthology of fifty-nine holiday crime stories from Victorian to twenty-first century authors, including Agatha Christie, Arthur Conan Doyle, John D. MacDonald, Mary Higgins Clark, and O. Henry. Some violence and some strong language.

DB 81412**Hanukkah in America: A History**

Author: Dianne Ashton

Professor of religion examines regional variants of the ancient Jewish tradition. In New Orleans, Hanukkah means decorating a door with a menorah made of hominy grits; latkes in Texas are seasoned with cilantro and cayenne pepper; children in Cincinnati sing Hanukkah songs and eat oranges and ice cream.

DB 83937**Wishes for Christmas**

Author: Fern Michaels

Three Christmas stories. In "And the angels sing," Maggie Spritzer convinces the rest of the Sisterhood to help her track down her old teacher in order to right an old wrong. Also includes "Naughty or nice" and "A golden tree." Some strong language.

MISMATCHED DIGITAL BOOKS AND CONTAINERS

We are noticing an increase in the number of books coming back from patrons who have mismatched the book with its proper container before sending it back. Please ensure that the number on the book matches the number on the box before returning it. This will help us get books processed and on their way to you faster. We appreciate your careful attention to this matter.

LD 00424**A Christmas Dream**

Author: Janet Elaine Smith

Even though Susan Quincey's three-year-old son, Jeremy, needs to celebrate Christmas, Susan has decided Christmas is off limits after the loss of her husband in Desert Storm. When Susan's car will not start, her boss, Kevin Dockter, helps her. Kevin wins Jeremy's heart and then they both go to work on Susan.

LD 00751**Once Upon a Christmas**

Author: Lauraine Snelling and Lenora Worth

In "The most wonderful time of the year," a walk in the park leads to romance for a single father, and in "'Twas the week before Christmas," a beautiful socialite is hired by her grandmother to perform a task involving a handsome man.

DAMAGED BOOKS

From time to time, the book you are reading will say "cartridge error" or "end of book" in the middle of the story or before the story has even begun. If it says "end of book" when you first put the book into your digital player, you may have already listened to the book in the past. If not, or to listen to it again, push the green Play/Stop button a few times.

If that does not work, or if you hear a "cartridge error" message, please do one or both of the following before mailing the book back to North Dakota Talking Book Library:

Please call (1-800-843-9948) or email tbooks@nd.gov and tell us which book is having a problem and we would be happy to mail you a replacement copy, AND/OR please make an X in the top left corner of the mailing card next to the word Damaged. This appears on the side that has the Talking Book Library address on it, when the hole in the mailing card is on the top right. By telling us the item is damaged, we will not send you the same copy or send the damaged item to another patron.

OVERDUE BOOK POLICY

Patrons may check out books on digital cartridge for 45 days and are allowed one renewal per book. If you need additional time, please call or email the Talking Book Library and we would be happy to renew your book cartridges for 45 more days.

If you receive an overdue notice in the mail, please review the book titles carefully. If you never received that title, have sent it back quite a while ago, or if you would like to renew the item, please contact us. It is important to keep your list of books checked out up to date, so we can continue replacing your books in a timely manner.

USING BOOKSHELF TO FIND MAGAZINES AND BOOK TITLES

Locating specific magazine or book titles on a cartridge containing multiple titles is easy if you use the Bookshelf feature on your digital player. It allows you to navigate back and forth through the cartridge to find the magazine or book title you want to read.

Follow these steps to locate the magazine or book you want:

1. Insert the cartridge into the digital player.
2. Hold down the green Play/Stop button until you hear the word "Bookshelf."
3. Release the Play/Stop button and tap down on the white arrow-shaped Fast Forward button to the right of the Play/Stop button to move through the titles on the cartridge until you hear the title of the magazine or book you want to read.

To move back through the titles on the cartridge, hold down the Play/Stop button until you hear "BOOKSHELF" and then tap down on the white arrow-shaped Rewind button until you hear the title you are seeking.

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TALKING BOOK CLOSURE DATES

December 26

January 2

January 16

February 20

April 14