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SilverLining

Nevada Talking Book Services

Free BARD Mobile App for iOS Devices

Eligibility

Persons unable to read or use print materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual or physical limitations.

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Closed State

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The BARD Mobile application (app) for Apple iOS devices is now available. This app will allow authorized NLS patrons to get audio and Braille materials directly from BARD and read them on the iPhone 3GS or later, a 4th or 5th generation iPod touch, and any iPad. NLS is working on the application for Android devices.

The app is available at Apple's online app store at: itunes.apple.com/us/app/bard-mobile/id705229586 or search for "bardmobile" or "nls" on the site. An active BARD account is required. One can also read Braille materials with a refreshable Braille display.

It can be loaded on up to five devices per BARD account, but the book must download onto each individual device. One does not need to log out of each session, but if sharing a device, each Bard user needs to log into their own BARD account.

The app simplifies the download process eliminating the need to unzip files. Materials must be in the "Recently Added" lists or the personal "Wish List" before they can be downloaded to the device. Wi-fi downloading is recommended to save data charges from ones phone service.

Within the app, there are four tabs. The "Now Reading" tab is where one plays the current downloaded material.

A user guide is available in the Help section of the app and at nlsbard.loc.gov/apidocs/BARDMobile.userguide.iOS.current.html

A video introduction is available at www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=5955

Adapted from NLS Operations Alert No. 13-50 and Getting Started document

Program Volunteers

We have three areas within the NTBS program which use volunteers. Those areas are recording, circulation, and machine repair. Featured in this edition of SilverLining is what the Recording Program Volunteers do to help make Nevada titles available to our patrons.

The Recording Program is managed by the Recording Coordinator. The Coordinator is assisted in the production of Nevada titles by volunteers who narrate and review other volunteer's narration.

First, we obtain printed copies of books either about Nevada or by Nevada authors that the NLS has not recorded. Then the volunteer chooses which book he or she would like to narrate. Using special computer software in one of two recording booths located in our library, they read aloud each and every printed word from the book. This process can take anywhere from a few weeks to several months, depending on the size of the book and how much time they can donate weekly.

When they are finished narrating, the book then goes into the review process by another volunteer where all mistakes are noted for the narrator to re-record. Re-records are inserted into the audio file. When that process is complete, it then goes to production where it is converted to a media file that can be applied to a cartridge; write protection software and cartridge and container labels are applied. It is then added to our database and made available for our patrons to enjoy!

Some Things to Remember About the Digital Players

- Your player should be plugged in whenever possible to keep the battery charged.
- You can listen to it plugged in as well as unplugged. Plug it in when not in use.
- Call us if your battery will not hold a charge over 12 hours; we will send out a replacement in the next mailing.
- When you receive the replacement player, promptly send the defective player back so that we can clear it from your account.
- And as always please no food, liquids, or anything flammable around the player or audio books.

New Nevada Titles

The following are some of the titles recently completed by the *Nevada Recordings* is an in-house program. If you would like to request any of these titles, you may submit your request in writing or by phone.

Cave Rock: Climbers, Courts, and a Washoe Indian Sacred Place

By Matthew S. Makley and Michael J.

NVD01229

Narrated by Millie Solley

Explains how Cave Rock at Lake Tahoe, a location held sacred by the Washoe Indians, became closed to sport climbing after prolonged controversy. 2010.

Honest Horses: Wild Horses in the Great Basin by Paula Morin

NVD01190

Narrated by Jean Mitchell

A compilation of oral histories from people who have worked with wild horses that puts the issues surrounding wild horses in the Great Basin into context. 2006.

Kit Carson: The Life of an American Border Man by David Remley

NVD01225

Narrated by Millie Solley

While best known for accompanying Fremont's expeditions in the west, Remley gives a more thorough account of Carson's life on the unstable frontier. 2011.

Sarah Winnemucca: Scout, Activist, and Teacher by Natalie M. Rosinsky

NVD01233

Narrated by Stacy Endres

Describes the main events of Sarah Winnemucca's life. For grades 4-7. 2006.

Jack Longstreet: Last of the Desert Frontiersmen by Sally Zanjani

NVD01215

Narrated by Jean Mitchell

Tells the epic story of Jack Longstreet's later years, when he roamed the last and most desolate part of the Wild West. Some strong language, some violence. 1988.

Helen J. Stewart: First Lady of Las Vegas by Sally Zanjani and Carrie Townley Porter

NVD01219

Narrated by Millie Solley

Stewart was a founding member of the early Las Vegas community who led the way when railroads were built and the area started to become a city. 2011.

Staff Bio: Hope Williams

Hope Williams was hired as the Talking Books librarian August 17, 2009. In her position, she supervises the program and all Talking Book's staff in Carson City.

Hope completed her MLIS degree in August 2008 through the University of North Texas. But she has worked in libraries as a paraprofessional for over 20 years in both public and special library settings. Much of her paraprofessional experience has been in circulation, government publications, interlibrary loan, and copy cataloging. Her circulation experience came from over nine years at a Northern California county library.

Hope has worked at NSLA for over 15 years in the federal and state publications programs performing hours of item processing and downloading records to the online public catalog. She has worked in the Talking Books program for the last four years helping patrons with the program.

This newsletter is available in alternative formats upon request.

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