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# SilverLining

Nevada Talking Book Services

## Final Steps in the Transition to Digital Books

### Eligibility

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

### Talking Books

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8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

The National Library Service (NLS) introduced the digital player and cartridges in 2009. This system offers high-quality sound, easy navigation, a sleep button and a longer life battery.

With the digital talking book system fully implemented, NLS and Nevada Talking Book Services are working toward a reduction and eventual withdrawal of the entire RC (cassette) collection from our library by mid 2015. Until the final withdrawal, we will keep enough copies of RC titles to meet our patrons' needs.

Not all RC titles produced over the last 30 years will be available in digital format as the NLS budget does not provide for this. The NLS Collection Development Section did a multiyear analysis of the cassette book collection, identifying the titles most appropriate for conversion and determined a proportional number in each genre and titles of enduring value.

A retrospective list of select titles has been compiled, and we will add these to our collection as we can.

We will do all we can to make the switch to accommodate your reading needs. We have already increased the loan period of digital books to 90 days and the number of digital books you can have to 10.

We will continue to increase the number of books you can have as our collection grows. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope that you will find new authors and titles to enjoy.

Please be prepared to complete the switch from cassette books to digital in the next couple of years.

## **BARD: New Materials and Features**

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) has changed.

The new URL is <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/login/NV1A>

Books, magazines, and music scores in Braille are now available on BARD. If you do not alter your preferences, your search results will display both Braille and audio titles. To set your preferences, on the BARD main page, under “Additional Links” located near the bottom of the page, click on “Update Account Settings”. Select your preference from the combo box labeled “Display results”.

Special collection materials, music books and scores, and foreign-language books produced abroad are also available on BARD’s main page.

Every book and magazine title now links to a page with further details and additional links. The additional links may list more titles by the same author, narrator, and/or with the same subject categories. If applicable, it also lists downloadable books in a series. BARD will search for all titles available in that series and display them in the series order.

BARD now offers “My Wish List” and “Previous Downloads” under Additional Links on the BARD main page.

## **Magazine Subscriptions in Digital Format**

In 2013, NLS will begin to produce and distribute audio magazines in digital format. NLS magazines on cassette will be phased out. If you subscribe to more than one magazine, they will all be loaded onto one cartridge. These Digital magazines will be distributed on blue cartridges in maroon mailing containers.

If the cartridge or flash drive has more than one book or magazine loaded on it, you can jump from one title to the other by using the Bookshelf feature.

To activate the Bookshelf feature, insert your cartridge into the digital player; hold down the green <Play/Stop> button for about three seconds until the machine announces “Bookshelf”. Press the <Rewind> or <Fast Forward> buttons to go from one magazine title to another. When you hear the announcement for the title you want to listen to, press the green <Play/Stop> button.

Important Note: **All cartridges must be returned** to NLS; they are not disposable as the magazines on cassette were. Rule of thumb: if a book or magazine comes to you in a plastic container, it must be returned.

Nevada Recordings is an in-house program that produces Nevada related audio versions of books now in digital format. Volunteers narrate titles by Nevada authors as well as Nevada related topics and places.

The following are some of the titles recently completed by this program. If you would like to request any of these titles, you may submit your request in writing or by phone.

**Borg, Todd Tahoe Hijack** NVD01204 Narrated by Frieda Ford

A mystery set in Lake Tahoe. 9<sup>th</sup> in the Owen McKenna series.

**Brown, Richard E. Chester's Last Stand** NVD01211 Narrated by Millie Solley

After years of abuse, Chester finds a way to trick the Wilsons and win his girl.

**Elliott, Gary E. Senator Alan Bible and the Politics of the New West** NVD01151/  
NVA01151 Narrated by Frieda Ford

A biography of a Nevada Senator who had a profound impact on land-use policy.

**Farley, Terri Mustang Moon** NVD01217 Narrated by Stacy Endres

Sam must fight for her horse's freedom. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Phantom Stallion series.

**Land, Barbara A Short History of Reno** NVD01120/NVA01120 Narrated by Gary Adams

A concise history of Reno from the silver rush to current day.

**Rothman, Hal K. The Making of Modern Nevada** NVD01214 Narrated by Lila Halpern

Nevada's history from the early explorers to the present day.

**Sprague, Marguerite Bodie's Gold: Tall Tales & True History from a California Mining Town** NVD01182 Narrated by Shellee Martin-Snyder

The history, legends, and lives of the author's family and Bodie's other citizens.

**Zanjani, Sally Ghost Dance Winter and Other Tales of the Frontier** NVD01203  
Narrated by Jim Tarr

Historic articles inspired by stories told to Zanjani during her childhood.

### Courtesy Notice:

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Vision Forum** will take place March 7, 2013 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Las Vegas Senior Center, 451 E. Bonanza Road, in Las Vegas. For more information, call 702-229-6454.

This year's theme is "Taking Charge of Your Life".

To register, send your name, address, phone number and whether or not you want Paratransit service to Vision Forum, Las Vegas Senior Center, 451 E. Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89101. For Paratransit service, register by 5 p.m. Feb. 27.

Nevada Talking Book Services Outreach staff, Brett Silver and Lynn Bistany, will be available in the vendor area to answer questions you have regarding our program.

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