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Nevada Talking Book Services

iBill® Currency Reader

Eligibility:

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

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Closed on holidays

National Library Service has partnered with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) to distribute one free currency reader to eligible blind or visually impaired individuals.

Patrons of Nevada Talking Books can pre-order the iBill® Talking Banknote Identifier through December 31, 2014, by calling us to put your name on the waiting list. They will be distributed by BEP when they become available.

The identifiers are about the size of a credit card only thicker and will use one AAA battery. Insert the corner of the bill into the reader's scanner, and it will identify the denomination in voice, tone or vibration, set by the user. They will read U.S. \$1 through \$100 bills but will not read foreign nor detect counterfeit bills.

Currency Identifiers will be available to all eligible U.S. citizens and persons legally residing in the U.S. who are not signed up for our program and can be ordered after January 2, 2015, through BEP.

For further information on the program or for non-Talking Book patrons who wish to receive a free reader, call BEP toll free at 844-815-9388 or visit: <http://www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderpgm.html>

For smart phone users, the EyeNote® application for Apple devices and IDEAL Currency Identifier® for Android phones are also available for scanning and identifying note images. EyeNote® has voice and text capabilities; IDEAL only has text. Both apps are free.

Annual Survey Results

The survey we mailed in May asked questions about the collection and usability of resources such as the OPAC and BARD. The results of this year's survey indicate our patrons are happy with our service.

We had a good sampling of returns indicating our patrons support our efforts to find out what is working and what is not; we received 398 of 1397 responses, or 29%.

The majority of patrons indicated that our services are meeting their needs. Over 92% indicated that the collection is meeting their expectations; 86% affirmed that titles selected by the auto selection system are meeting reading needs; almost 91% said timeliness of requested titles is satisfactory; and 92% say they are getting enough books.

According to the survey, more than half of our patrons call to order books, and over half order books using the bi-monthly catalog. Only 10% access our web site for information.

Seventeen percent said they use the online catalog, and 14% use the BARD download site to acquire books. One quarter of respondents indicated they request locally recorded Nevada titles when listed in this newsletter.

We appreciate everyone taking the time to return the surveys. This demonstrates support for our program and highlights any deficits that we need to address. We also appreciate this opportunity to communicate with you.

Staff Bio

Zoleinna is the Talking Books Machine Room Assistant, keeping the book machines in good working order and ready to go out to patrons. Along with the Library Assistant, she keeps our shelves stocked with the book machines and accessories our patrons need. She assists with the book inspection and also repairs the cassette tapes as needed.

Zoleinna loves books – collecting, mending, even reading them, and has always volunteered at her local library.

An avid cook and gardener, she is also fond of spending time in the great Nevada outdoors.

Dark Sunshine by Terri Farley

NVD01244

Narrated by Michele Burke

In the third book of the series *Dark Sunshine*, Sam rescues an abused horse from rustlers but needs the Phantom's help in convincing the young mare to trust her. Grades 5-8.

Peter the Peteeatrick Panda's Playground by Marc O'Brien

NVD01243

Narrated by Michele Burke

This series of short stories about a panda that lives at the nurses' station can be used to teach children about hospitals. Grades K-3.

Gambling, Space, and Time by Pualiina Raento and David G. Schwartz

DBC00633

Narrated by Shellee Martin-Snyder

This collection of eight essays provides perspectives on gambling by authors from a variety of fields including sociology, anthropology, history, law, geography, and political sciences.

A History of Amargosa Valley, Nevada by Robert D. McCracken

DBC00641

Narrated by Zoleinna Schar

This title explores the history of the settlement and development of Amargosa Valley, a town built by settlers pursuing mining, agriculture, and ranching.

Searchlight by Harry Reid

DBC00647

Narrated by Zoleinna Schar

Written by Nevada's now-famous native son Harry Reid, *Searchlight* is an account of the history of the mining town that started as a camp in the harsh environment of the Mojave Desert in southwest Nevada.

Local Titles Now Available on BARD

Nevada Talking Book Services recently participated in the pilot program of the National Library Services (NLS) to expand the collection of books available for download on BARD by adding books produced by network libraries to BARD.

The first book we chose to upload is *The Last Camel Charge*, narrated by Lila Halpern. The book was evaluated for the quality of narration, sound quality, and correct use of file types and naming conventions. After the book was evaluated, we made a few suggested changes. Then we uploaded the book to the BARD website.

With the completion of the Pilot Program, Nevada Talking Book Services became authorized to upload all our locally produced books to BARD. To date, we have added four of our books to BARD, and we will upload future books as they are produced. We also plan to upload previously produced digital books.

If you have a BARD account, now you will be able to download our Nevada titles and enjoy them immediately instead of waiting for them to come in the mail.

This newsletter is available in alternative formats upon request.

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