

# NEWSLETTER

## DIGITAL MAGAZINES ARE FINALLY HERE!

Since 1998 NLS has been distributing audio magazines on cassettes. Now that the analog-based talking-book program has been replicated with a digital one, NLS is preparing to send audio magazines to patrons on digital cartridges. Some aspects of the magazine on cartridge MOC program will be similar to the magazine on cassette program, but many will be new and will take some getting used to by magazine subscribers. Audio magazine readers may find more than one magazine title on a cartridge. They will need to use the bookshelf mode in the digital player to access their magazines. Cartridges containing more than one magazine will include an initial message giving instructions on using the bookshelf.

Each patron's delivery schedule will be different as it depends on the magazines to which he/she is subscribed. MOC will determine a "trigger" magazine for each patron. A trigger magazine is defined as the magazine that will cause the contractor to send a cartridge to a patron. The trigger magazine for each patron is carefully chosen to optimize the timeliness of the cartridge and the magazines that it contains.

Consider, for example, if patron 12345 subscribes to four magazines: *People*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Talking Book Topics*, and *National Geographic*. MOC has determined that the trigger magazine for patron 12345 is *People*, because it is a weekly publication. When a new issue of *People* becomes available on BARD, MOC will create the picking list, which the contractor will retrieve when it commences the duplication session. The picking list will contain entries for patron 12345 specifying the issues of the four magazines (*People*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Talking Book Topics*, and *National Geographic*) to be copied to a cartridge and sent to the patron. (Continued on page 2)

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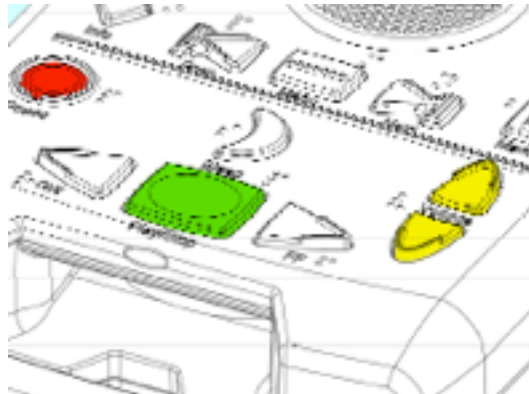
Note that *Good Housekeeping* and *National Geographic* are monthly publications and *Talking Book Topics* is a bimonthly publication. So patron 12345 should receive a cartridge every week. Some weeks it will only have *People* on it; some weeks it will have *People* and any combination of the other three magazines that have new issues available. Audio magazine readers may receive different magazines on a cartridge each month.

For example, in January, February, and March patron 12345 receives a cartridge with *Consumer Reports*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *National Geographic* on it. In April she receives a cartridge with *Consumer Reports* and *Good Housekeeping* on it because *National Geographic* was more than one week late. In May she receives a cartridge with *Consumer Reports*, *Good Housekeeping*, and two issues (the April and May) of *National Geographic* on it.

Audio magazine readers must return cartridges to the contractor by flipping the mailing card affixed to the outside of the red magazine mailing container and dropping it in the mail. Patrons will also be receiving an order form to fill out. The completed order form should be submitted in person or by mail to the Virgin Islands Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.



## HOW TO USE BOOKSHELF

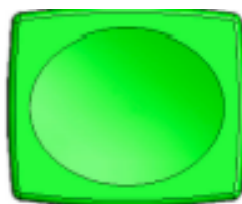


### TO READ CARTRIDGES WITH MULTIPLE BOOKS GO TO "BOOKSHELF" MODE

1. Insert cartridge in player

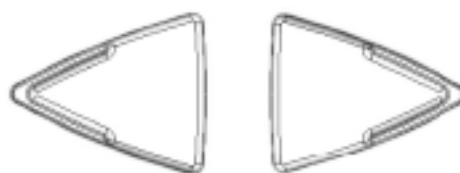


2. To enter bookshelf mode press and hold "Play/Stop" for four seconds or till you hear the word "Bookshelf".



Play/Stop

3. Press Rewind/Fast Forward to select book



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**WE WANT OUR BOOKS BACK SO THAT WE CAN CIRCULATE THEM**

Our records show that some of you have **overdue materials...**

- Borrow cassette books for 6 months. Borrow digital books for 1 month.
- Be a good neighbor; share your good reads.
- Please return books on time.

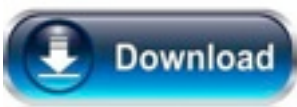


**Don't want to bother with due dates? Download!**

We can teach you how...**BARD** (Braille and Audio Reading Download) offers digital books and magazines to borrow as long as you like. BARD will soon add Braille books and magazines.

**10 REASONS TO HAVE A BARD ACCOUNT**

- Free 24/7 access to as many NLS books as you choose to download!
- Signing up is easy! You just need a computer with high-speed Internet connection and an email address.
- Avoid the waiting list for that popular digital book you want to read!
- Bypass delays in postal delivery!



- There are no due dates. Downloaded books do not need to be returned to the library.
- Manage your own "library" collection of downloaded books on your computer.
- Download and delete books as many times as you want!

- Download magazines, too!
- Web-Braille joins BARD. You can pick from a selection of languages to read!
- We can teach you how to download books from BARD. Just ask!
- It's OK to have a friend or family member help you download books!

**PURCHASING CARTRIDGES AND CABLES AT OUR LIBRARY**



To buy cartridges and cables please call 340-718-2250 or visit us at the library. Cartridges are \$10.00 and the cables are \$2.00.

## NEW HEADPHONES FOR DIGITAL PLAYERS



New headphones created just for the digital players are now available to our patrons. You can use the headphones on the standard and or the advanced models and connect directly to the player. An adaptor is no longer required. The new design of the headphones makes it even easier to use. Please remember that you will not be able to use the new headphones with the old cassette players. If you would like to receive a set of headphones, just call 340-718-2250.

NINA'S PICKS OF AUTHORS FOR  
SUMMER READING

- Nora Roberts - Last Boyfriend DB 74671 The Perfect Hope DB 75718
- Robyn Carr - Temptation Ridge DB 68681
- Jude Deveraux - Stranger in the Moonlight DB 75580 Moonlight in the Morning DB 74121
- Diana Palmer - Wyoming Tough DB 74036
- Mary Margret Daughtridge - SEALED with a Kiss DB 74765 SEALED with a Promise DB 75877 SEALED Ring DB 75045 and SEALED Forever DB 75134
- E.L. James - 50 Shades of Grey Trilogy DB 74504
- JoAnn Ross - Homecoming DB 71701 One Summer DB 74194
- J. Courtney Sullivan - Maine DB 73395







The Virgin Islands Regional Library has been in the Virgin Islands since 1968 and was started in St. Thomas. It was relocated to St. Croix first in Frederiksted and then Christiansted at its present location in 1992. The Library is part of the Library of Congress Network of the Libraries for Blind and Physically Handicapped Individuals. It provides audiotaped books and cassettes free of charge to persons who are unable to utilize traditional books. More recently the Library has transitioned to the digital age with the introduction of digital players and books. The Library of Congress/National Library Service came into existence in 1931 for blind residents in the U.S. but over the years has expanded its scope and size.

Our local administrative agency is the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums in the Department of Planning and National Resources, Government of the U.S. Virgin Islands.



### CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We need persons to volunteer to serve on the V.I. Regional Consumer Advisory group. Please let us know if you are interested in being a member.

**Purpose.** The *ALA Revised Standards and Guidelines* require each network library to meet

regularly with a user advisory group. These groups may differ widely in structure and in function from library to library, but all consumer advisory groups permit library users to participate in the formulation of the goals and service policies of their library.

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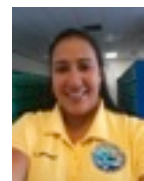
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