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Transition of Magazines to Digital Cartridge

In early 2013, the National Library Service will discontinue production of magazines on cassette and will instead begin circulating magazines on digital cartridges similar to those used for books. The color of the magazine cartridges will be blue and their cases will be maroon. If you are currently subscribed to magazines on cassette, you should expect no interruption to your subscription service. However, there will be changes to the service we'd like you to be prepared for.

- Unlike with cassettes, it will be required that you return your magazine cartridge in order to receive your next month's subscription(s).
- ALL of your magazine subscriptions will be loaded onto a single digital cartridge. To navigate from one magazine to another, you will need to use the "bookshelf" function on your Digital Talking Book Machine (DTBM). Instructions on how to use this function will be the first item to play when you insert a magazine cartridge. You can refer to the following article, "The Bookshelf:

Navigating More Than One Book or Magazine" in this newsletter. Instructions are also available on www. wlbpd.aadl.org under "BARD & Audio Download."

If you are currently receiving magazines you have not subscribed to, or that you no longer wish to receive, please contact us so we may update your account.

If you have a Standard DTBM and would like to upgrade to an Advanced DTBM, which provides greater navigation, including setting bookmarks when navigating through books and magazines, please let us know.

The Bookshelf: Navigating More Than One Book or Magazine

If you receive a digital cartridge that contains two or more books or magazines, or if you download two or more books or magazines onto a thumb drive, you will need to access the Bookshelf function to navigate between titles.

To enter Bookshelf mode, press and hold the Play/Stop button. After approximately five seconds you should expect to hear the ma-

chine beep and then announce "Bookshelf." Once the machine has announced that it's in Bookshelf mode, you should expect it to announce the name of the first book or magazine on the cartridge, or the book or magazine that was most recently played. To move to the next book or magazine, tap the fast-forward button until the title of the book or magazine you want to read is announced. To begin listening, press the Play/ Stop button. Navigation works the same way in reverse, by simply tapping the Rewind button. If you have any questions about using the Bookshelf function on your DTBM, please give us a call.

Books & Magazines On-Demand!

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- 1 Return to previous article
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- 3 Move to next article
- 4 Read previous line
- 5 Return to beginning of line
- 6 Read next line
- 7 Slow down speaking speed

- 8 Change speaking voice
- 9 Speed up speaking speed

BARD: Most Popular Books in the Last 90 Days

Fifty Shades of Grey; Fifty Shades Darker; Fifty Shades Freed (DB74504) E.L. James. Read by Gabriella Cavallero. Fiction: Romance

The Innocent (DB74709) David Baldacci. Read by Ray Childs. Fiction: Suspense; Bestsellers

Guilty Wives: A Novel (DB74676) James Patterson & David Ellis. Read by Jennifer Hubbard.

Fiction: Suspense; Bestsellers

Stolen Prey (DB74678) John Sandford. Read by Barry Bernson. Fiction: Suspense

11th Hour (DB74778) James Patterson & Maxine Paetro. Read by Suzanne Toren. Fiction: Mystery & Detective Stories; Bestsellers

Soft Target (DB74392) Stephen Hunter; Read by Phil Gigante Fiction: Suspense

The Witness (DB74582) Nora Roberts & Julia Whelan. Read by Julia Whelan. Fiction: Suspense; Romance; Bestsellers

The Lost Ones (DB74862) Ace Atkins. Read by David Hartley-Margolin. Fiction: Mystery & Detective Stories

Unnatural Acts: A Stone Barrington Novel (DB74697) Stuart Woods. Read by Jim Zeiger. Fiction: Mystery & Detective Stories; Bestsellers Washtenaw Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled @ AADL 343 South Fifth Avenue Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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WLBPD LOCATION & HOURS

The WLBPD collection is housed in the Downtown Ann Arbor District Library at 343 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, at the corner of Fifth Ave. and William St.

The Library is open:

Mon. 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Tues.-Fri. 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Sat. 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sun. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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> Traverwood Branch 3333 Traverwood Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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