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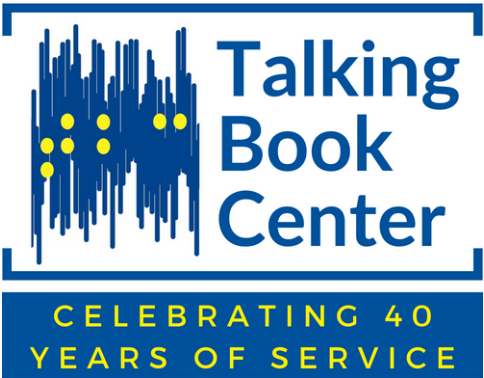


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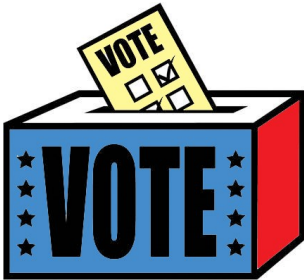
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The next election will be the Democratic and Republican Party Presidential Primary held on March 5th, 2024. Early voting has already started. Contact your local registrar for more information.

DB90659 The Bill Of Rights: A User's Guide by Linda Monk
Examines the Bill of Rights amendment by amendment, discussing its history and the Supreme Court's interpretation of these rights. Includes stories of individuals who challenged, defined, or expanded many of these rights. 2018.



DB26206 Are We To Be A Nation?: The Making Of The Constitution
by Richard B. Bernstein

Provides a clear, engaging look at the Constitution. The long series of experiments in government that led to the creation of the Constitution and the political biographies of the Founding Fathers are emphasized. 1987.

DB30064 The American Congress, The First Branch by Abner Mikva
Covers the history, structure, and functions of Congress. Topics include standard activities of Congress: making laws, party leadership, reelection concerns. 1983.

DB17862 So Proudly We Hail: The History Of The United States Flag
by William Furlong

Interweaves the evolving design of the U.S. flag with its historical context in a chronological narrative. Appendixes include the flag code, the American's creed, the meaning of the flag's colors, and other information. 1981.

DB53453 The Flag, The Poet, And The Song: The Story Of The Star-Spangled Banner
by Irvin Molotsky

Relates the history of the United States flag, how it inspired the poem written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key, and how the poem was set to music and later adopted as the national anthem. Discusses the myths and facts surrounding these events. 2001.

Patron Recommendations:

DB116250 He Chose The Nails: What God Did To Win Your Heart by Max Lucado
Author and pastor Max Lucado writes about the life and death of Jesus.

DB92461 The Orchid House by Lucinda Riley (historical fiction)
After the tragic deaths of her husband and son, concert pianist Julia Forrester is working through her grief when an estate sale unearths long-hidden family secrets. 2011.

- DB48808 Hearts In Atlantis by Stephen King (human relations)
- DB68437 Heart And Soul by Maeve Binchy (contemporary romance)
- DB51422 King Of Hearts: The True Story Of The Maverick Who Pioneered Open-Heart Surgery by G. Wayne Miller (biography/medical)
- DB78084 American Heroes On The Homefront: The Hearts Of Heroes by Oliver North

New and Popular Books on BARD:

DB117204 The Edge; 6:20 Man 02 by David Baldacci (suspense)

DB116183 Judge Me Not by John D. MacDonald (mystery)

DB117148 Death & Taxes by William W Johnstone (western)

DB117448 Inheritance by Nora Roberts (paranormal romance)

DB117068 Midwinter Murder: Fireside Tales From The Queen Of Mystery by Agatha Christie (mystery)

DB117211 Resurrection Walk; Mickey Haller 07 by Michael Connelly (suspense)

DB117203 The Corsican Shadow; Dirk Pitt 27 by Dirk Cussler (suspense)

DB117097 Dirty Thirty; Stephanie Plum 30 by Janet Evanovich (suspense)

DB115805 Baking Yesteryear: The Best Recipes From The 1900s To The 1980s by B. Dylan Hollis (cooking)

DB117243 Killing The Witches: The Horror Of Salem, Massachusetts by Bill O'Reilly

DB115814 Experiencing God: Knowing & Doing The Will Of God by Henry Blackaby

DB110975 Agatha Christie: An Elusive Woman by Lucy Worsley (biography)

DB117135 Teresa Of Ávila: The Book Of My Life by Saint Teresa (biography)

DB113235 Don Rickles: The Merchant Of Venom: A Biography by Michael Starr (biog.)

DB116834 Enough by Cassidy Hutchinson (biography/government)

DB117053 Being Henry: The Fonz... And Beyond by Henry Winkler (biography)

DB117524 Behind The Seams: My Life In Rhinestones by Dolly Parton (biog./fashion)



Global Reading: Bulgaria

DB18073 The Tongue Set Free: Remembrance Of A European Childhood by Elias Canetti (autobiography)
An account of the authors early life, the events, personalities, and intellectual forces which shaped him as a young man. 1977. (1981 Nobel Prize in Literature)

DB07826 The Third Truth by Michael Bar-Zohar (spy fiction)
Jeff Saunders, a top CIA agent fallen from grace, is given a chance to reestablish his damaged reputation when he is assigned to a multiple-murder case involving an act of cannibalism committed at Dachau. 1973.

DB80924 Wildalone by Krassi Zourkova (paranormal romance)
Arriving at Princeton, Thea is separated from her family and homeland for the first time. As she struggles to adapt, brothers Rhys and Jake introduce her to a mythic underworld, which seems to mimic Bulgarian legends of the samodivi, or "wildalones." 2015.

DB85182 Stork Mountain by Miroslav Penkov (contemporary fiction)
Three years after his grandfather cuts off contact with the family, a Bulgarian immigrant returns from America to search for him in the Strandja Mountains. As he travels, he remembers time spent with his grandfather, and he falls in love with a Muslim girl. 2016

DB117250 Time Shelter by Georgi Gospodinov (sci-fi)
Gaustine opens a “clinic for the past” that offers a promising treatment for Alzheimer’s sufferers: each floor reproduces a decade in minute detail, transporting patients back in time. But as the rooms become more convincing, an increasing number of healthy people seek out the clinic as a “time shelter”, starting an unexpected conundrum. 2020.

DB87695 The Shadow Land by Elizabeth Kostova (historical mystery)
While assisting an elderly couple and their son, Alexandra accidentally acquires the ashes of violinist Stoyan Lazarov. She attempts to return the remains, but threats reaching back into Stoyan's lifetime thwart her. 2017.

DB42444 Bury Me Standing: The Gypsies And Their Journey by Isabel Fonseca. 1995 (history)
Author describes the Gypsies' lifestyle and documents their history in East Central Europe, including enslavement from the 1300s into 1800s, genocide, and persecution.

DB48602 Bulgaria by Steven Otfinoski. 1998. (history, geography)

DB114236 The Great Cauldron: A History Of Southeastern Europe by Marie-Janine Calic. 2019. (world history)

DB114237 Macedonia: A Voyage Through History. Vol. 1, From Ancient Times To The Ottoman Invasions by Michael Palaret. 2015.





Religious Themes Series:

Brookstone Brides by Tracie Peterson:
(1900s Wild West historical romance)

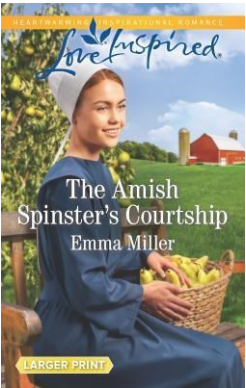
- DB114133 When You Are Near
- DB114963 Wherever You Go
- DB114337 What Comes My Way

Hickory Grove by Emma Miller:
(modern Amish romance fiction)

- DB112185 Amish Spinster’s Courtship
- DB114406 Christmas Courtship
- DB114785 Summer Amish Courtship
- DB116499 Amish Holiday Courtship

Empire State by Elizabeth Camden:
(1900s historical romance in New York City)

- DB114736 Dangerous Legacy
- DB114293 Daring Venture
- DB114545 Desperate Hope

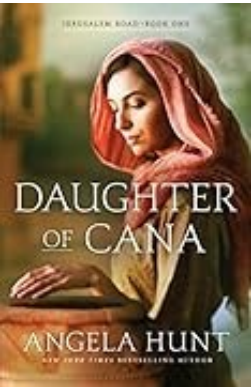
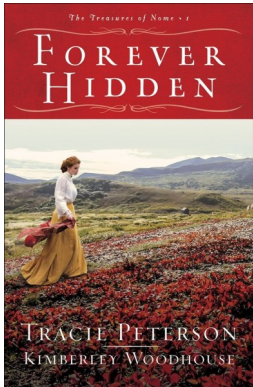


Belle Meade Plantation by Tamara Alexander
(post civil-war romance set in Nashville)

- DBC20545 To Whisper Her Name
- DBC20546 To Win Her Favor
- DBC20588 To Wager Her Heart

Brides Of Seattle by Tracie Peterson:
(1880s historical romance)

- DBC20750 Steadfast Heart
- DBC20751 Refining Fire
- DBC20752 Love Everlasting



Jerusalem Road by Angela Elwell Hunt:
(biblical, historical fiction)

- DB106428 Daughter Of Cana
- DB107055 Shepherd’s Wife
- DB108060 Woman Of Worlds
- DB113230 Apostle’s Sister

Treasurers Of Nome by Tracie Peterson:
(1900s historical family fiction in Alaska)

- DBC27166 Forever Hidden
- DBC27167 Endless Mercy
- DBC27168 Ever Constant

Amish Blessings by Kelly Irvin:
(modern Amish family fiction)

- DB113803 Love’s Dwelling
- DB113627 Warmth Of Sunshine
- DB114105 Every Good Gift

Very Short Introduction: Dewey Decimal 700: Arts & Recreation

- DB86165 Modernism by Christopher Butler; art in literature, painting, music 1909-1939
- DB86542 Postmodernism by Christopher Butler; departure from modernism artwork
- DB86637 Romanticism by Michael Ferber; literature, arts throughout the 19th century
- DB85843 Christian Art by Beth Williamson; Virgin Mary, the Crucifixion, and the saints
- DB86444 Gothic by Nick Groom; from the barbarians to Buffy the Vampire Slayer
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- DB85688 Art History by Dana Arnold; iconography and symbolism, philosophy of art
- DB86633 Renaissance Art by Geraldine Johnson; 14th, 15th, 16th century art
- DB86441 Modern Art by David Cottington; 19th and 20th century artists and artwork
- DB86482 Dada And Surrealism by David Hopkins; history of early 20th century art
- DB85857 Ancient Egyptian Art And Architecture by Christina Riggs; spans 3,500 years
- DB86479 Contemporary Art by Julian Stallabrass; modern changes in the art world
- DB86135 Landscape Architecture by Ian Thompson; design and environmental impact
- DB85582 Architecture by Andrew Ballantyne; buildings, landmarks, palaces, cathedrals
- DB85702 Design by John Heskett; emphasis on undervalued fundamental importance
- DB86506 Photography by Steve Edwards; surveys the role of photographs in society
- DB86415 Music by Nicholas Cook; examines the social and cultural values of music
- DB85676 Ethnomusicology by Timothy Rice; music as a vital part of lives in society
- DB85633 Early Music by Thomas Kelly; medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque music
- DB86892 World Music by Philip Bohlman; history and diversity of world music
- DB86085 Film Music by Kathryn Kalinak; highlighting music's role in creating atmosphere and shaping our perceptions and emotional responses
- DB86382 Folk Music by Mark Slobin; social movements and sentiments in music
- DB85838 Blues by Elijah Wald; examines the variety of blues music and performers
- DB86502 Orchestra by Kern Holoman; functioning of the modern philharmonic society
- DB85678 Film by Michael Wood; motion pictures and cinema, actors and directors
- DB87160 Theatre by Marvin Carlson; history and evolution of theatrical performances
- DB87144 Sport by Mike Cronin; history, from ancient games to medieval pursuits

Did you know... the NLS has a large collection of braille and large-print music scores, plus audio instructional materials and books about musicians. These are mainly listed as DBM titles. Some titles can be downloaded from BARD but you can also enroll to the NLS Music Section by calling 800-424-8567 ext. 2, to receive cartridges by mail.

Biographies Of Artists:

- DB55556 Frida, A Biography Of Frida Kahlo by Hayden Herrera
- DB53408 Vermeer: A View Of Delft by Anthony Bailey
- DB101522 Young Rembrandt: A Biography by Onno Blom
- DB46876 Vincent Van Gogh: Artist by Peter Tyson
- DB41024 Toulouse-Lautrec: A Life by Julia Frey
- DB95666 Almost Nothing: The 20th-Century Art And Life Of Józef Czapski by Eric Karpeles
- DB72571 Invisible: A Memoir by Hugues de Montalembert
- DB10474 Renoir, My Father by Jean Renoir
- DB79812 Michelangelo: A Life In Six Masterpieces by Miles J. Unger
- DB89588 Leonardo Da Vinci by Walter Isaacson
- DB99843 Warhol by Blake Gopnik
- DB27937 Jackson Pollock: A Biography by Deborah Solomon
- DB76264 Banksy: The Man Behind The Wall by Will Ellsworth-Jones
- DB51320 The Shameful Life Of Salvador Dalí by Ian Gibson
- DB31323 Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life by Roxana Robinson
- DB73629 Chuck Close: Life by Christopher Finch
- DB58883 Goya by Robert Hughes
- DB106259 A Life Of Picasso: The Minotaur Years: 1933-1943 by John Richardson
- DB49684 Dreaming With His Eyes Open: A Life Of Diego Rivera by Patrick Marnham
- DB109092 Augusta Savage: The Shape Of A Sculptor's Life by Marilyn Nelson
- DB46953 Amazing Grace: A Life Of Beauford Delaney by David Leeming
- DB110062 Ninth Street Women: Lee Krasner, Elaine De Kooning, Grace Hartigan, Joan Mitchell, And Helen Frankenthaler: Five Painters And The Movement That Changed Modern Art by Mary Gabriel
- DB87139 Art In America, 1945-1970: Writings From The Age Of Abstract Expressionism, Pop Art, And Minimalism by Jed Perl
- DB93710 Broad Strokes: 15 Women Who Made Art And Made History (In That Order) by Bridget Quinn
- DB50710 Lives Of The Great 20th-Century Artists by Edward Lucie-Smith



Biographies Of Musicians:

- DB98244 And A Voice To Sing With: A Memoir by Joan Baez
- DB29254 Long Time Gone: The Autobiography Of David Crosby
- DB97317 Time Is Tight: My Life, Note By Note by Booker T
- DB108217 Be My Baby: A Memoir by Ronnie Spector
- DB15449 This I Believe by Lawrence Welk
- DB72430 The Statler Brothers: Random Memories by Harold and Don Reid
- DB39868 Dolly: My Life And Other Unfinished Business by Dolly Parton
- DB37473 Secrets Of A Sparrow: Memoirs by Diana Ross
- DB27255 Liberace: The True Story by Bob Thomas
- DB104983 Lizzo: Breakout Artist by Lakita Wilson (juv)
- DB77902 Taylor Swift by Liv Spencer
- DB97053 Me: Elton John Official Autobiography by Elton John
- DB116686 The Woman In Me by Britney Spears
- DB37120 Glenn Miller And His Orchestra by George Thomas Simon
- DB63277 Satchmo: My Life In New Orleans by Louis Armstrong
- DB81617 It's A Long Story: My Life by Willie Nelson
- DB97256 Janis: Her Life And Music by Holly George-Warren
- DB65207 Clapton: The Autobiography by Eric Clapton
- DB75941 Hendrix On Hendrix: Interviews And Encounters With Jimi Hendrix by Steven Roby
- DB62555 Tommy Dorsey, Livin' In A Great Big Way: A Biography by Peter Levinson
- DBC11196 The Wonder Years: My Life And Times With Stevie Wonder by Ted Hull
- DB80029 The Universal Tone: Bringing My Story To Light by Carlos Santana
- DBC12192 Ramblin' Man: Short Stories From The Life Of Hank Williams by Brian Turpen
- DB94484 CSNY: Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young by Peter Doggett
- DB75263 The Man Who Sold The World: David Bowie And The 1970s by Peter Doggett
- DBC24725 Fillmore East: The Venue That Changed Rock Music Forever by Frank Mastropolo

