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# BREAKING NEWS!

VIC WAGNER VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

JOIN OUR TEAM OF AMAZING VOLUNTEERS AND BRING THE PRINTED WORD TO LIFE FOR OUR LISTENERS! VISIT OUR WEBSITE, RTBS.ORG, TO FILL OUT A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION OR CALL VIC TODAY AT (402) 572-3003!

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**V O L U N T E E R C O O R D I N A T O R !**

###### Victoria R. ‘Vic’ Wagner is the newest addition to the RTBS staff. Vic has been working with volunteers and nonprofits around the Omaha metro for a number of years. A 2004 graduate of Creighton University, Vic’s first nonprofit gig was with Nebraska AIDS Project where she kicked off her career of service.

When not at the RTBS studios, Vic is spending time at home with her family and their menagerie of pets. Vic’s house is home to chickens, ducks, three aquariums, dogs, cats, and even teenagers! She and her wife, Melissa, can often be found camping with their sons, Thomas and Lincoln. Both boys are very active with Boy Scouts and the family loves the great outdoors and conservation efforts.

Vic is an avid fisherman, crafter, and volunteer with Orchard Hill Neighborhood Association as well as Film Streams to name just a couple of the Omaha area groups and nonprofits she supports. Vic has enjoyed her first few months with RTBS. “It’s a true joy to be among so many other bibliophiles; I love that everyone on staff, especially our volunteers, love books and sharing the written word as much as I do. I am so happy to have found a place on the RTBS team.”



JANE NIELSEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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###### Greetings! Radio Talking Book Service will be celebrating 45 years of service to our listeners on September 3rd – 45 years of bringing the printed word to life! RTBS has come this far because of the leadership of individuals serving on the Board of Directors, talented staff, and most importantly, our dedicated volunteers. I recently had a conversation with Sybil Mahan, who was the first Volunteer Coordinator at RTBS. In 1974, the studios and office were at Tech High School and RTBS shared a room with KIOS — all the desks were in a row with studios on one end. Today, as in the beginning, our Omaha broadcast signal is donated to us by KIOS. A partnership with NET ensures access for our listeners across the state.

Some of the early volunteer readers were a gentleman that started KVNO, a UNO professor, and folks from Mutual of Omaha. The Jewish Women’s Association picked reading for RTBS as a volunteer project one year. The advances in technology allow us to reach more and more listeners across Nebraska and SW Iowa but the diverse voices of our volunteers continue to be the heart and soul of this radio station. Stay tuned for details of the RTBS 45th Birthday festivities!

**A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

Back in the era of only three television channels, when our telephones were connected together by the Bell Telephone System’s wires, before the internet had linked more than a few Department of Defense labs, and while computers were the size of several large refrigerators and used only by businesses, Radio Talking Book Service was born to serve those with visual impairments. We delivered news and information from a wide range of printed matter using an over-the-air radio signal.

Over 45 years, RTBS has adapted to bring its product – news, vital information and entertainment – to our listeners with an ever-wider range of tools. Today, we use the tools our listeners want to use. We continue to broadcast an over-the-air signal, but we also offer an internet stream, a dial up service for those who would prefer to use the telephone, podcasts that can be listened to on demand, or downloaded for later listening, and several ways to listen using a smartphone.

RTBS will keep working to deliver our service in new ways that will make information available conveniently, because our mission is to make the inability to read printed matter no longer a disabling condition. Thank you for listening, and for supporting our work as a volunteer and/or donor.

**APRIL VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:**

**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS**

M A R C H 2 0 1 9 : J U D Y P R I C E

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N O V E M B E R 2 0 1 8 : L A R R Y T H O R N T O N

O C T O B E R 2 0 1 8 : G E O F F H A M M O N D

Learn more about Rick on our program "Who's Behind That Voice?"!

Tune in at noon on Friday, April 19 or Saturday, April 27 at rtbs.org!

**RICK MINER**

Rick Miner is an avid volunteer and family man. He worked for over 34 years for the Army Corps of Engineers and traveled for projects throughout the States as well as the continent of Africa. Now retired, Rick spends time with Jane, his wife of 46 years, and his son Andrew, a well known local theater actor in Omaha and school teacher in Bennington.

When not watching the Yankees or the Celtics, Rick is volunteering for Radio Talking Book Service, Nebraska Medicine, and Lauritzen Gardens. Rick’s duties at all three are unique and the position with Nebraska Medicine is brand new. Just as Rick assists RTBS listeners with bringing the print word forward, at Nebraska Med he assists oncology patients by teaching them to use tablets to access their medical records, ask questions about their treatment plans, schedule appointments or simply order lunch.

Rick is always willing to help others. It’s no surprise that Rick first learned of RTBS through an internet search.

He was looking for ways to give back and reading for the station seemed like a natural fit as two members of his family experienced Glaucoma and another was blind. Rick loves to read and enjoys sharing that passion with RTBS listeners. He has been a volunteer for over 4 years now! He can be heard every Friday with Ralph Morocco during the live broadcast of the Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star newspapers.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

OMAHA GIVES IS MAY 22!!

###### Radio Talking Book Service is proud to be participating in the 7th annual Omaha Gives!, a 24-hour charitable challenge organized by the Omaha Community Foundation. The online giving holiday will take place May 22 from midnight to midnight. Mark your calendars because we will need your help! Schedule your gifts ahead of time or make donations throughout the day on Wednesday, May 22. Your gift, no matter the size, will be go even further this year with matching funds!! Visit [www.omahagives.org](http://www.omahagives.org/) to find out how you can help support RTBS on May 22.

RTBS thanks everyone who participated in Omaha Gives! 2018 and helped us EXCEED our goal. We hope this year is even more successful! Visit our website at [www.rtbs.org](http://www.rtbs.org/) for more information.

Please join RTBS on May 22 to meet our goal of $8,000 for Omaha Gives!.

NEWS FLASH(ES)!!

NEW! Weekly Grocery & Department Store Ads now available on podcast! Visit rtbs.org to listen on demand!

EXTRA! EXTRA! We added the Omaha Star, Hastings Tribune, & Kearney Hub to our local newspaper selections!

SUBSCRIBE! RTBS podcasts now available on iTunes.

Stay tuned for new podcast offerings coming this year!

Many thanks to those who made our 4th Annual Wining in the Dark a success! Keep your eye on our event calendar & join us next year!

**Radio Talking Book Network Program Schedule Monday-Friday**

**12:00 AM** Nostalgia Radio **7:00 AM** Morning Edition **9:00 AM** Morning Break

**9:15 AM**

MON: ***Hastings Tribune*** TUE: ***Kearney Hub*** WED-FRI: Daily Extras

## 9:30 AM

WED: ***The Omaha Star***

THU: ***Columbus Telegram***

### FRI: Council Bluffs Nonpareil

**10:00 AM** *LIVE*-***Omaha World Herald* & *Lincoln Journal Star***

## 12:00 PM

#### MON: Department Store Ads TUES: Nebraska Life

WED: Grocery Ads

THU: Blindness & Disability News FRI: Community Conversations

**1:00 PM** Bookshelf

## 2:00 PM

#### MON: What’s Cooking

TUES: Science and Environment WED: Home & Garden

THU: Senior Summary

FRI: Entertainment Update

**2:30 PM:**

MON: Mystery Theater TUE: Trips & Travel WED: Consumer Info THU: Pet Pause

FRI: Tech It Out!

**3:00 PM** Sports

**3:30 PM** Health & Wellness

## 4:00 PM

#### M-THU: For Your Information FRI: Eyes on Success

**4:30 PM** Wall Street Journal

## 5:00 PM

### M: Fremont Tribune

Tu: ***North Platte Telegraph***

W: ***Grand Island Independent***

Th: ***Scottsbluff Star-Herald***

F: ***Norfolk Daily News***

**5:45 PM** Evening Break

**6:00 PM** Replay of the ***Omaha***

### World-Herald &

***Lincoln Journal Star***

**8:00 PM** Replay of 12pm-3pm

**11:00 PM** Nostalgia Radio

**ALL PROGRAM TIMES ARE CENTRAL TIME**

## SATURDAY

**12:00 AM** Nostalgia Radio **7:00 AM** Weekend Edition **9:00 AM** What’s Cooking

**9:30 AM** Entertainment Update

**10:00 AM** *LIVE*-***Omaha World- Herald* & *Lincoln Journal Star***

**12:00 PM** Afternoon Break **12:15 PM** Saturday Selections **12:30 PM** Tech It Out!

**1:00 PM** Pet Pause

**1:30 PM** Mystery Theater **2:00 PM** Veterans Hour **3:00 PM** Grocery Ads

**4:00 PM** Blindness & Disability

#### News

**5:00 PM** The Catholic Hour

**6:00 PM** Replay of the ***Omaha***

***World-Herald* &**

***Lincoln Journal Star* 8:00 PM** CBS Mystery Theater **9:00 PM** Dusty Attic with Ryan O **10:00 PM** Nostalgia Radio

## SUNDAY

**12:00 AM** Nostalgia Radio **7:00 AM** Weekend Edition **9:00 AM** Guideposts

**10:00 AM** *LIVE*-***Omaha World- Herald* & *Lincoln Journal Star***

**12:00 PM** Afternoon Break **12:15 PM** Sunday Selections **12:30 PM** Good Old Days

**1:00 PM** Encouragement for the Journey

**2:00 PM** Nebraska Life **3:00 PM** Home & Garden **3:30 PM** Senior Summary **4:00 PM** Poetry

**4:30 PM** Eyes On Success

**5:00 PM** Community

#### Conversations

**6:00 PM** Replay of the ***Omaha***

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