Have you noticed how quiet new electric cars are? Maybe a little too quiet for pedestrian safety.

To address this issue, all new hybrid and electric light-duty vehicles will soon be required by a federal safety standard to emit a sound to help protect pedestrians. According to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the new standard will help blind, low vision and other pedestrians detect the presence of these vehicles when they are moving at low speeds.

These vehicles will be required to make an audible noise when traveling in reverse or at speeds up to 19 miles per hour. Sound alerts are not required at higher speeds because tire and wind noise should provide adequate audible warning.

Half of these new vehicles must be in compliance by September 1, 2018. Manufacturers then have until September 1, 2019 to equip all new hybrid and electric vehicles with sounds that meet the new federal safety standard.

To read the complete and final rule, Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles, see the Federal register publication volume 81 pages 90415-90522 (81 FR 90416) online by searching the internet through Google for “quiet car federal register.”

2018 Ski for Light International Week

Registration is now available for the 43rd annual Ski for Light (SFL) International Week for blind or visually impaired adults who cross-country ski or want to learn. Applications are due by November 1, 2017.

The event will take place from Sunday evening January 21 through Sunday morning January 28 at the Tahoe Donner Cross Country Ski Area in Truckee, California, a world-class Nordic ski area. Overnight accommodations will be at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nevada.

Each skier is paired with a sighted instructor to ski alongside, assist with skills and technique, and describe the countryside. The skier and his instructor will decide how far, how long, and on what kind of terrain to ski. If you are new to cross country skiing, please note this is an aerobic physical activity taking place at approximately 6650 foot elevation.

Visit the SFL website at [www.sfl.org](http://www.sfl.org) for more details and an application. The cost for the week is $950 per person for double occupancy and $1,265 for a single. This includes the room, meals, transportation to and from the ski area, special interest sessions and evening entertainment.

For additional questions, contact Melinda Hollands, the Visually Impaired Participant Recruitment Committee Chairperson, at mlhollandstc@gmail.com or call (231) 590-0986.

*Please note this is a courtesy posting for our patrons. We do not endorse, approve, certify or control this event.*

Donations and Thank You

We wish to thank all who have made donations to this program in the past year. These funds will be used to provide services not funded by the annual library budget; they will be used to benefit all who use this program.

We also wish to thank those who sent in thank you notes and letters of support. Our staff enjoy reading them and their motivational capabilities. Additionally, they are anonymously shared in our annual report as examples of the program’s positive impact.

If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to this program, please address your check to Nevada Talking Book Services and mail it to 100 North Stewart St., Carson City, NV 89701. We will acknowledge your gift with a thank you letter and a receipt that can be used for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-922-9334.
New Nevada Titles

**Nevada Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff**

DBC04787  
By Richard Moreno  
Narrated by Lila Halpern

A guide to the bizarre, crazy, extraordinary people, places and things found in Nevada. Moreno tells the readers where to find more than 135 of the state's most unusual oddities ranging from the famed Shoe Tree on the Loneliest Road in America (U.S. 50) to the old Pioneer Saloon in the ghost town of Goodsprings, Nevada. Writers Hall of Fame Silver Pen award recipient. 2009

**Tahoe Dark**  
DBC04777  
By Todd Borg  
Narrated by Frieda Ford

Although a father pays ransom for his kidnapped son, he ends up murdered. The day after the murder, an armored truck intended for a Lake Tahoe casino is robbed. The casino's boss calls Owen McKenna to track down the robbers. Two of the robbers are murdered in a dreadful way. McKenna uncovers evidence linking a young woman, Evan Rosen, to all three murders. Though McKenna does not believe she is guilty, Evan is charged with the murders. McKenna needs to find the real killer. Some violence. 2016

**1957: The Diary of a Nevada Ranch Girl**

DBC04779  
By Jeanne Sharp Howerton  
Narrated by Millie Solley

This diary of the author, as a nine year old girl, depicts growing up on a cattle ranch near the atomic test site in rural 1957 Nevada. Includes events such as the beginning of the space race and explosion of the hydrogen bomb. 2014

**Hazards of the High Sierra: The Adventures of Two Marmots**

DBC08373  
By Barbara Egbert  
Narrated by Millie Solley

Two adventurous marmots in the Sierra Nevada Mountains strike out in search of fun. Instead of preparing for hibernation, these marmots choose to visit their uncle on the other side of the mountain. On the way, they meet a variety of animals (friends) and three humans they nickname Blondie, Badger and Klutz. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2016
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The National Federation of the Blind of Nevada invites you and your family to join them for the 2017 NFB of Nevada State Convention

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For more information or to register, contact Terri Rupp at 702-524-0835 or terri.rupp@gmail.com

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