

10 Facts about the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS)

1. This audiobook library service is convenient and available at no cost to any Idaho resident who is blind, has a perceptual or reading disability, or is unable to read standard print due to a visual impairment or physical disability.
2. Materials are delivered directly to the user's residence, which is ideal for anyone who is homebound. Returning the materials is as simple as turning over the mailing card and putting the cartridge in the mail. There is no cost to the user for mailing.
3. The collection contains fiction in a variety of genres including westerns, romances, and mysteries and nonfiction in genres from astronomy to zoology. There are currently more than 100,000 titles available in the collection.
4. Books and magazines are available in many languages, in addition to English.
5. Users can use an online catalog to identify materials and request the materials be sent to them.
6. Users with high-speed internet access can download titles for use on their personal devices.
7. Users and their family members/caregivers can talk to knowledgeable TBS staff for help in the selection of materials.
8. Potential users must be certified as eligible to use the service. Applications can be certified by medical personnel, library staff, and social workers.
9. More information, including applications, are available at: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs> or contact LeAnn Gelskey at LeAnn.Gelskey@libraries.idaho.gov or 800-458-3271.