



Tech Talk

Does it seem as though technology moves at a pace that is too tough to keep up with? You're not alone. Between new versions of this software and an upgrade to that device, today's technology can be overwhelming and time-consuming.

Those could be some of the reasons many Talking Book Service (TBS) patrons do not utilize the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD).

BARD is a way TBS patrons can download books and magazines directly to their computer. And BARD Mobile provides the mechanism for downloading to a smart device, including iOS, Android, and Kindle.

For more on BARD, visit <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/login//NLS> or call your TBS customer service representative at 800-458-3271.

Also, the Idaho Commission for Libraries, home of the Idaho TBS, has a variety of digital inclusion and digital literacy resources together on one webpage. Visit <https://libraries.idaho.gov/digital-inclusion/> for more.

This page includes an Idaho map of public libraries with Wi-Fi access, in case you are wandering the state and need Wi-Fi.

Plus, there are trainings and tools, such as a link to <https://techboomers.com/>, a free educational website that teaches inexperienced internet users basic computer skills about websites.



TBS's First Book Club Was a Success

In August, the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) held its first-ever book club -- and it was a success! Participants utilized a phone-in format to have a great discussion about the Idaho-authored memoir "Educated."

As it would be nearly impossible to get patrons from around the state together for an in-person book club, TBS staff chose to use a telephone conference line for the TBS Book Club. This provides an easy way for patrons to join in the discussion or to just sit back and listen. (Even while wearing their jammies, if so inclined.)

A couple of patron comments regarding the first Book Club:

"It was fun and interesting and even though I'm shy, I liked listening to the conversations and opinions around me."

"It was a good experience. I will definitely join again."

Next Book Club -- November 10

So, if you missed the inaugural TBS Book Club, your next chance to join in will be Wednesday, November 10, 2021, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., MST. The book to be discussed on November 10 is "A Dog Named Beautiful: a Marine, a Dog, and a Long Road Trip Home" by Rog Kugler.

You can order this book by using the order form in this newsletter. Please check the box on the order form that indicates you are requesting the book for the Book Club so that you receive the Book Club title on its own cartridge (not on a cartridge with other books).

To participate in the TBS Book Club, you will need to RSVP with a TBS customer service representative, who will provide you with the toll-free conference line phone number. To participate in the next Book Club or for additional information, call a TBS CSR at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271.

We hope you'll try the TBS Book Club -- even if it's only when the featured book sparks your interest. Joining one Book Club doesn't obligate you to join others. And, remember, since the Book Club is conducted via the phone, you can participate from wherever you are in Idaho.

2021 TBS Patron Satisfaction Survey

Earlier this year, the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) conducted a patron satisfaction survey. Our sincere thanks to all who took the time to respond to the survey and give the staff of the Idaho TBS an honest assessment of the service from the patrons' perspective. That feedback is invaluable.

What we discovered was that the vast majority of respondents are "very satisfied" with the books/magazines they receive, with the quantity of materials received, and with the customer service provided by the TBS.



We also learned that more than 75% of the respondents are not registered to download books and magazines from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD). With about half of the respondents saying they do not use the internet, it is not surprising that the number of patrons who do not utilize BARD is so high.

For those who would like to learn about or utilize BARD to directly download materials, the cover story of this newsletter includes the link to the BARD webpage. And you can call a TBS customer service representative for more information and assistance. They are available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., MT, at 800-458-3271.

2022 TBS Calendar Is Coming

The 2022 TBS Calendar will be arriving in your mail box by mid-November.

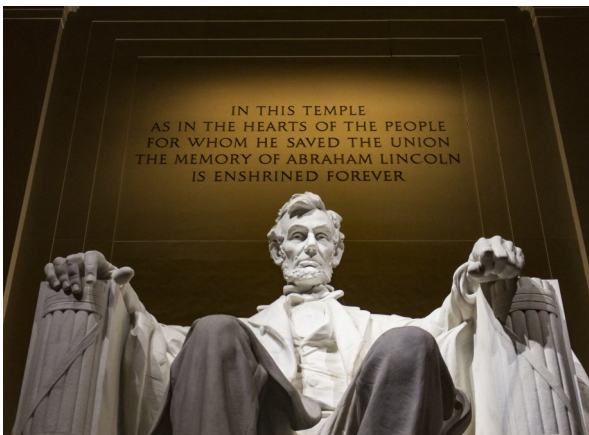
If you do not receive a calendar by then, please call the TBS at 800-458-3271.

Librarian of Congress' Announcements

Recently, Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden announced three top leadership appointments that together bring decades of experience in the areas of library advocacy, services, management, and planning.

Jason Broughton will serve as director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS). Aslihan Bulut has been appointed as law librarian of Congress. Robin Dale was named deputy librarian for library collections and services.

The NLS supplies the Idaho TBS with the majority of the books and magazines that are loaned to patrons throughout the Gem State.



If you've never explored the Library of Congress' website, check it out at <https://www.loc.gov/>.

You'll find a variety information, materials, and collections, including digital collections such as the "Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress."

Marrakesh Treaty

The Marrakesh Treaty aims to help people who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled have access to books and other literary works in accessible formats. It does this by establishing a set of limitations and exceptions to traditional copyright law.

The Marrakesh Treaty was adopted in 2013 and entered into force on September 30, 2016. The Accessible Books Consortium aims to increase the number of books worldwide in accessible formats (braille, audio, and large print) and to make them available to people who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.

TBS Order Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

To order any of the books from this newsletter, write your name and address in the space indicated above and mark on the line(s) next to the identification number of the title(s) you want. Then, mail the form (pages 5 through 8). Postage is not required.

These titles are also available for download from BARD. To register for BARD, call the Talking Book Service at 1-800-458-3271 or visit: <http://NLSbard.loc.gov>.

Selection for TBS's November Book Club:

"A Dog Named Beautiful: a Marine, a Dog, and a Long Road Trip Home" **Adult Nonfiction**

Author: Rob Kugler

Read By: Rob Kugler

Memoir of a U.S. Marine and the dog who was both a companion and comfort in bad times. When his chocolate lab, Bella, was diagnosed with bone cancer, the author decided to spend the time while they waited for a prognosis on an epic road trip with her. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB095368** **2019** **8 hours, 39 minutes**

_____ I plan to join the **fall TBS Book Club** for a discussion of this book.

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Books from Rachel's Reads Article: (page 10)

"The Last Thing He Told Me"

Adult Fiction

Author: Laura Dave

Read By: Rebecca Lowman

Before he disappears, Hannah's husband of one year, Owen, smuggles a note to her, asking her to protect his 16-year-old daughter, Bailey, who refuses to have anything to do with Hannah. They soon realize that Owen is not who he says he is, and Bailey holds the key to the mystery. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller.

_____ **DB103326**

2021

8 hours, 51 minutes

"One Good Deed"

Adult Fiction

Author: David Baldacci and Edoardo Galleoni **Read By:** Edoardo Galleoni

1949. When war veteran Aloysius Archer is released from Carderock Prison, he is sent to Poca City on parole, where a murder takes place right under his nose. The crime could send him back to prison if he doesn't track down the real killer. Some violence. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB095734**

2019

11 hours, 43 minutes

"A Good Marriage"

Adult Fiction

Author: Kimberly McCreight

Read By: George Newbern

Attorney Lizzie Kitsakis gets the call from Zach Grayson, an old friend. His wife has been found dead at the bottom of the stairs in their Brooklyn brownstone, and Zach's the primary suspect. The case soon has Lizzie wondering what it means to have a good marriage. Some strong language and descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB099864**

2020

13 hours

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“Win”

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Read By: Joe Wilson

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_____ **DB102808**

2021

12 hours, 30 minutes

TBS Staff Recommendations for Fall:

“Grant

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Ron Chernow

Read By: Mark Bramhall

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “Washington” (DB072132) and “Alexander Hamilton” (DB058364) provides a detailed portrait of Civil War general and eventual president Ulysses S. Grant. Discusses Grant’s life prior to the Civil War, his business troubles, his remarkable role in the war, his later political career, and more. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB089541**

2017

48 hours, 5 minutes

“Code Girls: the Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers Who Helped Win WWII”

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Liza Mundy

Read By: Erin Bennett

An account of the work of the thousands of women who served as codebreakers in the U.S. during World War II. Discusses the ramifications of their work for the war and in the larger field of cryptanalysis. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB089397**

2017

14 hours, 6 minutes

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For a podcast, PDF, or to subscribe to this newsletter via email, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs>. To download this newsletter via the online catalog, search: "Connections, Idaho Talking Book Service News."

"Rainbow Six"

Adult Fiction

Author: Tom Clancy

Read By: Jim Zeiger

John Clark, ex-Navy SEAL, is off to London to head up the antiterrorist strike force, Rainbow Six, when his plane is hijacked. He and co-worker Ding Chavez quickly foil the attempt. In England, the two deal with bank robbers, hostage situations, a raid, and an environmentalist who thinks more of nature than humans. Violence and strong language. Bestseller.

_____ **DB046775**

1998

34 hours, 23 minutes

Rachel's Reads

By TBS Customer Service Representative Rachel Welker

Here are some good autumn page-turners to curl up with when the weather (finally!) starts to turn cool, and you don't want to brave the elements. Order these books on pages 6-7 of this newsletter.

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Volunteers Like Liz Help It Happen

Liz Carpenter has volunteered at the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), home of the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS), since 2000. She has contributed more than 7,000 hours of volunteer time.

Liz supports all of the ICfL's projects and initiatives, but her favorite volunteer project is stickering books.



Liz's hobbies include crafting -- she sewed each rhinestone on the T-shirt she was wearing on the day of the photo -- and guitar, which she took up about four years ago.

Liz loves to play guitar but gets too nervous to perform for others. So much so that her right hand starts to shake when she tries. Family calls it her "spaz hand." Halloween is Liz's favorite holiday -- and she gets decked out in a costume she makes herself. At the last ICfL Halloween party (before COVID), Liz won the "best costume" prize.

Talking Book Service

10² Club



Our centenarian joining the Ten-Squared Club is:

Beulah Miles

who has read 33 books since joining the TBS program in 2019.

Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service

(June 1 through August 31, 2021)

General Donations:

Lucy Bean

Mary Duane

Theresa Gross

Joan Kunkel

Ralph Lehman

Bonnie Mecham

Margaret Mortensen

Zoe Waits

Kathy Young



Memorial Donations:

Sheila Adams in memory of Glen Kunau

Sheryl Poole in memory of Marlyn Daniels

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325 W. State Street / Boise, ID 83702

Credit card donations may be made online from the Idaho Commission for Libraries' website: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/donations/>.

Or, from the homepage, click on the "Donate to the ICfL" button.

Our sincere thanks to all who give so generously.



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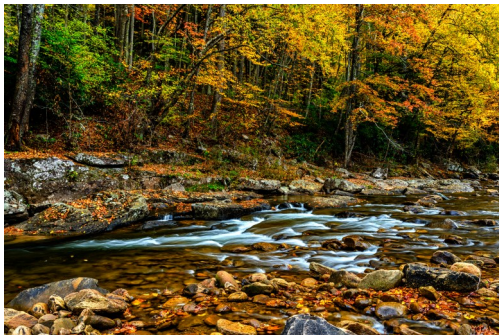
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~ ERNEST HEMINGWAY -- IDAHO 1939