

Book Club -- Coming June 29

The next Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) book club will be held Wednesday, June 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. MT. You may participate via phone or Zoom.

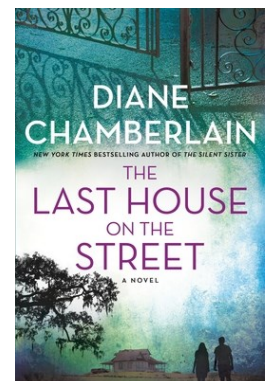
The book to be discussed at the June book club will be "The Last House on the Street" by Diane Chamberlain. The book is about two women, a generation apart, who find themselves bound by tragedy and an unsolved, decades-old mystery.

Turn to page 5 of this newsletter for more information and/or to request the book. Or call a customer service representative (CSR) to order this book so you have plenty of time to delve into it before the book club discussion.

To participate in the book club by phone, call a CSR at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271.

If you would rather join the book club online via Zoom, the link is <https://zoom.us/join>. The meeting ID number is 89479929398, and the passcode is 926311. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, a CSR can assist you.

If you have questions, call a CSR at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271 or email the TBS at talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.



Alexa Instructions for NFB-Newsline®

The National Federation for the Blind (NFB) provides a free audio news service called NFB-Newsline®. The news service is for anyone who is blind, low-vision, deafblind, or otherwise print disabled. This audio news service provides access to more than 500 publications, emergency weather alerts, job listings, and more.

How does it work? By calling a toll-free phone number and following a touch-tone menu, users can listen to different newspapers and magazines, which are read to them by a human-sounding electronic voice.

NFB-Newsline® is also accessible via the website, email, with Amazon Alexa, and on iOS devices like an iPhone or iPad through the NFB-Newsline® app.

NFB-Newsline® subscribers can access NFB-Newsline hands-free on any Amazon Alexa product, including Echo and Echo Dot.

Enable the NFB-Newsline® skill on each speaker you would like to use it on:

- Say "Alexa, open National Federation."
- To hear instructions about the skill, say, "Alexa, ask National Federation to give me instructions."

Log in to NFB-Newsline®:

You will need to log in the first time you open the skill.

- Then say, "Alexa, ask National Federation to log in."

(Clearly state, "Log in.")

- Provide your subscriber identification number and security code.

Select Content and Navigate Sections and Articles:

Alexa can help you select and move through publications easily with a variety of commands. Here are a few of them:

"Alexa, ask National Federation for a list of publications for Idaho."

"Alexa, ask National Federation to read 'The New York Times.'"

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Alexa Instructions for NFB-Newsline®

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Once in a Publication:

"Alexa, ask National Federation for a list of sections."

"Alexa, ask National Federation to read next section."

"Alexa, ask National Federation to go to previous section."

Move from article to article by simply saying "next" or "previous." (Please note: all other commands need to begin with "Alexa, ask National Federation . . .")

Alter Reader Voice and Speed:

"Alexa, ask National Federation to change voice."

"Alexa, ask National Federation to read a little faster."

"Alexa, ask National Federation to read a little slower."

"Alexa, ask National Federation to read much faster."

"Alexa, ask National Federation to read much slower."

To Save an Article:

"Alexa, ask National Federation to email me this article."

General Help Command:

"Alexa, ask National Federation to give me instructions."

Some of the available Idaho/Washington newspapers are "The Idaho Statesman," the "Idaho Falls Post Register," and the "Spokesman Review." National publications include "Smithsonian," "Consumer Reports," "USA Today" and many others.



To sign up for NFB-Newsline®, contact the Idaho TBS at 800-458-3271 or via email at talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

For more information, visit the NFB-Newsline® website at <https://nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-newsline>.

Talking Book Topics (TBT) -- Current Editions Unavailable in Large Print

Due to the worldwide paper shortage and supply-chain issues, the current and most recent editions of the "Talking Book Topics" (TBT) have not and will not be printed.

The March/April 2022 edition of TBT is available at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/tbt> in HTML, as a printable PDF, and on audio cartridge.

TBT lists a selection of titles recently added to the National Library Service (NLS) collection and available through the Idaho TBS or via download from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/login/NLS>. Patrons can learn about the latest titles added to BARD through the "recently added books and magazines" link on the BARD website or the "recently added to BARD" feature on the "get books" tab on the BARD Mobile app.

To search the tens of thousands of books available in the NLS collection, search the NLS Catalog here <https://www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/online-catalog-search/>.

Talking Book Service

10² Club



Our centenarians joining the Ten-Squared Club are:

Naomia Bliss

who has read 752 books since joining the TBS program in 2013.

Norma Edgar

who has read 757 books since joining the TBS program in 2016.

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 800-458-3271 or visit: <http://NLSbard.loc.gov>.

Selection for TBS's June Book Club:

"The Last House on the Street"

Adult Fiction

Author: Diane Chamberlain

Read By: Susan Bennett

Two women, a generation apart, find themselves bound by tragedy and an unsolved, decades-old mystery. In 1965, Ellie chafes against the future planned for her and works to register black votes in her North Carolina hometown. In 2010, widow Kayla receives warnings not to move into her new home. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB106437**

2022

12 hours, 13 minutes

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

June 29, 2022, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. MT

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Newly Available Locally Produced Books:

"Boise Basques: Dreamers and Doers"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Gloria P. Totoricaguena

Read By: Carla Stern

Five years of research and hundreds of personal interviews have culminated in the book, which illustrates the Basque migration and societal integration experience in Boise, Idaho. The personal testimonies enrich the historical chronicle from the 19th century immigrants to today's professionals and business owners. The 50th anniversary motto of the Boise Basques' Euzkaldunak Incorporated perfectly depicts the character of this group, "Because of them, we are. Because of us, they will be."

_____ **DBC00822**

2002

9 hours, 28 minutes

"One Flaming Hour: A Memoir of Jerry Blackbird" Adult Nonfiction

Author: Mike Blackbird

Read By: Maryan Stephens

As a disillusioned young Vietnam vet, Jerry Blackbird pulled himself from the bottom of despair to become a teacher, hard rock miner, and a successful legislator for the state of Idaho. His untimely death was tragic for both his family and the state.

_____ **DBC00820**

2014

6 hours, 51 minutes

"Idaho's Place: A New History of the Gem State" Adult Nonfiction

Author: Multiple Authors (essays)

Read By: Don Evans

This anthology is one of the most current and original writings on Gem State history. From the state's indigenous roots and early environmental battles to recent political and social events, these essays provide much-needed context for understanding Idaho's important role in the development of the American West.

_____ **DBC00914**

2014

11 hours, 40 minutes

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Magazines Available from the TBS

In addition to more than 100,000 book titles, there are also about 70 magazines that are available from the TBS, including several with a theme or connection related to Idaho or the western part of the United States.

The "Owyhee Outpost" is published by the Owyhee County Historical Society. For the past 50 years, it is a primary source of information about the history of the Owyhee County region. In recent years, each edition of the magazine has had a general historical theme, including ranching, transportation, and water.

_____ "Owyhee Outpost"

The "Overland Journal" is published by the Oregon/California Trails Association. It is a quarterly journal of scholarly research into the immigrant experience and 19th century historic trails. Staff of the magazine often reference the personal journals of settlers to find the routes and trails they traveled in order to write articles about the trails.

_____ "Overland Journal"

For more information or to subscribe to any magazines, contact a TBS customer service representative at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271 or send an email to talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.



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To order this newsletter on cartridge:

_____ "Connections: Idaho Talking Book Service News" on cartridge

To order this newsletter in braille:

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For an audio version, 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."

To order any of the books from Candace's Corner (page 9), select here:

"The Girl from Widow Hills"

_____ **DB099578**

**"Maybe You Should Talk to
Someone"**

_____ **DB094667**

"Confessions on the 7:45"

_____ **DB100987**

"These Precious Days: Essays"

_____ **DB106138**

Candace's Corner

By TBS Customer Service Representative Candace Reynolds

Order these books on page 8 of this newsletter.

"The Girl from Widow Hills"

Adult Fiction

Author: Megan Miranda

Read By: Rebekkah Ross

Young Arden was swept away while sleepwalking during a terrifying rainstorm and went missing for days before being found clinging to a storm drain. As soon as she was old enough, Arden changed her name and moved away. But with the 20th anniversary of her rescue approaching, she begins sleepwalking again. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

2020

9 hours, 59 minutes

"Maybe You Should Talk to Someone: a Therapist, her Therapist, and Our Lives Revealed"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Lori Gottlieb

Read By: Brittany Pressley

A psychotherapist and advice columnist gives a behind-the-scenes look at the therapeutic process. The author shares details of her work at her Los Angeles practice and discusses the emotional crisis that led her to begin therapy herself. Inspirational. Strong language, some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook.

2019

14 hours, 23 minutes

"Confessions on the 7:45"

Adult Fiction

Author: Lisa Unger

Read By: Vivienne Leheny

Selena is commuting home when the train stalls out. She strikes up a conversation with a stranger. The woman confesses that she's been stuck in an affair with her boss. Selena, in turn, confesses that she suspects her husband is sleeping with the nanny. Days later, Selena's nanny disappears. Some strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook.

2020

12 hours, 31 minutes

"These Precious Days: Essays"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Ann Patchett

Read By: Ann Patchett

A collection of personal, autobiographical essays from the author of Dutch House (DB96739). Topics discussed include reflections on unexpected friendship, the joy of reading, her youthful memories of Paris, cherished gifts she has received, and the importance of knitting. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

2021

11 hours, 16 minutes

New Idaho-Themed Books Available

Staff, former staff, and volunteers of the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), home of the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS), have been working very hard to produce new Idaho-themed books and magazines and make them available to patrons.

The pandemic and other issues slowed the production of local books and magazines over the past two years, but the recording studio at the ICfL is back in business. The books on page 6 of this newsletter are newly available to TBS patrons.

Although she retired four years ago from her role as ICfL volunteer services coordinator, Sheila Winther recently returned to the ICfL and the Idaho TBS to assist in the resolution of issues with the studio. Sheila said, "I am so glad that I have been able to reconnect with so many of our former volunteers who are already trained in the recording process, and they are coming back to finish up books and magazines that they had in progress. For example, one of our former volunteers, Susie Johnson, has been traveling the world for many years since she left Idaho, but she is going to make a few corrections to a book she had narrated several years ago." Sheila added, "Plus, we are welcoming new volunteers to the ICfL who will also be part of the process to create audiobooks."

Sue Vap, another ICfL volunteer, has done an amazing job of studio management. She has worked to determine the status of each book and then arrange whatever is necessary to complete the book-building process -- whether that is finding the original narrator and having them complete the narration, finishing edits to the recording, and/or many other components that go into creating the locally produced audiobooks and magazines.

Another longtime ICfL volunteer, Lana Thurston, is excited for TBS patrons to have new options to listen to. Lana said, "It is encouraging for the volunteers to see completed projects actually become available to the patrons."

Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service

(January - March 2022)

General Donations:

Jen Beals	Joan Perdue
Lucy Bean	Karen Snyder
Andrea Champagne	Dorris Tuttle
Melicia Friel	
Theresa Gross	
Lance & Lisa Hatfield	
Martin Humphries	
Faye & Tom Kerr	
Ralph Lehman	
Margaret Mortensen	
Patricia Myklebust	
Betty Ortega	
George & Alma Paxton	

Memorial Donations:

Virginia Ann Carlson in memory of Donna Delores Foster
Jennifer Roark in memory of Bill Elliott
Stephanie Zilk in memory of Pearl Zilk

Donations are fully tax deductible, as allowed by law.

Make checks payable to the Idaho Commission for Libraries and mail to:
Idaho Talking Book Service
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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email: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov

Changes to Service

Are you hitting the road this summer and will need fewer books? Or even more books to enjoy at the lake? (You know the player has a battery and is portable, right?)

Contact a TBS customer service representative to make temporary or permanent changes to your TBS service -- such as decreasing or increasing the number of books you receive, trying a new author or genre, and much more.

