



Magazines Are Available from TBS

You probably know that the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) makes more than 100,000 book titles available to TBS patrons. But did you know that there are also about 70 magazines obtainable from the TBS? (And newspapers, too! More about newspapers on page 4 of this newsletter.)

Available magazines cover a range of topics and interests, including several with a connection to the western part of the U.S., such as "Owyhee Outpost."

Popular national magazines that TBS patrons can enjoy are "Consumer Reports," "Good Housekeeping," "National Geographic," "Sports Illustrated," and "People."

You can order magazines via the order form in this issue of the "TBS Connections Newsletter." Or contact the Idaho TBS at any time to order magazines. Call TBS at 800-458-3271 or email:

talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.



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. (Find BARD password tips on page 3 of this newsletter.)

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.

BARD Password Tips

Here are a few tips to help with keeping your TBS BARD account in good working order:

1. BARD passwords never expire, though it's a good idea to change them periodically. If it seems like your BARD password has expired because you aren't able to log in, it may be that your BARD account has been deactivated.
2. BARD accounts are **automatically deactivated if unused for six months**. If you think your BARD account has been deactivated, please contact us by phone or email when you are ready to use it again. We can easily reactivate it. Note: When we reactivate your BARD account, you must at least **log in** that **same day** to keep it active. If you don't, it will be automatically deactivated again that night.
3. If you forget your BARD password, you can reset it yourself, if you have set up secret questions; or you can call or email us to request that we reset your BARD password. When your BARD password is reset, you will receive a temporary password by email. You will log in using that temporary password, and you will be prompted to set up your new password. You can also set up or change your secret questions on the same screen. Important note: You cannot reset your password with the temporary password in BARD Express or the BARD Mobile app. You must first log into BARD through a browser, change your password, and then use your new password to log in to BARD Express or the BARD Mobile app.

Let us know if you have any questions or if we can assist with your BARD passwords. Call the Idaho TBS at 800-458-3271 or email: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

NFB-Newsline[®] Is a Free Audio News Service

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.

The available Idaho/Washington newspapers include "The Idaho Statesman," the "Idaho Falls Post Register," and the "Spokesman Review." National newspapers include "The Wall Street Journal" and "USA Today."



To sign up, contact the Idaho Talking Book Service (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>.

TBS Order Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

To order any of the magazines 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>.

Magazines:

_____ **"Consumer Reports"**

Monthly. "Consumer Reports" provides unbiased, expert reviews and ratings for a wide variety of products and services.

Magazine staff are dedicated to independent product testing, investigative journalism, consumer-oriented research, public education, and consumer advocacy.

"Consumer Reports" was founded in 1936 as "Consumers Union."

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_____ **"People" Magazine**

Weekly. From celebrity news to human-interest stories, "People" magazine keeps you in the know.



_____ **"National Geographic" Magazine**

Monthly. Known for its photojournalism and compelling articles, "National Geographic" is one of the most widely read magazines of all time. Explore faraway places without leaving the Gem State.



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_____ "The New York Times Book Review"

A weekly supplement to the Sunday edition of "The New York Times" in which current nonfiction and fiction books are reviewed. It is one of the most influential and widely read book review publications in the industry.

_____ "Good Housekeeping"

Monthly. "Good Housekeeping" includes recipes, health information, product testing, and more.

_____ "Rolling Stone" Magazine

Monthly. "Rolling Stone" focuses on music, politics, and popular culture. It was founded in 1967.



_____ "Sports Illustrated" Magazine

"Sports Illustrated" provides sports news, expert analysis, highlights, stats, and scores for the NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, college football, soccer, and more.

For a complete list of available magazines and/or to subscribe, please call the Idaho TBS at 800-458-3271 or email:

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To order this newsletter on cartridge:

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

To order this newsletter in braille:

_____ "Connections: Idaho Talking Book Service News" in braille

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 "Oceans of Possibilities" books from pages 9-10, select here:

"The Soul of an Octopus"

_____ **DB082438**

"The Last Pirate of New York"

_____ **DB095726**

"On Ocean Boulevard"

_____ **DB099725**

"The Island of Sea Women"

_____ **DB094865**

Oceans of Possibilities

By TBS Customer Service Representative Rebecca McKay

There have been oceans of possibilities at Idaho public libraries this summer (the theme for the 2022 summer reading program).

So, let's squeeze just a little more out of summer and explore the joys and intrigues of the oceans around us. Whether you're soaking up the sun and listening to a book via BARD or cooling off on the couch with your player and chilled beverage, a good book can make even the stolen time between tasks feel like a vacation.

Order these books on page 8 of this newsletter.

"The Soul of an Octopus"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Sy Montgomery

Read By: Kimberly Schraf

A naturalist and documentary writer explores the world, intelligence, and consciousness of octopuses. The author describes her interactions with captive giant Pacific octopuses and her field investigations in French Polynesia and the Gulf of Mexico.

2015

10 hours, 38 minutes

"The Last Pirate of New York"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Rich Cohen

Read By: Ari Fliakos

Narrative about charismatic Albert Hicks, whose plan to rob an oyster sloop in 1860 went awry -- the ship was found listing and unmanned in the foggy straits of Coney Island -- and led to the notorious underworld figure's last desperate flight. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

2019

6 hours, 13 minutes

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"On Ocean Boulevard"

Adult Fiction

Author: Mary Alice Monroe

Read By: Cassandra Campbell

It's been 16 years since Cara Rutledge has been back to the barrier islands off South Carolina, but she heads there now to prepare for her second wedding. Meanwhile, Cara's niece also returns to begin a new career and an unexpected relationship. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

2020

11 hours, 40minutes

"The Island of Sea Women"

Adult Fiction

Author: Lisa See

Read By: Jennifer Lim

Mi-ja and Young-sook are best friends, even though their backgrounds are markedly different. When they come of age, they join their village's all-female diving collective. However, Mi-ja's parentage marks her for scorn and drives the friends apart as war looms. Some violence.

Commercial audiobook.

2019

13 hours, 24 minutes

Talking Book Service

10² Club



Our centenarians joining the Ten-Squared Club are:

Violet Clausen

who has read 60 books since joining the TBS program in 2020.

Helen Tribble

who has read 27 books since joining the TBS program in 2020.

Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service

(April - June 2022)

General Donations:

Leta Carlson

Theresa Gross

David and Karen Kapral

Margaret Mortensen

Edith Schwartz

Memorial Donation:

Richard Ehrler in memory of Carol Walker

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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This project was made possible, in part, by the
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Customer service representatives (CSRs) are available to assist TBS patrons, **Monday through Friday**, from **8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT**, except State of Idaho holidays.

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Player Mailing Tip

If you need to return a TBS player, it can be mailed back at **no cost** to you. It is designated "free matter for the blind" and should be sent via the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

If you would like a box for the player, please contact a TBS customer service representative, who can send you a box designed for the player to fit in. Call 800-458-3271 or email: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

(Also, please return your TBS cartridges via the USPS -- again, at NO COST to you.)