

Connections

Talking Book Service News



Ammon Postal Carrier Recognized as the Year's Best

Each year, the Idaho Commission for Libraries recognizes one postal carrier as being the very best, based on nominations submitted by patrons of the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS).

For 2017, Ammon postal carrier Lance Walker was chosen as the Postal Carrier of the Year. Walker provided such exceptional customer service that he earned nominations from two TBS patrons, Lyndon Hall and Cheryl Bess. Hall wrote, "Lance is a dedicated, caring carrier who goes out of the way and above and beyond to make sure our deliveries get to us in good condition. He is always friendly and caring to all of those that he comes in contact with and provides service for."

Idaho's postal carriers significantly contribute to the success of the Idaho TBS by ensuring that the braille and audio books and magazines, along with the machines, are delivered to the more than 3,200 users statewide, so they may continue having the joy of reading in their lives.

In state fiscal year 2018, the Idaho TBS program circulated more than 165,000 items to its patrons -- via the U.S. Postal Service and its outstanding carriers, like Lance Walker.



TBS audio
cartridges

ICfL Talking Book Service Librarian Sue Walker said, "We are proud to bring the TBS to those eligible Idahoans who need the service, and this recognition showcases the vital role all Idaho postal carriers play in serving our clients' unique needs."

(All of the nominated postal carriers are listed on page 3 of this newsletter.)

Talking Book Survey

The biennial Talking Book Service (TBS) survey will be distributed to all TBS users in early 2019.

This anonymous survey will be mailed to active users in large print format and will also be available online. If a patron is unable to read the survey, they are encouraged to call the TBS at 800-458-3271, so a customer service representative can record their responses over the phone.

Through this survey, the TBS will gather feedback from all its users at the same time. And we want to hear it all -- the good, the bad, and the ugly!

Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete this survey. By letting us know how you feel about the Idaho Talking Book Service, we can make it even better for all TBS patrons. (Patrons are welcome to provide feedback about the TBS at any time, but we hope you will complete this satisfaction survey.)

2019 TBS Calendar -- Coming Soon!

The 2019 Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) calendar will be mailed to patrons beginning in late October. If you have not received your calendar by Thanksgiving, please contact the TBS at 800-458-3271.

The 2019 calendar contains some of the favorite titles of the Idaho Commission for Libraries' staff and volunteers. The selections are all available in the TBS collection.

Election Pamphlet Available

"The 2018 Idaho Voters' Pamphlet for the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018" is available in audio format and on the TBS website at https://libraries.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/idaho_votes_2018_01.mp3. Or, a copy may be requested by calling 800-458-3271. Published by Idaho Secretary of State Lawrence Denney, the publication contains information related to: Proposition One - Historical Horse Racing, with arguments and rebuttals for and against; Proposition Two - Medical Eligibility Expansion; contact information; and more.

Postal Carrier Nominees

Ammon

Blackfoot
Boise

Bonnars Ferry
Coeur d'Alene
Fruitland
Garden City
Hayden
Horseshoe Bend
Idaho Falls
Melba
Meridian
Montpelier
Moyie Springs
Nampa
Notus
Orofino
Paul
Payette
Pocatello
Ponderay
Post Falls
Priest River
Preston
Rexburg
Salmon
Spirit Lake
Star
Twin Falls

Lance Walker

Jason Metz
Ronald Black, Kallie Burchard, Howard Jones,
Rosemarie Lewen, Josh Moore, John Murphy,
John Sarco, Jim Marshall
Marcus
Alex Paniagua
Patti
Melinda
Ed
Ron Hefner
Brandy Corgatelli
Debbie, Chuck
David Moss, Steve Hurd
Billie Hyrumphries
McKenzie
Earl Bauerle, Michael D., Drece
Toni Thornton
Tracy Blake, Lila Myers
Teresa Kenobe
Verginia
Charlie Shanasham
Bobbie Ludolph
Angie Cooper, Amber Tellessen
George McGinnay
Joel Crouch
James Nef
Hillary / Aldous Santos
Rebecca
Marnie Hammond
Corbey Quigly

Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service

(through August 2018)

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Donations are used to enhance the Idaho Talking Book Service and are fully tax deductible, as allowed by law. Acknowledgements are sent to donors and honorees, so please include the name and address of all those to be notified.

Make checks payable to the Idaho Commission for Libraries and mail to:
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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 "Support Your Library" button.

Our sincere thanks to all who give so generously.

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>.

**"Ghost Towns of Idaho:
The Search for El Dorado"**

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Bruce A. Raisch

Read By: Debby Queen

Join Bruce Raisch as he hunts for ghost towns across Idaho. The book combines descriptions and histories of ghost towns, along with travel and adventure stories from the author.

_____ **DBC00913**

2008

5 hours, 18 minutes

"Mudgy and Millie"

Children Fiction

Author: Susan Hagen Nipp

Read By: Sue Robinson

When Mudgy Moose suggests playing hide-and-seek, his friend Millie Mouse finds a hiding place so good that Mudgy trudges all through Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, looking for her and wondering why people keep giggling at him. For grades K-3.

_____ **DBC00946**

2008

29 minutes

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"Bitterroot Gold"

Adult Fiction

Author: Monty C. Spears

Read By: Sue Vap

Rumor has it that for 130 years, Idaho's Bitterroot Mountains have kept their grisly secret of the past and possibly even hoarded a treasure of gold. What really happened to the party led by Lloyd Magruder when it journeyed through these mountains in 1863? Was it really carrying thousands of dollars' worth of gold? If so, could the gold still lie hidden somewhere in these mountains? Where would the bandits who murdered the party have hidden it? Past and present are closely woven together in this fast-paced, historical fiction of mining camps, mule trains, and hidden treasure! Some strong language.

_____ **DBC00838**

1997

7 hours, 46 minutes

"Lame Deer: Seeker of Visions"

Adult Nonfiction

Authors: John (Fire) Lame Deer and
Richard Erdoes

Read By: Tom Jaramillo

Born in the late 1800s on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, Lame Deer was a storyteller, rebel, and medicine man. A full-blooded Sioux, Deer was many things in the white man's world, including a rodeo clown, painter, and prisoner. But, above all, he was a holy man of the Lakota tribe. His story is one of harsh youth and reckless manhood, shotgun marriage and divorce, history and folklore, as rich today as ever, and it is a story of Deer's fierce struggle to keep pride alive, though living as a stranger on his own ancestral land. Some descriptions of sex.

_____ **DBC00872**

1972

10 hours, 16 minutes

Recently Converted Titles:

"Cowboy Standard Time"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Baxter Black

Read By: Paddy Rogers

A collection of cowboy poetry written by popular cowboy poet Baxter Black. For junior / senior high school students and adult readers.

_____ **DBC07338**

1990

1 hour, 24 minutes

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"Smokechaser"

Author: Warren Yahr

In the 1940s, teenager Warren J. Yahr went to work for the Forest Service and became a lookout in the remote Bungalow Ranger Station, located 28 miles from Pierce, Idaho, near the headwaters of the North Fork of the Clearwater River. With enchanting good humor, the author recalls his experiences, including being lost in a snowstorm, befriending wildlife, and enjoying the remote wilderness.

Adult Nonfiction

Read By: Betty Weber

_____ **DBC07310**

1995

8 hours, 18 minutes

"Lochsa: The Story of a Ranger District and Its People in Clearwater National Forest"

Author: Louis F. Hartig

Retired Lochsa District Ranger Louis F. Hartig compiled a complete history of the Lochsa district, from President Grover Cleveland's Forest Proclamation in 1897, to the 1950s, which included the use of Smoke Jumpers. Hartig gathered his research from forest service manuscripts, his own memory, and the memory of others who were associated with the Lochsa district.

Adult Nonfiction

Read By: Steven Schuster

_____ **DBC07340**

1989

7 hours, 43 minutes

"Journal of an Exploring Tour Beyond the Rocky Mountains"

Author: Samuel Parker

In 1835, at the age of 56, Samuel Parker set out from Ithaca, New York, to explore the Pacific Northwest at the behest of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Traveling by boat, horseback, ship, and canoe, he reached the mouth of the Columbia River and returned home via Cape Horn to New London, Connecticut. Originally published in 1842, the 1990 reprint of Parker's journal includes an in-depth introduction by Idaho State Historian Larry R. Jones.

Adult Nonfiction

Read By: Linda Byron

_____ **DBC07341**

1842

12 hours, 58 minutes

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

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To order "It Happened in Idaho" by Randy Stapilus (profiled on page 10):

_____ "It Happened in Idaho" (DBC07333)

New to the Crew

Recently joining the Idaho Commission for Libraries as customer service representatives for the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) are

Candace Reynolds and Lisa Watson.

Volunteers Help It Happen

The Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) manages and operates the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) for the Gem State. In addition to ICfL staff, the TBS program is also supported by volunteers, who contribute their time and talents to various areas of the program.



Patti Greene

One of the ICfL's newest volunteers is Patti Greene, who spends two days a week checking the returned audio books to ensure that the cartridges are in good condition and that the books are in the correct case.

Patti worked for the telephone company for 30 years and then served as a traffic analyst for the Ada County Highway District for the next 15 years. After retiring in January 2018, it didn't take Patti long to become bored and to begin volunteering in earnest. In addition to her support of the ICfL, Patti also volunteers at the Idaho Humane Society -- no doubt spurred on by her commitment to her own dogs, Rudy and Scuby.

Patti found the ICfL's volunteer opportunity online. For more information about the ICfL -- including current volunteer positions -- please visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/volunteer/>.

Patti's favorite types of books are romance, fantasy, and science-fiction. She said, "Reading expands your mind and gives an escape, if needed."

Some of the tasks the more than 80 TBS
volunteers undertake include:

repairing the talking book machines; processing the incoming and outgoing digital cartridges; narrating the locally produced books and magazines; serving as the monitor during the audio recording process; and editing the audio recordings of the locally produced material, so the final audio book sounds as perfect as possible.

Randy Kemp Recommends

Randy Kemp recently joined the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) as Program Supervisor. Prior to the ICfL, Kemp was the regional history librarian at The Community Library in Ketchum.

Kemp said, "Sometimes we need a good chuckle or a hearty laugh. And if, like me, you also appreciate learning about the history of our unique state, then the anecdotes and short stories in the small volume, "It Happened in Idaho," by Randy Stapilus, are worth exploring."

Kemp continued, "With more than 30 stories delivered in his typical humorous style, Stapilus highlights various regions and historical eras of the Gem State in tales of Idaho 'firsts,' such as its early settlers, the shaping of the state, and unique characters who helped form our Idaho of today. These bite-sized stories are enough to whet your appetite to perhaps further explore (with the assistance of a helpful librarian, if needed, of course) the people or places of Idaho. For example, what do you know about "The Midnight Theft of the Capital," "North Kellogg's Priceless Mule," "The Trial of Diamondfield Jack," or "The Last Stoplight"?"

Kemp said, "Even if you grew up in Idaho and know all about the state's history, Stapilus may reveal a unique twist on a familiar tale or perhaps surprise you with a brand new story. Try these tales, and you may find yourself smirking, chuckling, or exuberantly laughing out loud."



ICfL board members and staff at Mackay District Library. Randy Kemp, front, far right.

Popular Reads

The Idaho Library Association chose Emily Ruskovich's "Idaho" as its 2017 "book of the year." Equal parts mystery, suspense, psychological thriller, and family drama, this novel, set in northern Idaho, follows Ann and her husband, Wade, as they navigate memories to try and piece together what happened when Wade's first wife murdered their daughter. This book contains strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex.

Other popular fiction titles include:

"Brotherhood of Evil: The Family Jensen" by William Johnstone

"Detective Cross" by James Patterson

"To Be Where You Are" by Jan Karon

Popular nonfiction titles include:

"The Lost Letters" by Agnes Reid

"This Bloody Deed, the Magruder Incident" by Ladd Hamilton

Talking Book Service **10² Club**

Our centenarians joining the Ten-Squared Club are:

Alice Campbell,

who was born August 11, 1918 and joined the TBS program in 2013.

Margaret Nell Longeteig,

who was born September 23, 1918.

Margaret has read 3,489 books since joining the program in 1995.

Gladys Mosher,

who was born September 7, 1918.

Gladys joined the program in 2015.

Dorothy Poindexter,

who was born September 18, 1918.

Dorothy has read 1,518 books since joining the program in 2009.





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Let's Talk About It (LTAI)

If you live near one of the following libraries, enjoy a Let's Talk About It scholar-led book discussion this coming winter and/or spring:

Blackfoot Public Library, January 30 - March 27, 2019

Grangeville Centennial Library, January 15 - March 26, 2019

Hailey Public Library, March 7 - May 30, 2019

Hansen Community Library, January 23 - March 20, 2019

Idaho Falls Public Library, January 17 - March 21, 2019

Larsen-Sant Public Library (Preston), January 9 - March 6, 2019

McCall Public Library, February 6 - April 3, 2019

Valley of the Tetons (Victor), January 10 - May 9, 2019

Contact the Talking Book Service for a list of the books to be discussed and to request a copy of the book be sent to you.