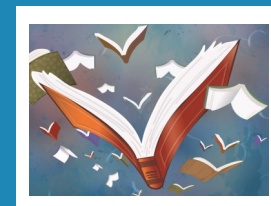


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Talking Book Service News



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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," "Smithsonian," "Consumer Reports," 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>.

Patron Form

Included in the plastic case along with your TBS audiobook cartridge is a patron form. By filling out and returning this form, you can easily make changes to your TBS service. You can request more or fewer books, add or delete subjects, add or delete authors, and/or leave a note about something else. There are tips and information on the back of the form. If you do return a completed patron form with your audiobook cartridge, please include your first and last name so we can amend the correct TBS account and properly carry out your wishes.

Or if you would rather speak with someone to make changes to your TBS account, please call one of our customer service representatives (CSRs) at 800-458-3271. They are available from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT, Monday through Friday, except State of Idaho holidays (those holidays are listed on page 10 of this newsletter). Or email a CSR at: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

We always welcome the opportunity to make the TBS work even better for you. For example, did you know that the service can be temporarily suspended if you are not reading as much or are away from home? There are almost as many ways to customize the TBS service as there are TBS patrons, so don't hesitate to get in touch with a TBS CSR if you would like to change your service.

Thanks to a Patron for His Email Suggestion

We would like to thank TBS patron Kyle Garner for his GREAT suggestion to include the TBS email address in this TBS Connections newsletter. You will now find our email address on page 8 and page 12 (back cover) of the Connections newsletter. Please contact us with comments, suggestions, to make changes to your TBS service, or just to say hello.

We love to hear from our patrons and continuously strive to make your service the best it can be. As a thank you to Kyle, we will send him a logoed TBS mousepad.

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March TBS Book Club

Enjoy discussion and the sharing of ideas with fellow patrons, TBS staff, and TBS volunteers by joining the next TBS Book Club, which will be held **Wednesday, March 30, 2022**, from **10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., MT.**

At the March Book Club, "The Authenticity Project" by Clare Pooley will be discussed. You may order this book on page 5 of this newsletter or contact a TBS customer service representative (CSR). When you are ordering a title for the TBS Book Club, be sure to let us know so we can get the title out to you as soon as possible.

The TBS Book Club will be held via Zoom, <https://zoom.us/join>. The meeting ID number is 89479929398, and the passcode is 926311.

If you are not familiar with Zoom, please call a TBS CSR for information and assistance. You can access the TBS Book Club via the telephone, and a CSR can help you with that. You can call a TBS CSR at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271. Or contact the TBS by email at: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

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10² Club



Our centenarian joining the Ten-Squared Club is:

Pearl Young

who has read 56 books since joining the TBS program in 2016.

Idaho TBS Recording Studio Update

Part of the work done by the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) staff and volunteers includes the production of TBS audiobooks and magazines that have an Idaho theme or connection. These locally produced audiobooks and magazines are recorded in the studio housed at the Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL), home of the Idaho TBS. The editing and parts of the production process are done in-house or remotely by volunteers.

Because of the pandemic, staff changes at the ICfL, and other issues, the production of local books and magazines has slowed over the past two years. 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 and long-time ICfL volunteer Sue Vap are working hard to get back-issues of Idaho magazines and Idaho-themed books recorded and produced so they are available for TBS patrons to enjoy.

Sheila said, "I love the ICfL's volunteer program, and I feel really good about bringing my historical knowledge back to help smooth the transition to a new hire for the volunteer program." Sheila added, "The backlog that the Idaho TBS is experiencing has also been seen at the national level by the National Library Service (NLS). The NLS provides the non-Idaho-produced audiobooks to the Idaho TBS."

By late February or early March 2022, there should be new copies of Idaho-themed magazines available to Idaho TBS patrons.

If you have never read "Idaho Magazine," "Sandpoint Magazine," or the "Overland Journal," check them out. Contact a TBS customer service representative (CSR) to subscribe to these or other magazines, such as the "Smithsonian Magazine."

You can call a CSR at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271. Or email to: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

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 March Book Club:

"The Authenticity Project"

Adult Fiction

Author: Clare Pooley

Read By: Anna Cordell

Julian Jessop, a lonely 79-year-old artist, believes that people aren't really honest with each other. He writes the truth about his own life in a green notebook and leaves it in his local café. Others find the notebook and add truths about their own deepest selves. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB098492**

2020

10 hours, 27 minutes

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

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TBS Order Form

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"The Switch"

Adult Fiction

Author: Beth O'Leary

Read By: Daisy Edgar-Jones

When London dweller Leena Cotton is ordered to take a two-month sabbatical after blowing a big presentation at work, she swaps houses with her grandmother, Eileen, who lives alone in rural Yorkshire. Both need a change but are surprised when the switch offers them a chance for romance. Unrated. commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB100417**

2020

10 hours, 14 minutes

"The Only Woman in the Room"

Adult Fiction

Author: Marie Benedict

Read By: Suzanne Toren

Vienna, 1933. While acting in a play, Hedy Kiesler -- soon to be Hedy Lamarr -- draws the attention of industrialist Friedrich Mandl. Her beauty and marriage to Friedrich save her from the Nazis, and she eventually flees to Hollywood. But her true passion is science and inventing. No exclusions. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller.

_____ **DB093756**

2018

8 hours, 57 minutes

"The Lady and the Highwayman"

Adult Fiction

Author: Sarah M. Eden

Read By: Gabriella Cavallero

London, 1865. By day, Elizabeth Black works as a school headmistress and well-respected author, but by night, under a pseudonym, she writes "Penny Dreadfuls" -- stories all the rage among working-class men. Former street urchin Fletcher Walker is a rival author determined to uncover the truth behind this up-and-coming new talent.

_____ **DB097816**

2019

9 hours, 7 minutes

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"The Therapist"

Adult Fiction

Author: B.A. Paris

Read By: Thomas Judd

Alice and Leo have moved into a newly renovated house in an exclusive community called The Circle. It's everything they dreamed of -- until Alice discovers a devastating secret from her new neighbors. Alice becomes obsessed with piecing together what happened to therapist Nina two years before. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB104147**

2021

10 hours, 4 minutes

"The Judge's List"

Adult Fiction

Author: John Grisham **Read By:** Mary Louise Parker and John Grisham

Lacy Stoltz, from "The Whistler" (DB086026), is thinking about leaving the Florida Board on Judicial Conduct when she's contacted by Jeri Crosby. Jeri's father was murdered 20 years ago, and she believes a current judge was behind it. Lacy must discover the truth. Violence and strong language. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB105337**

2021

11 hours, 36 minutes

"Apples Never Fall"

Adult Fiction

Author: Liane Moriarty

Read By: Caroline Lee

Stan and Joy Delaney have been married for 50 years and have a picture-perfect life. But they're both miserable. When a stranger, Savannah, knocks on their door asking for help, they welcome her in. But soon, Joy is missing, Savannah nowhere to be found, and Stan accused of murder. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

_____ **DB104909**

2021

18 hours, 3 minutes

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To order any of Judy's Gems (page 9), select here:

"A Wild Cowboy"

_____ **VDB00185**

"Isaac's Gun: An American Tale"

_____ **DBC00797**

"Falling"

_____ **DB104510**

"The Switch"

_____ **DB089663**

Judy's Gems

By TBS Customer Service Representative Judy Mooney

Order these books on pages 8 of this newsletter.

"A Wild Cowboy"

Adult Fiction

Author: Heidi Bigler Cole

Read By: Norma Ericson

During the course of a 90-year life, Albert W. Campbell built one of Idaho's largest cattle operations, the Ox Ranch. This is Albert Campbell's story, and the story of his neighbors, an independent-thinking group of cowboys, miners, and moonshiners.

1992

9 hours, 13 minutes

"Isaac's Gun: An American Tale"

Adult Fiction

Author: Dan Strawn

Read By: Sherri Boyce

Summoned to the office of her late grandfather's attorney, Megan Holcomb is presented with a stack of journals and a mysterious locked briefcase. She is informed that her grandparents gave explicit instructions that the briefcase was not to be opened until Megan had read the journals in their entirety. Only when Megan finishes the journals does she understand the significance of the locked briefcase and her family's connection to Idaho. Some strong language.

2011

7 hours, 36 minutes

"Falling"

Adult Fiction

Author: T.J. Newman

Read By: Steven Weber

As he prepares for his next flight, airline pilot Bill Hoffman finds out his wife Carrie and two young children have been taken hostage. The kidnappers want him to crash the plane and leave no survivors -- or his family dies. Bill must find a way for everyone to survive. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller.

2021

8 hours, 29 minutes

"The Switch"

Adult Fiction

Author: Joseph Finder

Read By: Steven Kearney

Michael Tanner accidentally picks up the wrong MacBook in an airport security line. He doesn't notice the mix-up until he arrives home in Boston, when he discovers that the owner is a U.S. senator, and that the laptop contains top secret files. Tanner soon finds himself a hunted man. Strong language, violence. Commercial audiobook.

2017

9 hours, 57 minutes

2022 State of Idaho Holidays

The following are the days in 2022 that the Idaho Talking Book Service office will be **closed** in observance of State of Idaho holidays.

Monday, January 17, 2022 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, February 21, 2022 -- Presidents' Day

Monday, May 30, 2022 -- Memorial Day

Monday, June 20, 2022 -- Juneteenth

Monday, July 4, 2022 -- Independence Day

Monday, September 5, 2022 -- Labor Day

Monday, October 10, 2022 -- Columbus Day

Friday, November 11, 2022 -- Veterans' Day

Thursday, November 24, 2022 -- Thanksgiving

Monday, December 26, 2022 -- Christmas

Other than the above holidays, the TBS customer service representatives can assist from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT, Monday through Friday.

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Our sincere thanks to all who give so generously.



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