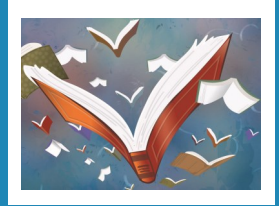


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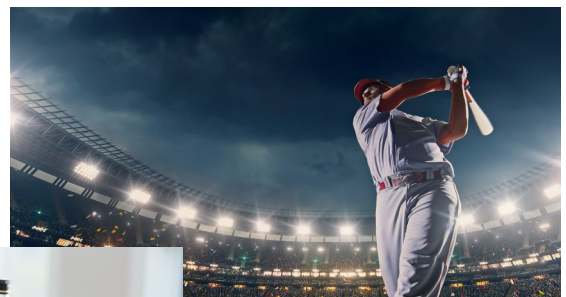
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New Magazines Available from TBS

You probably know that the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) makes more than 100,000 book titles available to TBS patrons. But do you know there are also newspapers and more than 70 magazines that TBS patrons can enjoy?

In fact, there are some newly available magazines, including: "Baseball Digest," "Cooking Light," "Dogster," "Golf Digest," "International Living Magazine," "Prevention Magazine," "Psychology Today," and "Scientific American."



To request a magazine, get a reading recommendation, or much more, contact an Idaho TBS customer service representative via email at talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov or by phone at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271.

Tidbits About BARD

BARD Password – Easier to Reset

Resetting your Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) password has gotten a little easier. You no longer have to use secret questions and answers in order to reset your BARD password. Here are the new steps to reset your BARD password:

1. Via your internet browser, access the BARD website at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/login//NLS> (do not use the BARD mobile app).
2. Click on the "reset your BARD password here" link.
3. On the "reset your lost password" page, enter the email address you use for your BARD account and click the "submit" button.
4. You will receive an email from BARD. Click on the link in the email to create a new password. This link will **expire in one hour**, so be sure to create your new password quickly.

Keeping Your BARD Account Active

Whether you use the BARD website, BARD Express, or BARD Mobile, please remember that you must download at least one book or magazine **every six months** to keep your account active. Contact an Idaho TBS customer service representative if you need assistance with your BARD account.

BARD Mobile -- Search Feature

There have been some upgrades to the "search" feature in the BARD Mobile app to make it more user friendly. You can now search by "keyword," "title," "author," or "annotation" (book description). You can choose audio or braille and sort your results by "title," "author," or "latest books." After your search, you can now download directly from your search results. You no longer have to add the book to your "wish list" first.

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Bug -- BARD Mobile Android

The BARD Mobile Android app has a bug that prevents users from downloading from their "wish list." The National Library Service is working to fix this issue. In the meantime, you can download from your "wish list" via the BARD website at <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/login//NLS>.

BARD Mobile Kindle Fire Version Released

The National Library Service (NLS) has released BARD Mobile Kindle Fire version 1.4.5. This is the first in a series of releases designed to support native Amazon Kindle Fire OS development and Amazon accessibility functions including VoiceView for screen reader and braille output support.

The new release supports most Kindle Fire tablet models released 2019-2022:

Fire HD 8 (2018) – KFKAWI
Fire 7 (2019) – KFMUWI
Fire HD 10 (2019) – KFMAWI
Fire HD 8 (2020) – KFONWI
Fire HD 10 (2021) – KFTRWI
Fire HD 10 Plus (2021) – KFTRPWI
Fire HD 8 (2022) – KFRAWI

Patrons can confirm their device model by going to their tablet's "settings" menu, selecting "device options," and looking for the device model listed under "device model" or "about fire tablet."

Patrons using supported devices can access the BARD Mobile app software update in the Amazon App Store <https://www.amazon.com/Library-of-Congress-BARD-Mobile/dp/B016760320>.

Longtime users of Amazon Kindle Fire tablets may notice some changes in the layout and design. As part of NLS's strategy to harmonize BARD Mobile applications across iOS, Android, and Kindle Fire, the BARD Mobile tabs are now located at the bottom.

Spanish-Language Webpage

There is now a Spanish-language webpage available for TBS patrons and/or their family members. There is general TBS information, lists of resources in Spanish, and the webpage provides an easy way to access Spanish-language materials. Visit the webpage here: <https://www.loc.gov/nls/es/>.

Read Alikes for Spring

If you are getting a little bored with the same old authors, here are some choices that might be new to you. These options are grouped by authors with a similar style or genre. Or call a TBS customer service representative -- they love talking about books and authors and are always happy to provide reading recommendations.

If you like **Lee Child**, try:

David Baldacci
James Lee Burke
Michael Connelly
Barry Eisler
Vince Flynn
Stephen Hunter

If you like **John Grisham**, try:

William Bernhardt
James Grippando
John Lescroart
Steve Martini
Brad Meltzer
Lisa Scottoline

If you like **J.A. Jance**, try:

Michael Connelly
Lisa Gardner
Tess Gerritsen
John Sandford
Tamar Myers

If you like **Nora Roberts**, try:

Elizabeth Adler
Suzanne Brockmann
Sandra Brown
Jayne Ann Krentz
JoAnn Ross

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>.

Newly Available Locally Produced Books:

"Sparrow"

Adult Fiction**Author:** Rod Scurlock**Read By:** Carla Stern

Trapped in a cave by a tremendous blizzard with a bullet wound in his leg, Deputy Blevin's chances for survival are getting slimmer by the minute. Blacky, the outlaw who had shot him, is up on the mountain above him and the only escape route is along the slippery narrow ledge high above the depths of the canyon below. Driven by the desire for justice for the slain Sheriff, his only comfort is the wounded sparrow he had rescued from the deep snow and thoughts of the beautiful Cindy.

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Newly Available Locally Produced Books:

"Sunday's Promise"

Adult Fiction

Author: Janice Hildreth

Read By: Becky Borczon

As a preacher's daughter, Miranda McKinnon has always trusted that things happen for a reason, but when she finds her fiancé kissing another woman and is faced with an accusation that could tear her dad's church apart, Miranda realized she needs a place to reassess her life. Vowing never to succumb to heartache again, Miranda flees to her grandmother's house in Emmett, Idaho, in hopes of finding peace from the turmoil within. Just when she gets comfortable with the decision to give up men and reclaim her life, she notices the handsome new pastor Joel Maxwell and his adorable three-year-old son Cricket. As their friendship deepens, Miranda finally admits that a devastating circumstance from her past has held her back from ever truly giving her heart. She is forced to choose between exposing the long-buried secret or keeping it to herself and avoiding the risk of rejection.

_____ **DBC00869**

2009

6 hours, 23 minutes

"Goliath Staggered"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Steve Bunk

Read By: Maryan Stephens

Linwood Laughy and Karen "Borg" Hendrickson weren't looking for a war. It came to them. Nearing retirement in a lovely home on acreage above a wild and scenic river in Idaho, the couple discovered that hundreds of "megaloads" of mining machinery, as big as three-story buildings, would soon transform their bucolic corridor into an industrial highway to the tar sands of Alberta, Canada. They started a grassroots campaign, which was mirrored by another movement in neighboring Montana. Pitted against the combined powers of government and the world's richest industry, the people fought for years. And they won. This book gives a blow-by-blow account of that stirring triumph.

_____ **DBC00926**

2014

9 hours, 23 minutes

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"The Enemy Never Came: Civil War in the Pacific Northwest"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Scott McArthur

Read By: Barry Estes

Although the Pacific Northwest was the area furthest removed from the actual battles of the Civil War, it was nonetheless profoundly affected by the war. "The Enemy Never Came" examines the everyday lives of the volunteer soldiers who battled Native American renegades of the region and of the settlers who were deeply affected by the war yet unable to do much about it.

Pacific Northwest pioneers soon chose sides, most allying with the North, others supporting the southern states' right to withdraw from the union. Still others attempted to ignore the entire issue of the War between the States, leaving "that problem" to the folks back east.

Because communication with the rest of the nation was slow and tenuous during the early years of the war, the early settlers of what are now Oregon, Washington, and Idaho concentrated on controlling the restive Native Americans whose land and society had been overwhelmed by white settlers.

These same settlers, however, nonetheless vigorously argued politics and worried about invaders from the south, from the British colonies to the north, and from the sea -- none of whom ever materialized.

_____ **DBC00854**

2012

9 hours, 56 minutes

Summer Reading

This year's summer reading theme at your public library is "all together now." You can find audiobooks and more that support this theme. Or get reading recommendations from your public library staff and/or a TBS customer service representative.

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To order any of the books from "Judy's Gems" on pages 9-10, select here:

"The Great Mistake"

_____ **DB103870**

"Private Justice: Newpointe 911"

_____ **DB093217**

"Between Sisters"

_____ **DB058727**

"The Girl in the Painting"

_____ **DB110416**

Judy's Gems

by TBS Customer Service Representative Judy Mooney

Order these books on page 8 of this newsletter.

"The Great Mistake"

Adult Fiction

Author: Jonathan Lee

Read By: Graham Halstead

On Friday the 13th, November 1903, Andrew Haswell Green – a key figure behind the development of New York City landmarks, including Central Park – was killed in broad daylight by a stranger. It was neither a political act nor a crime of passion. It was a mistake. Unrated.

2021

9 hours, 44 minutes

"Private Justice: Newpointe 911"

Adult Fiction

Author: Terri Blackstock

Read By: J. Charles

A dark shadow of fear has fallen over Newpointe, Louisiana. First one, then another of the town firefighters' wives has been murdered, and a third has barely escaped an attempt on her life. Mark Branning's marriage is troubled, but he is determined to keep his wife safe. Some violence. Commercial audiobook.

1998

11 hours, 1 minute

"Between Sisters"

Adult Fiction

Author: Kristen Hannah

Read By: Mary Beth Wise

Time and differences have kept divorce lawyer Meghann Dontess and her sister, Claire, from the closeness they shared during a difficult childhood. Reunited for Claire's wedding, they establish new bonds, and Meghann finds herself falling in love as well. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language.

2003

13 hours, 1 minute

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Judy's Gems

by TBS Customer Service Representative Judy Mooney

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"The Girl in the Painting"

Adult Fiction

Author: Tea Cooper

Read By: Casey Withoos

Australia, 1906: Orphan Jane Piper is nine years old when philanthropist siblings Michael and Elizabeth Quinn take her into their home to further her schooling. The Quinns are no strangers to hardship. Having arrived in Australia as penniless immigrants, they now care for others as lost as they once were. Despite Jane's mysterious past, her remarkable aptitude for mathematics takes her far over the next seven years, and her relationship with Elizabeth and Michael flourishes as she plays an increasingly prominent part in their business. But when Elizabeth reacts in terror to an exhibition at the local gallery, Jane realizes no one knows Elizabeth after all -- not even Elizabeth herself. As the past and present converge and Elizabeth's grasp on reality loosens, Jane sets out to unravel her story before it's too late. From the gritty reality of the Australian goldfields to the grand institutions of Sydney, this compelling novel presents a mystery that spans continents and decades as both women finally discover a place to call home. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

2023

11 hours, 19 minutes

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10² Club



Our centenarians joining the Ten-Squared Club are:

Fay Gilkey

who has read 1,408 books since joining the TBS in 2013.

Florence Griffin

who has read 156 books since joining the TBS in 2018.

Virginia Stanley

who has read 569 books since joining the TBS in 2016.

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Spring Cleaning



While spring cleaning, if you find TBS cartridges you forgot about, we'd appreciate it if you'd send them back.