

Idaho Talking Book Service Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 11, 2024

2 – 3pm MST (Virtual)

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Meeting Purpose: To remain current with Talking Book Service items

Meeting Guidelines:

- We take a statewide view on topics
- We listen as allies
- We follow the agenda
- We come away with next steps

Desired Outcomes:

- Share information and updates with each other
- Learn more about the National Library Service (NLS)
- Understand the 2024 work plan
- Finalize the term expiration from 2023

Meeting Leader: LeAnn Gelskey

Facilitator: Stephanie Bailey – White

Recorder: Dylan Richmond

Time	Agenda Item	Who	Action	Length
2:00 pm	Meeting set-up: meeting guidelines , agenda	All	Review, Agree	5 min.
2:05 pm	Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special Guest, Pam Davenport, NLS Senior Network Consultant	All	Share	5 min.
2:10 pm	National Library Service Updates and Q&A time with Pam	All	Share	15 min.
2:25 pm	TBS 2024 Work Plan	LeAnn	Review	10 min.
2:35 pm	2023 Term Expiration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alison Steven	LeAnn	Discuss	5 min.
2:40 pm	TBS Summer Reading 2024	Candace	Share	5 min.
2:45 pm	TBS Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Survey 2024• Outreach 2024	All	Share, Discuss	5 min.
2:50 pm	Committee Member Updates	All	Share	10 min.
	Meeting review: +/-, next steps, topics for next meeting	All	Review	5 min.
3:00 pm	Adjourn			

Attendees: Stephanie Bailey-White, Leann Gelskey, Pamela Davenport, Steve Achabal, Lynn Johnson, Catherine Stanton, Dana Ard, Erin Rainey, Travis Wilson, Judy Mooney, Rachel Welker, Dylan Richmond

Next meeting: July/August 2024 TBD

Introductions

Special Guest, Pam Davenport, NLS Senior Network Consultant:

LeAnn introducing Dylan, new TBS CSR. LeAnn introducing Pam Davenport, NLS Senior Network Consultant and inviting her to share NLS updates.

National Library Service Updates and Q&A time with Pam: Pam let us know that she is planning on rescheduling her earlier planned visit to Boise. She shared our yearly work plan with other folks at NLS, they are excited about the plan and have some follow up questions for LeAnn.

NLS has officially announced that they are moving D.C. offices to the Adams building – the oldest building on the Library of Congress campus!

The National NLS conference will be in DC on Sept. 10-12. There will be a virtual as well as in-person components.

The next NLS virtual orientation will be in October.

Pam plugged the Many Faces of Bard and Braille E-readers – both are popular with users and an important resource. Stressing the importance of Braille literacy – for some folks with blindness, that is their central link to literacy. NLS has expanded E-Reader program, and they can be used with other personal devices. Technical questions can be directed to pes@loc.gov.

Discussing smart speaker pilot – inviting us to be involved.

BARD 2: Enhancement to BARD is coming soon and will be rolled out to patrons first. We can still perform all necessary admin functions on BARD 1. New features include robust search engine and ability for advanced searching, patrons will be able to search recently added, popular downloads, and will be able to refine searches by format, language, and subject. Wishlists, reading history, subscriptions, and account settings will be under one menu. Patrons will have the opportunity to disable reading history. Download syncing between devices will also be enabled. Testing has been positive and NLS is excited to roll out.

Question from Lynn: Do we have marketing materials for the E-Readers?

Answer: Yes, NLS has some varied materials that Pam will send to us

Question from Stephanie: When will the DA2's be in service?

Answer: They are still beta-testing, but the hope is that they will be deployed beginning in early 2025.

Question from Stephanie: Any upcoming national marketing or promotions we can look forward to participating in?

Answer: Pam doesn't have direct oversight on that, but she will pass that along to outreach team.

TBS 2024 Work Plan: LeAnn introduced Work Plan, highlighting plan to upload 12 locally produced titles, participate again in Summer Reading Program, updated TBS customer satisfaction survey, mailing list to targeted residents, and annual outreach target 24 in 24 – 24 care facilities in 2024. We are on track to roll out new logo and website.

Questions from Dana: What exclusions make books more accessible to users? Is there a way that we can send the info on the books listed on TBS calendar in a more accessible setting? Utah has a Braille calendar – could that be an option?

TBS Summer Reading 2024: The theme for this year is “Adventure Begins at Your Library”. Relying partly on NLS programming for summer reading – Kickoff event June 24th, event scheduled for July 18th, and an author talk with Angeline Bouleley. All patrons are invited to participate. Possibility of getting the word out to schools.

TBS Updates

Survey 2024: Survey will be going out in spring TBS newsletter, available via a link online, and folks can also call in and complete with the help of a TBS rep. Open between May 1st-June 14th

Outreach 2024: Annual outreach target: 24 in 24 – 24 facilities in 2024. We sent out flyers and called on facilities. We are working on expanding efforts but having some issues with connecting with folks. Lynn expressed that they are having similar issues – facilities directors seem reticent to accept outreach efforts. Possibility of partnering with bookmobile efforts to allow for more widespread reach. Continue to partner with local libraries on care facility visits and ensure facilities know that the library is a local resource and liaison to our services.

Dana offered some insight: Staffing shortages compounded by COVID at many of these places put strain on existing staff. They may view outreach efforts as “just another task”.

Term Expirations: Alison Steven – Alison is previously retired, but will be contracting with ICBVI. She would like to be considered for an extension of her term.

TBS Updates:

Committee Member Updates:

Dana: Cycle for Independence is coming up on May 18th, always a great fundraiser. Different routes for different ability levels and meal provided afterwards.

Erin

Steve: ICBVI is seeing an increase in referrals and gearing up for summer programs, educational programs, etc. Rehabilitation teachers are fully staffed. In between educational sessions folks are able to listen to lesson plans on the TBS players

Travis: VA Rapid Application – folks so far have not been very interested, likely due to age and tech constraints. He is familiar and confident that they will be able to use the application effectively.

VA has National Blind Rehab Service Conference in May, Blinded Veterans Assn Conference is in July. Plugged Northwest Assn for Blind Athletes.

Catherine

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Agenda items for next meeting: Date determined by summer reading, start of school and other factors. When is best time? July? August?

Question from Dana: Is TBS affected by HB710?

Answer from LeAnn: Not yet – there is a possibility that folks could challenge books.