

Idaho Talking Book Service Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2023

1pm – 2pm (Virtual)

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:

- Receive NLS updates and grant updates
- Solicit ideas for 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Share information and updates with each other

Meeting Leader: LeAnn Gelskey

Facilitator: Marina Rose, ICfL

Recorder: Judy Mooney

Time	Agenda Item	Who	Action	Length
1:00 p.m.	Meeting set-up: meeting guidelines , agenda	All	Review, Agree	5 min.
1:05 p.m.	Icebreaker activity & Quincie Graduation	Marina, All	Share, Discuss	10 min.
1:15 p.m.	NLS Updates and NLS Western Regional Conference Summary	LeAnn	Share	15 min.
1:30 p.m.	That All May Read Grants	LeAnn	Share	5 min.
1:35 p.m.	TBS Updates Brainstorm ideas for 50 th Anniversary Celebration	All	Brainstorm	5 min.
1:40 p.m.	Committee Member Updates	All	Share	15 min.
1:55 p.m.	Meeting review: +/-Δ, next steps, topics for next meeting	All	Review	5 min.
2:00 p.m.	Adjourn			

Attendees: Steve Achabal, Dana Ard, LeAnn Gelskey, Quincie Mattick, Erin Rainey, Catherine Stanton, Alison Steven, Travis Wilson, Lynn Johnson, Judy Mooney, Marina Rose.

Icebreaker activity: “What is your Favorite activity to do in the summer?”

NLS Updates and NLS Western Regional Conference Summary:

- NLS has a Spanish language web site.
- NLS has redesigned the catalog. Patrons can directly request books to add to the NLS collection. They have advanced search and have made it easier to use.
- NLS continues with patron programs. There is a focus on summer reading.
- LeAnn attended the NLS Western Conference in April and offered a report from NLS Director, Jason Broughton. His focus is on growth, retention, and maintenance. He refers to his vision as the ‘Era of Enhancement’. Strategic outreach is also a priority. Nationwide trends reflect an increase in circulation but a decrease in overall patrons.
- NLS will have workshops available on graphic novels.
- NLS continues to work on E-Readers, braille, and text to speech.
- NLS has hired a new person to focus on JAWs as part of the braille modernization project.
- Xpress braille is an easy/quick conversion method and used for mixed content (Braille+)
- Pam Davenport from NLS encouraged all network libraries to participate/promote the summer reading programs. The theme is “All Together Now.”
- NLS foreign language is now called international language and Navajo/Hopi language is being added.
- NLS has added more children’s Spanish books.
- NLS is working on books for Dyslexic.
- Navajo news will be uploaded to Newslite. Idaho TBS can upload our Newsletter to Newslite.

LeAnn Updates: At the last meeting, Quincie suggested doing a mailing to disability facilities. Allison Maier and LeAnn sent out boxes with TBS information to 19 disability facilities around the state.

That All May Read Grants Reports. We are midway through the current grant cycle. Libraries are promoting TBS at farmer markets and community events around the state. A lot of the funds have been used to purchase large print books.

Brainstorm ideas for 50th Anniversary Celebration:

- Rebecca suggested we use next year’s calendar to celebrate our 50th anniversary by showcasing locally produced titles.

- Dana would like to see some history in the calendar and how the legislation was approved 50 years ago. She will contact a couple of friends that were around at that time to gather input.
- Other ideas included gathering statements from patrons that have used the service for a long time, create a video and upload it to YouTube, and a gubernatorial proclamation.

Committee Member Updates:

Allison - Focusing on the summer youth programs and the college days program.

Dana - Attended the NFB Idaho Convention in April at the Riverside Hotel and offered an update on activities, attendance, etc.

Erin - Would like a Newslite presentation for teachers in the state. LeAnn will send contact info to her.

Steve – Also preparing for summer programs as well as working on end of the fiscal year reports. The state is switching to a new system called Luma and he’s taking classes in preparation of the transition.

Travis - Working with 300 plus veterans and Commission for the Blind evaluations. He will be attending the blind veterans conference in August.

Catherine – Busy with their summer reading program.

Lynn – Echoed being busy with a summer reading program. Also preparing for their grand opening of the book mobile in Lewiston, Saturday, June 17th

Quincie - Reading a lot for the RUB program. Congratulations to Quincie for graduating from ISU with honors!!

Agenda items for next meeting: Lynn requested disability advocacy.

Plus, delta:

- Great agenda and staying right on time.
- Ice breaker was fun.

Next meeting: Previously scheduled for September 6, 2023 (Virtual). LeAnn will send a survey for best time/date.