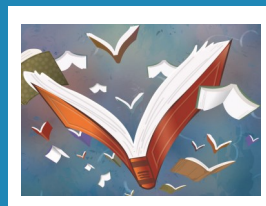


# Connections

## Talking Book Service News



## **TBS Satisfaction Survey Coming in Early May**

In early May, the staff of the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) will mail a satisfaction survey to all TBS patrons. The survey can also be filled out online: <https://form.jotform.com/232766866118164>.

We want to find out what you like -- and maybe what you don't -- about the TBS. We hope you will take a few minutes to share your honest feedback regarding the TBS. Your answers will remain anonymous.

"Patron feedback is invaluable to help us move forward and improve as we work to provide the best audiobook library service possible," said TBS Program Manager LeAnn Gelskey.

The survey is due by June 14, 2024. The results will be shared in the fall 2024 Connections newsletter.

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### **New BARD Download Limits**

There is a new download limit when utilizing the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD). A patron may download no more than 250 books and/or magazines in any rolling 30-day period regardless of the format or the BARD interface used. The authorization limit is calculated by adding up the number of "unique titles" downloaded -- so, a patron could download the same title on additional devices in that same 30-day period without that download counting against the limit for each device.

## Summer Reading Author Talks Kick Off June 24

Along with the National Library Service (NLS) and Idaho's public libraries, the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) is again participating in the national summer reading program. This year, the theme is "Adventure Begins in Your Library."

The NLS will host online author talks via Zoom. They kick off June 24 and run through August 9.

To participate or find out more, call a TBS customer service representative at 208-334-2150 or send an email to [talkingbooks.idaho.gov](mailto:talkingbooks.idaho.gov). Once you let TBS know that you intend to participate, you will be sent a list of optional titles to help inspire your own exploration of this year's summer reading theme, along with a form to record the books you read this summer.

At the end of the summer, send in your form via mail or email. Or just call the Idaho TBS and let us know you've completed the challenge. You will receive a reading certificate and a prize. Happy summer reading!



photo: headphones, book, swimming pool

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**10<sup>2</sup> Club**



Our centenarians joining the Ten-Squared Club are:

**Deloss Anderson**

who has read 307 books since joining the TBS in 2018.

**Loyal Pumphrey**

who has read 1,020 books since joining the TBS in 2014.

## TBS Order Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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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(s) of the title(s) you want. Then, mail the form (pages 3 through 6). 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>.

### Locally Produced Books:

#### **"Beyond the Yellow Brick Road: Northern Oz" Young Adult Fiction**

**Author:** Vincent Kelly

**Read By:** Susie Johnson

Long ago the wonderous land of Oz was discovered by generations of children and adults alike. But what few people knew was across the great desert and beyond the most northern territories of Oz was a land long ago forgotten. That land was Northern Oz. Once connected to all the counties within Oz by the yellow brick road, it became forever separated by an evil spell cast by a wicked sorceress. She covered the great desert with a dreary, dense fog that thwarted any attempt at crossing. Since then, Northern Oz has existed only as a memory, passed down from one generation to the next ... until now! So come join Kristi and her friends -- Obo the street clown; Oddbitz the car crash dummy; Timba, who is half man half wolf; and the floating, darting Wim, the little Wimbididee -- as they journey through the exciting and magical lands of Northern Oz.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00907**

**2012**

**9 hours, 52 minutes**

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## TBS Order Form

### **"River of January"**

**Adult Nonfiction**

**Author:** Gail Chumbley

**Read By:** Donna Pitzer

He ached to fly, while she trained tirelessly for the stage. Part One of the two volume "River of January" examines the dizzying development of the 20th century through the lives of Virginia farm boy Montgomery "Chum" Chumbley in his quest to fly, and Helen Thomson, a glittering New York dancer who aspired to fame. Hailing from rustic beginnings, Chum challenged the U.S. Navy's rigorous flight program, receiving his wings in 1927. A pilot in the early days of aviation, he won the 1933 Darkness Derby, a night race from Los Angeles to New York. His world of aviation introduced acquaintances including Amelia Earhart, Helen Hayes, and Howard Hughes. Helen Thompson, too, rose from precarious beginnings. Pushed by a resolute stage mother, the beautiful and versatile dancer performed on three continents, crossing paths with the likes of Humphrey Bogart, Sophie Tucker, Maurice Chevalier, and mobster Charles "Lucky" Luciano. This true saga carries readers around the globe, chugging on rail cars, cruising on ocean liners, and racing in airplanes. Follow the dancer as she finds success on countless stages and the pilot from silent cockpits as they eventually find each other and true love in Rio de Janeiro. Unrated.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00906**

**2014**

**10 hours, 3 minutes**

### **"Pathway of Dreams: Building the Boise Greenbelt"**

**Adult Nonfiction**

**Author:** David Proctor

**Read By:** Colette Cowman

This is the story -- with all its complications and controversies -- of the construction of one of the great municipal assets in the United States, the greenbelt park area along the Boise River, which extends many miles directly through the center of Idaho's largest metropolitan area.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00950**

**2016**

**4 hours, 47 minutes**

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## TBS Order Form

### **"The Warden's Son: Growing Up at the Idaho State Penitentiary"**

**Adult Nonfiction**

**Author:** Jerry Clapp

**Read By:** John Held

When Jerry Clapp's father became warden of the Idaho State Penitentiary in 1945, the young boy quickly learned the rules and boundaries of roaming one of the most dangerous grounds in the West. Through his school years, Jerry would become the confidante of many a wild tale from friendly inmates -- an old man serving life for multiple assassinations, a beautiful teenager in the woman's prison, and an incarcerated war hero who become a lifelong role model. These are the stories Jerry would tell his grandchildren -- from chilling recollections of riots, escapes, and hangings to the profound remembrances of inmates, guards, and the warden. This fascinating "family portrait" truly brings the Old Idaho Penitentiary roaring back to life.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00961**

**2021**

**3 hours, 38 minutes**

### **"B.C. Blues: a Sierra Scott Mystery"**

**Adult Fiction**

**Author:** Sylissa Franklin

**Read By:** Kris Query

It started out as a typical gal's party weekend. But instead of shopping, eating, and seeing the sights, Sierra and Joan find themselves searching for a killer. Maybe someone else would leave this for the police, but this involved family. Asking questions and following hunches leads them to former lovers and strange, twisted family ties. They soon find themselves in a cat-and-mouse game that takes them from the Golden Triangle in downtown Vancouver up to Whistler, the premier skiing resort, and down the mountain again. It's winner takes all as Sierra and Joan struggle to stay one step ahead of a deadly adversary who doesn't like to lose. Some strong language.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DBC00962**

**2017**

**7 hours, 35 minutes**

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For assistance, or to comment about the Idaho Talking Book Service, please call **800-458-3271** weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. MT, or send an email to: [talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov).

To order this newsletter on cartridge:

\_\_\_\_\_ "Connections: Idaho Talking Book Service News" on cartridge

To order this newsletter in braille:

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For an audio version, PDF, or to subscribe to this newsletter via email, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs>. To download this newsletter via the online catalog, search: "Connections, Idaho Talking Book Service News."

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photo: scenic -- spring  
flowers in a field

If you want to make a change to your service -- maybe you need more books or you want to try a new author -- contact a TBS customer service representative for assistance.

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## **Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service**

(January through March 2024)

### **General Donations:**

Thelma Anderson	Dorothy Griffiths	John & Marilyn Nelson
Lucy Bean	Theresa Gross	Joan Perdue
Sherlene Cove	Margaret Mortensen	Gayle Stover
Pat Doshier	Shirley Murphy	Billie Woods
Dorothy Gilbert	Patricia Myklebust	

Carma Morgan in honor of Sylvan Morgan

### **Memorial Donations:**

Jack & Carol Beall in memory of Betty Myrum  
Julianne Ruby in memory of Calvin Ruby  
Nicole & Kent Ussery in memory of Betty Myrum

Donations are fully tax deductible, as allowed by law.

Make checks payable to the Idaho Commission for Libraries and mail to:

Idaho Talking Book Service  
325 W. State Street / 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 "Donate to the ICfL" button.

**Our sincere thanks to all who give so generously.**

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## **TBS Advertising this Spring**

Television commercials for the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) will air in most areas of the state this spring. In northern Idaho, advertising will be conducted via digital platforms. (You might encounter a TBS ad while playing a game on your device.)



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Customer service representatives (CSRs) are available to assist TBS patrons **Monday through Friday** from **8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. MT**, except State of Idaho holidays.

**208-334-2150 / 800-458-3271**

**email: [talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov)**

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### **Contribute to the 2025 Calendar**

If you would like to contribute to the 2025 TBS calendar, send an email to [talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov) with your suggestion of a book (or books) to feature in the calendar.

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### **TBS Continually Has New Titles**

The Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) usually receives new titles two or three months after the hardcopy edition comes out. If you want to read the latest releases, contact a TBS customer service rep to adjust your service. They can also help you access the online catalog to search for titles.