

Updates to BARD Express

The National Library Service (NLS) has released BARD Express, version 3.0.0.7. This version includes the BARD Express Player, through which a patron can choose an audiobook or magazine from their BARD Express bookshelf and listen to it directly on their computer.

If you are unfamiliar with BARD Express, it is an easy way to access the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD). Patrons use BARD Express to browse thousands of audiobooks and magazines. The titles can be downloaded to a patron's Windows-based computer and transferred to a TBS cartridge or a USB drive. BARD Express simplifies the downloading process by utilizing a menu-driven interface, which reduces the need for patrons to memorize a complex set of keyboard commands.

For assistance with BARD Express, contact a TBS customer service representative at 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271. Or you can send an email to: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

For more about BARD, visit the National Library Service website at: <https://www.loc.gov/nls/services-and-resources/catalog-and-bard/>.

Audie Award Finalists

The Audie Awards® is the premier awards program in the United States recognizing distinction in audiobooks and spoken-word entertainment. Finalists for the 2025 Audie will be announced March 4, 2025.

To order some of these titles, see page six of this newsletter. If the title is not listed, please contact a TBS customer service representative to request the title. For more info, visit <https://www.audiopub.org/audie-awards>.

Finalists for the 2025 Audie include the following:

Autobiography/Memoir:

"My Name is Barbra" (Barbra Streisand)

"The Third Gilmore Girl: A Memoir" (Kelly Bishop)

Faith-Based:

"The American Queen"

"Do the New You"

"Mostly What God Does" (by Savannah Guthrie)

Fiction:

"The Ministry of Time"

"The Women"

History/Biography:

"Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space"

"Codename Nemo"

"The Demon of Unrest"

"The Loves of Theodore Roosevelt: The Women Who Created the President"

"The Showman"

"When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day"

Literary Fiction and Classics:

"James"

"The Mighty Red"

Mystery:

"Listen for the Lie"

"Still See You Everywhere"

Nonfiction:

"The Situation Room"

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To order any of the titles 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 208-334-2150 / 800-458-3271 or visit: <http://NLSbard.loc.gov>.

“Wilderness Brothers: Prospecting, Horse Packing, and Homesteading on the Western Frontier”

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Wayne G. Minshall

Read By: Colette Cowman

The book traces the lives of Luman Caswell, his two brothers Ben and Dan, and their close associates A.O. Huntley and Wesley Ritchey during the time leading up to and following their discovery of gold on Thunder Mountain. Thunder Mountain is located in central Idaho within the present-day Frank Church Wilderness. The book includes their 2,500-mile odyssey, by buckboard wagon and horseback, from western Colorado, across Utah and Nevada, and into Idaho. The Thunder Mountain stampede of the early 1900s (which the Caswells triggered) was the last major gold rush in the region. However, the emphasis of this account is on self-reliance and day-to-day activities and adventures of the times, rather than on the rush per se. “Wilderness Brothers” captures the spirit of the times from a different perspective than other books of this genre.

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2012

9 hours, 48 minutes

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"The Multiple Murders of Mary Kelley Campbell"

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Ruby Campbell Stroschein

Read By: Carla Stern

Janel Campbell was 11 years old when her mother, Mary, was murdered. After 60 years of banishment from family conversation and memory, Janel gives the backdrop of her mother's life, from the farm in southeast Idaho to her brutal murder in King County, Washington, on March 8, 1961. Mary was a high-spirited Irish girl, a devout Mormon, a compassionate Christian. Mary was nicknamed "Mary Sunshine" by her sisters because every morning she would run to all the windows and pull back the curtains to let the warmth and light of the morning sun pour into the house. Mary was executed by members of her church. She was found bludgeoned and shot in the head by her 12-year-old son. This is a heartbreaking story of a mother gone too soon. Some strong language and violence.

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2020

7 hours, 50 minutes

"Heavy Metal"

Adult Fiction

Author: C.R. Willie

Read By: Sue Vap

Deep in the bowels of the Samaria Mountains, Jack Crampton labors in search of the "mother lode." He knew he was getting close when the last blaster revealed evidence of lead, silver, and an enormous deposit of a grayish, chalky mineral. This worthless mineral Jack discovered turns out to be the catalyst to a heart-pounding thriller that leads from the legend of the Iron Door through the Bay of Pigs disaster to the brink of nuclear war. The prologue sets the stage for this historical fiction novel, which may cause the reader to wonder about a much different world than the one that exists today – had this tale turned out differently.

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2014

17 hours, 55 minutes

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"Murder Under the Microscope"

Adult Fiction

Author: Jane Bennett Munro

Read By: Rebecca Stern

Dr. Antoinette Day is a young, successful pathologist who has no idea what awaits her when Dr. Sally Shore arrives at Perrine Memorial Hospital in Twin Falls, Idaho, to fill in for a colleague recovering from a heart attack. Toni's life is about to become a living hell. Dr. Shore is supposed to see patients, perform surgeries, and take turns covering the emergency room. But unfortunately, she uses her temporary role as an opportunity to discredit Toni and tarnish her reputation with her colleagues. When the visiting surgeon is conveniently murdered, Toni is the obvious suspect. But Toni is not going down without a fight. Forced to solve the murder in order to save her future, Toni's life becomes even more complicated when her ex-boyfriend starts stalking her and threatening her husband. Some strong language, violence, and descriptions of sex.

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"Monday's New Beginning"

Adult Fiction

Author: Janice Hildreth

Read By: Colette Cowman

Life has been tough for Chloe Evans since the death of her husband almost two years before. Moving to a different city, starting a new business, and getting the hang of being a single parent left Chloe exhausted. Matters are made worse when the contractor she hires to remodel her daycare, Deke Hudson, turns out to be too gorgeous to ignore. The last thing she needs is a new man in her life. But when Chloe's teenage son, Zach, is under suspicion of being involved in a local drug ring and someone tries to burn down the daycare -- with Chloe and Zach inside -- she's glad Deke's not a man who runs from problems.

_____ DBC00936 2010 6 hours, 1 minute

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Audie Award Finalists

"My Name is Barbra"

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"Mostly What God Does"

_____ DB120654

"The Women"

_____ DB118896

"The Situation Room"

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To request a different Audie Award title, contact a TBS customer service rep.

Recent Donations to the Idaho TBS

(October 2024 - January 2025)

General Donations:

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10² Club



Our centenarian joining the Ten-Squared Club is:

Betty Ortega

who has read 1,020 books since joining the TBS in 2017.