

## Changes Coming to the Idaho TBS

Some changes are coming to the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS), but they will not impact the superior service you receive. In fact, you won't have to do anything to continue utilizing TBS just as you always have.

In mid-September, the Idaho TBS will partner with the Utah State Library to provide reader's advisory services and handle devices and other mailings. Instead of connecting with a customer service representative based in Boise, you will talk (or email) with a reader's advisor based in Salt Lake City. These professionals will have access to your account and can make any requested changes to your service, such as adding genres or increasing the number of audiobooks you receive.

As their title suggests, these reader's advisors can help you find your next great read. They will be available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT. Until September 15, continue to call 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271. (You will reach staff in Idaho until September 15.) After September 15, please call Utah directly at 800-453-4293 and/or email the Utah staff at [blind@utah.gov](mailto:blind@utah.gov).

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You will still have access to more than 100,000 fiction and nonfiction titles in the TBS audiobook collection, along with nearly 70 magazines. The way you receive your audiobooks – directly to and from your residence via the USPS and/or downloaded through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) – won't change either.

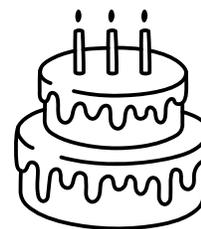
In addition to the TBS resources you already enjoy, the Idaho partnership with Utah will give you access to more than 16,000 large-print books. Let us know if you are interested in large-print titles, and we will get you signed up to receive them.

Staff in Idaho and Utah are working hard to make this transition as seamless as possible for our valued Idaho TBS patrons. Our goal is that this restructuring will not impact your TBS experience at all. But if you have issues, questions, or concerns, please contact Talking Book Manager LeAnn Gelskey at [leann.gelskey@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:leann.gelskey@libraries.idaho.gov).

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Talking Book Service

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



Our centenarian joining the 10-Squared Club is:

**Patricia Corbeil**

who has read 173 books since joining the TBS in 2018.

## TBS Order Form

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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>.

"Across Open Ground"  
Adult Fiction  
Author: Heather Parkinson  
Read By: Colette Cowman



summer –  
enjoy it  
graphic

Heather Parkinson's first novel takes place in 1917 when America is on the brink of entering World War I. Seventeen-year-old Walter Pascoe is beginning his first season as a sheep herder in the Sawtooths. He falls in love with Trina Ivy, a beautiful trapper. Their love and passion build even while they are separated by work and distance. And the specter of war begins to tinge their lives. Some strong language and descriptions of sex.

\_\_\_\_\_ DBC00987

2002

8 hours, 43 minutes

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## TBS Order Form

“Holy Holly: One Tiny Life”

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Debra Nelson Holm

Read By: Cori Porter

The author confronts her family’s heartache over her sister Holly’s birth defects. In 1967, when medical technology could not provide much help or hope, one doctor advised, “Don’t love and fondle this child and give it the will to live because if it does, it will be tragic.” Her parents, Joyce and Wayne Nelson, chose to cherish baby Holly. While nurturing fragile Holly, Joyce took care of their five other children while Wayne earned a living by spraying trees in distant forests. Holm’s hopeful and often humorous memoir is based on her dog-eared diary, memories of physicians and family, along with photos and letters preserved by a kind doctor who sent them to the family 50 years after treating Holly. The memoir poignantly shares the Nelson’s wit and back-to-nature lifestyle, along with their compassion, mental and physical exhaustion, discord, and sibling rivalry. Through the eyes of 12-year-old Debbie, we see the family’s loving fight for Holly’s life, peppered with Debbie’s adolescent learning curves.

\_\_\_\_\_ DBC00979                      2022                      6 hours, 26 minutes

“Owyhee Trails: The West’s Forgotten Corner”

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Mike Hanley and Ellis Lucia

Read By: Sue Vap

Mike Hanley, with the assistance of Ellis Lucia, provides the reader with an eclectic mix of stories, including true history, tall tales, and anecdotes. All the stories provide some interesting insights into the colorful history of the Owyhees, a mountain range in Idaho’s high desert country. Unrated.

\_\_\_\_\_ DBC00984                      1973                      10 hours, 11 minutes

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“A Room for the Summer: Adventure, Misadventure, and Seduction in the Mines of the Coeur d’Alene”

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Fritz Wolff

Read By: Sue Vap

In spare, lyrical prose, the author takes the reader on a memorable journey into the rough-and-tumble world of hard rock mining. The author recounts his experiences above and below ground as an apprentice mining engineer in the late 1950s. He evokes the intrinsic goodness of a simpler time when hard-working folks went about their business with courage, humor, and lots of gumption. Some strong language and descriptions of sex.

\_\_\_\_\_ DBC00985

2004

9 hours, 29 minutes

“Life in the Upper Country: The Diary of Evelyn E. Amos”

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Evelyn E. Amos

Read By: Kris Query

In the rare free moments she had, ranch wife and mother Evelyn Amos kept a marvelous diary on scraps of Kraft paper bags, the backs of bulk mail advertisements, and the insides of old envelopes. From 1948 to 1957, she recorded the life (and death) of a family farm near Sweet, Idaho. In 1970, Mrs. Amos discovered her diary and set about revising and typing it. She then put it aside for almost 20 years.

\_\_\_\_\_ DBC00986

1990

5 hours, 55 minutes

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## **Recent Donations to the Idaho TBS** (February - June 2025)

### General Donations:

Barbara Boyer	Shirley Olsen
Theresa Gross	Joan Perdue
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Margaret Mortensen	Arlene Smith
Patricia Myklebust	

### Memorial Donation:

In memory of Mary Jane Elliot: Kelly Shouse

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<https://idahotalkingbooks.org>.

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

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## **Still Time for Summer Reading**

There's still time if you want to join in the summer reading fun with TBS. For a summer reading book list and reading log, contact a TBS customer service representative. They can mail or email those to you.



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