

Idaho Talking Book Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2015
9:30 am-1:30 pm
Idaho Commission for Libraries
River Room

Meeting Purpose: To remain current with Talking Book Service items

Desired outcomes: By the end of the meeting, participants will:

1. Complete the review of the Vision Statement
2. Review the FY2015 work plan
3. Recommend goals for the FY2016 work plan
4. Review revised loan guidelines
5. Review NLS futures document
6. Receive committee member updates

Meeting leader: Sue Walker

Facilitator /Recorder: Tina Schilling

Agenda

Meeting set-up: meeting purpose, desired outcomes, roles, agenda review, ground rules, decision making, introductions/icebreaker: Verify contact info	Tina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present • Agree 	15 min.
Follow-up from March meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BARD user county of residence • TBS user distribution • Locations with highest % of TBS users • User bookmarks 	Sue/all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present • Discuss 	45 min.
Vision statement discussion (with agenda)	Sue/all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share • Discuss • Recommend changes 	20 min.
FY2015 Work Plan: (With agenda)	Sue/all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share • Discuss 	20 min.

FY2016 Work Plan: Focus on specific audiences? Goals to include from 2015 work plan? New goals?	Sue/all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audiences • Goals 	30 min.
Revised loan guidelines: (with agenda)	Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share • Discuss 	20 min.
Break: food at noon			25 min.
Review NLS Futures meeting document (with agenda)	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss 	20 min.
TBS updates:	TBS staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share • Discuss 	20 min.
Committee member updates	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share • Discuss 	15 min.
Next Steps	Sue/all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share • Discuss 	5 min.
Meeting Review	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List 	5 min.

Next meeting is Wednesday, December 2, 10 am-noon, Conference call

Present: Dana Ard, Jeanne Marie Kopecky, Josh Barnes, Judy Mooney, Mike Gibson, Pam Bradshaw, Steven Bailey, Sue Robinson, Sue Sebranek, Sue Walker, Terry King, Tina Schilling

Follow-up from March meeting:

- BARD Users by County of Residence - Sue shared user percentages by county. A round table discussion took place about users and how many people don't really know how to use BARD.
 - Mike said there is a training feature with JAWS that will allow two users to connect at the same time and it can be used as a training feature. Laine at the Blind Commission also does some remote training.
 - How can we put more instructions out there? Share the information in our newsletter.
 - The You Tube video with instructions has a rather long URL for sharing and Josh suggested that we use the Google URL to shorten it.
 - Mike suggested we could also put (the QR code) in the newsletter that would take people directly to the video.
 - Next steps would be to contact Laine at the BC about training. Feature some of these suggestions in the newsletter. Sue will get Dana this information to feature in Milestones the newsletter for the NFB.

Jeanne Marie shared that while attending a school book fair in Kuna, they featured the Talking Book Service. It's a good way to reach out to younger readers. Sue Walker said it didn't have to be limited book fairs, but could be featured in the school libraries.

Vision Statement discussion:

- The Northern Rocky Conference is the 14th, 15th and 16th. It would be a good venue for us to have a presence at. Dana will forward the information to Sue Walker.
- Under the six elements, the second bullet point, should it should read that the library staff be trained as well as knowledgeable? Sue will modify this.

FY2015 Work Plan:

- Collections: Use of Print Braille in Headstart programs, we did get some children's braille books. Dana shared that there is a Bell program that runs a camp in the summer for two weeks that is designed for kids 4 to 12 that teaches kids braille and tactical skills.
- Outreach: Review and update contact data base. This still really needs attention.

FY2016 Work Plan:

- It was suggested that we focus more on the libraries.
- Do we want to continue to reach out the established target audiences that we have in the past, physically disabled, youth under age 21, veterans, and senior citizens. Younger people are using their phones more for downloading. The cassette players had a stigma attached to them, which made people hesitant about the service. It was suggested that we focus on youth, veterans and senior citizens.
- When the library consultants are doing site visits couldn't they check on digital players' availability at libraries? Could the ICFL consultants check on the players and such when doing site visits? Dana suggested that perhaps there are areas in the state that the NFB could help with.

Revised Loan Guidelines:

The digital form of Talking Book Topics comes from NLS and has had a 2 week check out period, but recently was changed to 4 weeks.

Why is there a discrepancy between the braille version of TBT and the time the digital TBT comes out? There was recently an issue with this last version as noted in a bulletin that came out. Dana said that this is an ongoing issue. Sue Walker will ask our NLS consultant Pam Davenport about it.

TBS Updates:

Steven – We are going through the transition of removing the cassettes from the collection, although some people are still using the players and playing their own cassettes.

Terri – Went to the NLS in Washington DC with Judy for NLS orientation.

Sue Robinson - Going to NLS orientation in October.

Sue Walker – Recognized the Post Carrier of the Year 2015. Attended the Western conference of NLS in Sacramento. NLS is using commercial audio books but they are not rated. A subcommittee is forming to devising a rating system. Have done some outreaches.

Mike – Just started the new semester and has been really busy.

Pam – Attended the National Book Festival in Washington DC representing the state and featured the book by an Idaho author Anthony Dorn, All the Light You Cannot See.

Dana – The NFB convention will be in the 22nd through the 24th of April in Lewiston. Planning on doing a legislative luncheon on the 18th of January, location to be determined.

Jeanne Marie – School has started.

Next Steps:

- See about having the Blind Commission produce some of the handouts for meetings in braille for the braille users. Sue would like the NLS Futures meeting document in Braille.
- Discuss and Review NLS Futures meeting document at another meeting.
- Contact Lane at the Blind Commission about BARD training. Feature some of the suggestions in the Connections newsletter. Sue will get Dana this information to feature in Milestones the newsletter for the NFB.
- Dana will get the Rocky Mountain Conference information to Sue Walker.
- Sue will make the modifications as noted to the Vision Statement.
- Sue will ask Sheila about braille on the digital cartridge labels.

Plus

Well organized meeting

Next steps

Enjoy hearing what everyone is doing

Ending on time

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Braille documents for Dana and Sue