Books on Tape Update

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ICFL Honors Volunteers

The only time we've ever seen them standing around! These individuals in the photo are some of the 79 volunteers who helped the Idaho Commission for Libraries build the capacity of libraries in 2006.

In 2006, 79 volunteers contributed 8,979 hours of valuable time, helping Idaho Commission for Libraries staff achieve their mission. They were honored at a reception on April 20 and received certificates, food, and recognition for their contributions.

Volunteers assist in all areas of the Commission. They record local books, circulate and maintain the books on tape, and repair and maintain the talking book playback machines for the Talking Book Service. Volunteers help to pack orders for Summer Reading Program incentives and books and materials for several Read to Me programs. So far to date, volunteers have worked 165 hours on the 2007 Summer Reading Program.

They also help with all our newsletter mailings (including this one!) and assemble many bulk mailing projects throughout the year. ICFL volunteers are a diverse group of people, and there are positions available to fit their many talents.

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During the recognition reception, six longevity certificates were awarded. Volunteers Fred Riddle, Shirley Moss, and Bill Ayers have volunteered at the Commission for 15 years; June Ryther and Mary Slaughter for 10 years; and Bertha Ruckman for five years. Elizabeth Carpenter and Fred Riddle have each given 3,000 hours of volunteer service and Don McNarie has added 1,000 hours. Their names will be added to the "1,000 Hour" plaque hanging in the Commission entryway.

“It is these generous, dependable people who help make it possible for the Commission to continue to assist Idaho libraries in the delivery of outstanding library service enjoyed by citizens across the state," ICFL Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Winther said.

Winther has been coordinating the volunteer program for 15 years and says she continues to be amazed at the dedication of the volunteers. "We had volunteers who came to the party, but would only attend if they could put in a couple of hours of volunteer time before things got rolling," she said.

Volunteer Elizabeth Carpenter (pictured at the right) started volunteering in 2000 because she needed something to keep her busy. "I like it. I enjoy doing pretty much anything they want me to do," she said. She hopes to continue volunteering at the Commission for as long as she can.

Volunteers record all the Idaho Talking Book Service books and magazines in the recording studio the Commission installed in 2005. "Last year we recorded 29 books and 36 magazines. We also work with Telephone Pioneers who repaired over 500 Talking Book machines. And volunteers helped inspect over 168,500 books on cassette. That's a lot of hands-on work!" Winther said.

Winther says she can always use more help. For more information about the volunteer program, contact Winther at the Commission or visit http://libraries.idaho.gov/volunteer.

So many hours!

From left to right: ICFL Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Winther presents volunteers Elizabeth Carpenter, Don McNarie, and Fred Riddle with their "1,000 Hour" awards.

Old Friends Reunited

by Sheila Winther, Volunteer Services Coordinator

"You just never know whose lives you might touch" said volunteer Norma Ericson. "I've talked to 3 people I know in the past week that have read the books I recorded!" For over 10 years, Norma has served as a volunteer narrator for the Idaho Talking Book recording program. She, along with her partner Ruby Weaver, was featured in our last newsletter.

Soon after the newsletter came out Norma received a call from a friend she had not heard from for 55 years. Her friend had been using the Talking Book Service for some time and really enjoyed the locally recorded books. She had no idea she might know one of the voices who had given her so much pleasure. When the newsletter came out, she connected the books she had been reading with Norma and called to see if it was the same Norma she had known from years ago. They were both thrilled to be reunited and plan to call each other regularly.

Another old friend Norma met at a social function, thanked her for the many fulfilling hours of local history and literature. And a third friend called to say she saw her picture in the newsletter. Norma says, "I'm so glad to know these books are being read and enjoyed, and I'm not just doing this for my own fun."

If the work of our volunteers has touched your life, we would love to hear about it. All comments sent to the Commission for Libraries will be passed on to our dedicated volunteers. It really means a lot to them to hear from the people they serve.

Donations to the Talking Book Service

General Donations

Lois M. Beno
Emily Baker
Gladys Withrow
Deborah DeThomas
Berniece Hawker

In Memory of:

Dr. George Weick
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Betty Shells

Lawrence Smith
Carole Smith

Phyllis Ogle
The family of Phyllis Ogle
Richard Morris

New Talking Books
From
Idaho Commission for Libraries Recording Studio

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the Talking Book Service at 1-800-458-3271

VCT1035
Safe in a Hayfield : Overcoming the Challenges of the Teton Dam Flood Disaster
By Nola T. Vance
Read by Norma Ericson

This book is a story of courage and optimism in the face of overwhelming odds. The author vividly describes the challenges her family faced when the Teton Flood Disaster destroyed their home and farm.
2 Cassettes Adult Non-Fiction

VCT1042
Wizard Girl
By Rick Just
Read by Maryan Stephens

Book 2 of The Wizard Trilogy.
Kat believed she would be a wizard someday. She believed in a land called Kimyra where dragons skimmed the skies and wallacatoons whirled along the ground on three legs. Then when Kat was almost a teenager, she began to doubt it all. That's when the ribek showed up.
3 Cassettes Juvenile Fiction

VCT1043
Picabo : Nothing to Hide
By Picabo Street
Read by Julie Iffla

Olympic champion, tomboy, household name … the irrepressible young woman who took the slopes and our hearts by storm reveals the trials and triumphs of a life marked by stunning victory, wrenching defeat, and magnificent mental and physical resilience. Here is Picabo Street both on and off the skis.
3 Cassettes Adult Non-Fiction

VCT1044
To the White Clouds : Idaho's Conservation Saga, 1900-1970
By J. Meredith Neil
Read by Michael Clancy

Author J.M. Neil hopes an understanding of Idaho's past will help its residents navigate the challenges yet to come. The fascinating story of seven decades of Idaho preservation history, depicts the events that prompted policy revisions and the explosive confrontation over the White Cloud Mountains in 1970, an issue that had a powerful impact on the race for governor and indelibly altered the future of Idaho politics.
3 Cassettes Adult Non-Fiction

New books Continued

VCT1045
Pocket Girdles and Other Confessions of a Northwest Farm Girl
By Marianne Love
Read by Julie Iffla

What's a pocket girdle? The answer and other confessions about life in the rural Northwest can be found in this uproarious collection of autobiographical stories. Let's explore 4-H traumas, junior high disasters, Catholic guilt, and more, in one adventurous laugh after another.
2 Cassettes Adult Non-Fiction

VCT1046
Latinos in Idaho : Celebrando Cultura
By Robert McCarl
Read by Janice Pori

This collection of essays and interviews is a documentary mix of history and how-to, cultural study and celebration offering background on the Latino presence in Idaho as well as some ideas on planning a folk festival.
1 Cassette Adult Non-Fiction

VCT1047
Salmon River Country
By Mark Lisk
Read by Larry Weeks

Idaho's Salmon River flows through the largest primitive region in the lower forty-eight states, and much of it is as raw and wild as it was 200 years ago when Lewis and Clark explored the river's headwaters. Award winning outdoor photographer Mark Lisk and veteran writer Stephen Stuebner team up to present a unique and colorful snapshot of one of the nation's great rivers.
1 Cassette Adult Non-Fiction

VCT1048
Prairie River Book 1 : A Journey of Faith
By Kristiana Gregory
Read by Marilyn Eagleton

Nessa can't remember a home other than the orphanage, and now she has no choice but to leave. When she arrives at the small settlement of Prairie River, Kansas she is met with suspicion. All she has is her courage, her charisma and her faith.
1 Cassette Adult Fiction

New Books continued

VCT1051
Cassia County, Idaho : The Foundation Years
By Kathleen Hedberg
Read by Sue Vap

This book is about Cassia County's foundation history, from the 1840s through the 1960s. It is the history of the real West--of "cowboys and Indians" and gunfights, but it is also the history of the cooperation needed to build an economy based on irrigation.
3 Cassettes Adult Non-Fiction

A New Book from other Talking Book Studios

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IC358
Vixen 03
By Clive Cussler
Read by Christine Kirieger

In 1998 Dirk Pitt discovers the wreck of Vixen 0-3, a plane bound for the Pacific which had crashed in an ice-covered lake in Colorado. Two canisters filled with quick death germs of great strength were missing. They were in the hands of terrorists whose mission was to destroy Washington D.C. Strong language and some explicit sex.
2 Cassettes Adult Non-Fiction

Getting Ready for the Digital Transition

In preparation for producing the new digital book player, the National Library Service stopped production of current cassette players in February. Parts are stockpiled to keep current machines working for 5-10 years, but this inventory must meet the needs of all users until the transition ends.

The Talking Book Service is checking the accuracy of its machine inventory by asking users to verify the serial number on their machines. The serial number is on a silver plate on the back of most machines. In some cases it is on the front in the lower left hand corner.

Please write your name and machine serial number on the enclosed form, fold in half, tape, and return to the Talking Book Service. You can also call 800.458.3217 (334.2150 in the Boise area) with your name and machine serial number, Monday-Friday, 9 am - 5 pm Mountain time. There is an answering machine for messages; remember to include your name with the serial number!

National Library Service guidelines state each user is to have one machine at a time. If you have more than one machine, functioning or not, please return it postage free. Give us a call if you need a mailing box or shipping label.

National Library of Congress Collection Development Advisory Group

by Fred Riggers

The National Library of Congress Collection Development Advisory Group met on May 23 thru May 25, 2007 in Washington D.C. Acting as Chairman this year, Fred Riggers presided over a wonderful group of readers, librarians, and consumer organization representatives to air grievances, find solutions, and make recommendations to the Library Service.

Participants were updated on the new Digital players and cassettes. They are going to be great! Hopefully the new machines will begin production in 2008. The first machines that come to the library will go to veterans. After production starts, there will be approximately 2000 machines produced per month. The committee commended the National Library Service on its ongoing progress with the digitization initiative.

The committee recommended that the National Library Service Kids' Zone include an information paragraph to alert users that children's bibliographies are available though other cooperating libraries and to contact their local talking book library for assistance. They also presented a recommendation to record more books for children and young adults.

There was a lively discussion concerning library patrons unable to access material from the library through the Internet. This was resolved by the librarians on the committee suggesting patrons contact their local library staff for assistance.

Our libraries are such a great resource. Any questions or concerns presented are promptly responded to by the staff and a solution found.

Fred expresses his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Chairman of The Collection Development Advisory Group.

CALL TO ALL VETERANS

Federal law gives preference to veterans of the American military service — our service included!

In order to ensure we have the fact that you are a veteran on your profile, please

1. Check the box on the order form, or
2. Call us in the Boise area at 334-2150 and outside 1-800-458-3271, or
3. E-mail talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov

Magazine Corner

The Talking Book Service has magazines on tape: Direct (D) magazines come in a container with no return label; these you may keep. Circulating (C) magazines come in a container with a turn around post card, these should be read first and returned within two weeks so other patrons may receive them. You will receive the next issue when available.

Titles featured this quarter are on the topic of **News/Politics.**

AARP Magazine (C) Monthly
Subjects of interest to people fifty and older. Published by AARP.

Atlantic Monthly (D) 11 Issues/year
Articles on politics and current issues; fiction by contemporary American writers.

Foreign Affairs (D) Bimonthly
Analysis of issues by statesmen, diplomats and scholars. Trends in international politics, law and economics.

Great Decisions (D) Annual
Contains essays dealing with current foreign policy issues.

Nation (D) 47 issues/year
Covers foreign affairs, local and national politics, education, and law; reviews films, theater, books, and the arts.

National Review (D) 25 issues/year
Conservative viewpoint on business, politics, economics, education and other subjects.

Newsweek (D) Weekly
National and international news and analysis, reports and features on current trends and personalities; book, film and drama reviews.

US News & World Report (D) Weekly
News and commentary on world events. Abridged by the editors.

Vital Speeches of the Day (C) Monthly
Features 8 to 10 speeches by individuals "who have attained leadership in the fields of economics, politics, education, sociology, finance, government, etc."

Check the box on the order form if you are interested in any of these magazines. Call us at 1-800-458-3271 to receive a complete listing of all magazines on tape.

Materials for the Print Impaired: RFB&D

The Talking Book Service's titles are selected to meet the recreational reading needs of its users which include best sellers and other titles usually found in a public library. In the next few issues, other resources that supplement the Talking Book Service and meet different users' needs will be highlighted.

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFB&D) records and loans textbooks and other reference materials to students of all ages. Members can also request materials be recorded for their use. Materials are mailed and returned Free Matter for the Blind.

Effective July 1, the collection will only be available in CD-Rom format because CD's are more portable than cassettes. Created digitally, the CD collection will contain more than 35,000 titles that can be navigated by page, chapter, or section.

CD titles must be played on a special player. Current members can purchase a new player at a discounted price **by July 1, 2007.** Call **800-221-4792** for more information.

Persons using the Talking Book Service can use RFB&D's resources through either an individual membership or by requesting the title through TBS. TBS's access is limited so an individual membership is needed for students using the service for all textbooks. Schools may have institutional memberships so check with your school district to see if materials can be ordered using that membership. If you became a member before 7/1/96, you are considered a lifetime member and pay no additional membership fee.

Check out the RFB&D website: **http://www.rfbd.org** or call **800-221-4792** for more information on this

Access for All Project

The Commission for Libraries recently began a three year project to improve delivery of library services to underserved adults, including the print impaired. The pilot project involves 9 public libraries, focusing on outreach to those in the population who do not use libraries due to a range of barriers.

"Many adults, including the blind, physically disabled, and homebound persons, don't use the library due to physical barriers. Lack of transportation, mobility issues, and misunderstanding of what library services involve all limit some persons' abilities to use their libraries," says Ann Joslin, State Librarian.

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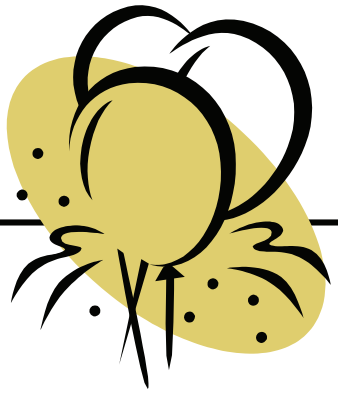
"The project's purpose is to develop and demonstrate ways to overcome the barriers so that all our community members can benefit from their local libraries' resources. Improved technology and changing formats make it easier to access and deliver library services. I'm excited to see the ideas the Access for All Steering Committee will generate."

Participating libraries include Aberdeen District, Boise Public, Boundary County, Franklin County District, Kootenai-Shoshone Area, Lewiston City, McCall Public, Mountain Home Public, and Snake River Community.

At its first meeting in May, participants brainstormed target audiences and the barriers to their library use and identified 4 groups for immediate attention: the homebound, persons living in nursing and retirement homes, and non English speaking Hispanics. Persons with print disabilities are included in each of these groups.

If you have suggestions for improving public library services to the print impaired, contact Sue Walker at 208.334.2150 or e-mail her at sue.walker@libraries.idaho.gov. She will take ideas to the next meeting in October



Welcome to the 10^2 Club!

The following TBS patrons have recently joined the 10^2 Club by turning 100!

Congratulations!

Lois Davis - Weiser

Ruth Latshaw - Wendell

Mary Rogers - Boise

Thelma Nanz - Kimberly

Elizabeth Speirs - Boise

Bessie Evans - Lewiston

Esther Shreffler - Lewiston

Library Highlight: Boundary County Public Library

Note: This column discusses library services available for the print impaired in different public libraries. The intent is to inform TBS users of the various resources available outside of the Talking Book Service. Many times these services are delivered directly to the user eliminating the need so travel to the library.

Boundary County Public Library is housed in Bonners Ferry, but prides itself on serving users throughout the county. One service is direct delivery of materials to users.

Staff has visited the Restorium, the county's unique assisted care facility, and the hospital's extended care facility twice a month for more than 25 years. Currently, 12 residents use the service and receive large print books and books on tape. Library staff spends time with each resident to become familiar with their likes, dislikes, and interests in order to provide materials they will enjoy. Staff uses a special cart to transport library materials and display materials attractively. Director Sandy Ashworth compares it to a checkout counter enticing the user to try things they didn't even know they needed.

Other outreach activities include working with senior apartment complexes, for-profit assisted care facilities and home health care businesses to deliver library resources to patrons in Bonners Ferry. Staff works with family members and other caregivers to select materials for homebound individuals. They also help users register for and use the Talking Book Service. Potential users can try a machine and books at the library, and current users can get a replacement machine from the library if theirs is not working. The library houses a small collection of TBS audio books if users need additional ones.

Services are promoted through individual contacts, presentations to community coalitions and organizations, and partnering with health care providers. The library participates in public forums such as the hospital's annual health fair to inform the general public and periodically showcases these services in the library's weekly newspaper column, "Welcome to the Library".

Contact the library at 267-3750 with questions or suggestions about library services. Library hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays and Fridays, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, September through June.

Summer Reading

Calling all readers 4-12! Just because school is over, don't give up on reading. Join your friends at the local library and read, read, read.

Get a Clue @ Your Library is this year's summer reading theme for many Idaho libraries. The theme provides reading opportunities from mysteries and science, to biographies and history. It doesn't matter what you read — only that you read! Your local library has the following resources for the print impaired:

Large Print books
Audio books in cassette, CD-Rom, and DVD formats
Fun activities for readers and their families
Prizes for reaching your reading goals

The Talking Book Service also has many titles in audio format. Three lists of titles available for readers at different reading levels are posted on the ICFL web site (http://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs) or contact the Talking Book Service to receive a paper copy. Call your local library and ask about their summer reading program. You'll be glad you did because reading is a treasure!

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Featured Magazine Order Form

- ☐ **AARP Magazine**
- ☐ **Atlantic Monthly**
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- ☐ **Great Decisions**
- ☐ **Nation**
- ☐ **National Review**
- ☐ **Newsweek**
- ☐ **US News & World Report**
- ☐ **Vital Speeches of the Day**
- ☐ **Magazine List**

I have the following equipment

C1 _____

OR

E1 _____

New Idaho Books

- ☐ VCT 1035
- ☐ VCT 1042
- ☐ VCT 1043
- ☐ VCT 1044
- ☐ VCT 1045
- ☐ VCT1046
- ☐ VCT 1047
- ☐ VCT 1048
- ☐ VCT 1051

New Book From Other Studio

- ☐ IC 358

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