Every other Tuesday morning, Assistant Library Director, Mary Vogel dedicates her work to provide library outreach services to senior citizens at the hospital’s Long Term Care Unit and the Creekside Residential Facility in Jerome.

Most residents at the Long Term Unit are confined to a wheelchair while a number of residents at Creekside are more mobile. All participants seem to enjoy this special time for sharing stories and a little of themselves from treasured times past. Mary enjoys their words of wisdom and lessons learned from their life experiences.

The agenda consists of the "Three S plan," stories, songs, and sharing. Mary begins each session reading fun and colorful children’s books, requested poems, and short stories. She then brings out her guitar and they sing songs from years past. During the session, Mary stimulates discussion by inquiring about their experiences from the day’s stories or songs.

These times of sharing are the wonderful gifts Mary receives from her outreach efforts.

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## Donations to the Talking Book Service

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The Treasure Valley Telephone Pioneers and the Idaho Commission for Libraries (formerly Idaho State Library) have had a long and rewarding relationship. Since 1992, Treasure Valley Telephone Pioneers have provided the Idaho Commission for Libraries with over 14,000 hours of volunteer service. The first three Pioneers to volunteer in 1992, Fred Riddle, Bill Ayers, and Shirley Moss, are still active Talking Book machine repair volunteers.

Here are just a few examples of why the Telephone Pioneers deserve this year’s Brightest Stars group award.

Talking Book Service
Pioneers share their electronic expertise in the repair of Talking Book playback machines. They repair an average of 50 of these special cassette machines per month. Thanks to our repair crew, our Talking Book patrons never have to wait for a replacement machine.

A dedicated group of Pioneers including Sandy Batt, Jackie Kalinauskas, Sharon and Erma Krishnek and Truman Stewart, along with other volunteers, inspect an average of 600 Talking Books per day.

Pioneer Gloria Hubbert helps record a great selection of Idaho Talking Books in our recording studio. Our locally recorded Idaho book collection now has nearly 800 audio book titles for the Talking Book patrons to choose from.

Bulk Mailing
Preparing large bulk mailings is another example of the wonderful support we receive from the Pioneers. Nancy Bunch, Beverly Cline, Irene Crane, Minnie Dunkle, Mary Moore, Janet Nelson, and Bertha Ruckman make up our “on call” volunteer list. These generous folks are always willing and able, sometimes with very short notice, to tackle large bulk mail and assembly jobs whenever the need arises.
VCT 1066
Choice Cuts:
A Savory Selection of Food Writing from Around the World and Throughout History
Author: Mark Kurlansky
Read by: Carla Stern
This collection features more than 200 pieces from Cato to Cab Calloway. Essays by Plato on the art of cooking, Pablo Neruda on french fries, including Balzac, Virginia Woolf, E.M. Forster, Checkov and others on the passions of cuisine.
3 Cassettes Adult Nonfiction

VCT 1080
Hannah and the Mountain:
Notes Toward a Wilderness Fatherhood
Author: Jonathan Johnson
Read by: Jim Leonard
This story is a timeless memory of two peoples’ unique intersection with landscape, imagination, hope, and love. It contains hard truths and great beauty-making a life of worth under challenging circumstances universal and powerfully wrought.
2 Cassettes Adult Nonfiction

VCT 1081
Dishrag Soup and Poverty Cake:
An Idaho Potluck of Essays on Food
Author: Idaho Writers
Read by: Lana Thurston
This is a real gumbo of memories written with feeling by forty-three Idaho contributors from Hayden to Pocatello. It's not so much a cookbook; although the recipes are wonderful, as an eclectic mix of poignant and humorous culinary tales worth sharing.
1 Cassette Adult Nonfiction

VCT 1082
Blackberry Tea Club:
Women in Their Glory Years
Author: Barbara Herrick
Read by: Janice Pori
This luminous book, overflowing with the sheer bliss of being alive, is both intimate and personal. It imparts a perspective that challenges widely-held beliefs about what comes with aging. Women in their glory years will recognize themselves in this wild ride of a memoir/guide to forming one's own Blackberry Tea Club.
1 Cassette Adult Nonfiction
VCT 1083
Look Down on the Stars
Author: Stanley Potts
Read by: Herb Mumford
In his second book, Stanley Potts delves into more rich detail of the incredible life he's lived in the remote land of the American West, in particular Idaho and Montana. He shares many stories, including a few hair-raising ones, of his many escapades growing up in and spending a lifetime in the back country.
1 Cassette        Adult Nonfiction

VCT 1084
Hells Canyon Romance:
An Idaho Teacher Marries an Oregon Cowboy:
My Early Years
Author: Murrielle Wilson
Read by: Sue Vap
Here is the story of the author's early life in the small town of Riggins, Idaho and her teenage years living on a ranch in America's deepest canyon. Set against the Depression of the 1930s, her story illustrates the resourcefulness of rural culture.
2 Cassettes        Adult Nonfiction

VCT 1085
Beyond the Call of Duty: The Story of an American Hero in Vietnam
Author: Bernard Fisher
Read by: Art Latterell
During one battle of the Vietnam War, Bernard Fisher risked his life to rescue a fellow airman in the face of intense enemy fire. This made him just one of sixteen members in Air Force history to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor. Now, the full story of his remarkable childhood, family life, and military career is finally told.
2 Cassettes        Adult Nonfiction

VCT 1086
Snow in the River
Author: Carol Ryrie Brink
Read by: Maryan Stephens
Acclaimed Idaho novelist Carol Ryrie Brink's bestselling adult novel brings to life an America of unbounded promise; telling the story of three Scottish brothers who settle in eastern Washington and northern Idaho in the early 1900s. It is the last of her trilogy about northern Idaho. The other volumes are “Buffalo Coat” (VCT00161) and “Strangers in the Forest” (VCT00193).
3 Cassettes        Adult Fiction
**New Books Continued**

**VCT 1087**  
Idaho Anthem  
Author: J. Lesley Montgomery  
Read by: Ken Cooper  
This book capsulizes a century of western medicine from Indian Wars to Medicaid. Illuminated by anecdotes where pioneer doctors formed a holy alliance with heroic patients. Between these covers are tales of "how not to do it" and perhaps the readers will recognize and confess some of their own misadventures.  
2 Cassettes  
Adult Nonfiction

**VCT 1088**  
Boise's Watergate: University Place & All the Governor's Men  
Author: Deep Throat II  
Read by: Julie Iffla  
"Finally, somebody with the brains and guts enough to connect the dots between the $100 million Ada County Court House scam and the $136 million University Place fiasco as one big crime spree against the taxpayers by Boise lawyers, politicians, and Cryptic Partners,"--Sharon Ullman, Ada County Commissioner. (2001-2003)  
2 Cassettes  
Adult Nonfiction

**VCT 1089**  
P is for Potato  
Author: Stanley F. Steiner  
Read by: Marilyn Eagleton  
An A-Z pictorial for children ages 4-10 all about Idaho including famous people, geography, history, and state symbols. Letter topics are introduced with poems accompanied by expository text to provide detailed information.  
1 Cassette  
Juvenile Fiction

**VCT 1090**  
Lewis & Clark and Me  
Author: Spence Campbell  
Read by: Jim Leonard  
The true adventure of a young deep-sea diver who swam the 557 mile Lewis and Clark route down the Clearwater, Snake, and Columbia rivers to the Pacific Ocean. This book was nominated for book of the year by the Idaho Library Association.  
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### Library Highlight:

Jerome Public Library:
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The groups are always very appreciative of her visit. As Mary says, “It's the small things that mean so much to people, especially those who are handicapped or limited in any way. It's not what I do for them, rather, it's how they bless and enrich my life. Outreach is a joy and I truly feel honored by the seniors I serve.” The Jerome community is very proud and lucky to have Mary on their library team.

For information about other resources and services available from the Jerome Public Library, call the library at 324-5427. The library opens at 11 am everyday except Sunday.

We are honored to announce Lola Carter as the newest addition to the Talking Book Services’ 10 square club. Lola, a patron since 1997 celebrated her 100th birthday on Mar.13, 2008. The Talking Book Service currently has 8 active centenarians.
Volunteer Appreciation Week Coming: April 27-May 3

And we need your help! Help us honor the many volunteers who help provide library services to you, our Talking Book readers, and also to library communities across the state.

This year’s theme “Volunteers Plant the Seeds of Kindness” recognizes the ongoing contributions of volunteers to keeping services at the Idaho Commission for Libraries running smoothly.

Share your thoughts on the difference volunteers make in your life by April 15 so that we can create a testimonial book to give to our volunteers. You can use the insert to write your ideas. When done, just fold it in half, tape, and return it to us postage free. You can also send an e-mail to: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov, or call and speak to any staff member 1-800-458-3271. Thanks for helping us express our deep appreciation to our great volunteers.

Idaho Commission for Libraries
Idaho Talking Book Service
325 West State Street
Boise, Idaho 83702

This newsletter is available on cassette tape upon request. Just call 1-800-458-3271
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 this form, fold in half, tape, and return to the Talking Book Service. If you have already responded in a previous newsletter; you do not need to reply again.

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.
### Order Form: Books on Tape Update, Spring 2008

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