The Mission Statement for the Coeur d’Alene Public Library states that the library “is committed to excellence in library services. Dedicated to lifelong learning, the library provides free and equal access to a full range of historical, intellectual, and cultural resources.”

The Hearing and Vision Loss Center at the library is a natural outgrowth of the staff’s commitment to provide “equal access” for all its patrons.

A variety of equipment and services are available in the Center, including adaptive technology purchased with a grant from the Panhandle Chapter of Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People:

For the Visually Impaired:
- A closed circuit television enlarger magnifies anything placed underneath it. The screen image can be changed to meet users’ needs.
- A scanner-embosser enables users to scan printed pages and convert the text to Braille on an embossed page.
- A “Talking Books” cassette player.
- A large keyboard increases key visibility.

Software includes:
- Zoom Text: a screen reader that also magnifies everything on the screen.
- Dragon Naturally Speaking: this dictation system prints whatever the speaker says using voice-recognition software combined with a word processor.
- Read & Write: a screen reader that articulates each word as it is typed.
- Duxbury Braille Translator – translates print into Braille.

The library also has descriptive videos blind and low-vision patrons may have for their own while the supply lasts. Continue on pg 2
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Descriptive videos are regular, commercial films that have been augmented with special narration which describes the action for people with visual impairments.

*For the Hearing Impaired:*
* Video relay: a monitor and video camera allows deaf users to communicate by video phone using American Sign Language.
* A variety of devices designed to improve the lives of those with hearing loss can be checked out by users who would like to try them before they buy.

*For those with limited mobility:*
* A desk with an adjustable height top to accommodate seated or standing users.
* An Infogrip Mouse – an oversized mouse with a large roller and click buttons.
* Window Eyes: This screen reader-navigation software enables users to operate a computer using head and eye motion.

The center also offers a wide variety of brochures, professional contact cards, and catalogs. Contact the Interim Coordinator for Hearing and Vision Loss Services, Jacalyn Marosi, at 208.769-2315 for more information.

**Note:** This column discusses library services available to 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. Check with your local library for similar services.

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**NFB-LINK:**
Linking Individuals to a Network of Knowledge

The National Federation of the Blind offers you a premier, one-stop resource where you can find information on career paths, educational opportunities, recreational activities, technology, and many other topics from successful blind and visually impaired people.

Through the power of the Internet, NFB-LINK, an innovative online mentoring program, pairs individuals seeking information about blindness with successful blind people. A college student can learn how to conduct experiments in a biology class, and a newly blind person can learn how to continue gardening after vision loss. Answers to questions like, “Can a blind person be a social worker?” to “How can I participate in a yoga class?” are all found on the NFB-LINK site. NFB-Link is the leading source for not only blind and visually impaired people, but also for parents, teachers, rehabilitation professionals and others who have an interest in blindness.

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Talking Book Service Staff Changes

The Talking Book Service welcomes Tamara Tipton and Jennifer Hall

Tamara moved to the Boise area from Alabama in the Fall of 2006. She worked for a cell phone company in Boise providing sales and customer service.

Tamara is really enjoying all that Idaho has to offer; Tamara and her husband enjoy camping and fishing. Tamara likes to spend her free time doing crafts.

Tamara has worked at the Commission for Libraries since January 2007, and she loves being able to assist and provide patrons with Talking Books. “I think it is a wonderful service, and makes me feel great about what I do!”

Welcome Tamara as a Office Specialist II.

Jennifer Hall was recently hired as the Office Services Supervisor at ICFL.

She comes to us from Grants Pass, Oregon. Jennifer spent the last 19 years working in the field of emergency communications (9-1-1) systems and police records. She supervised both of these functions for the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety for the last 4 years. She found the work to be very fulfilling, but after so many years was ready to try something new.

Jennifer and her husband decided together that they were ready for an adventure, so they picked up and moved from their small Oregon farm. They looked at a United States map, considered many different areas, and eventually settled on the Treasure Valley in Idaho. They were attracted to the Treasure Valley for the recreational activities.

Jennifer and her husband enjoy camping, boating, and ATV riding.
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**VCT1061**
*Season of the Snake*
By Claire Davis
Read by Jim Leonard
Years after the tragic death of her first husband, Nance Able remarries and begins a new life in the West with Ned, a school principal whose quiet charm lulls her to contentment. A scientist tracking rattlesnakes in the wilderness of Hells Canyon, Nance courts natural dangers. But at home, she is unaware that her husband's hidden proclivities are emerging. Some strong language and violence.
2 Cassettes Adult Fiction

**VCT1063**
*Cyanide Canary*
By Joseph Hilldorfer
Read by Margaret Dimmick
A vivid reminder of the devastation of environmental crimes, this book is a riveting account of the dedication and conviction of EPA's environmental crimes unit and the Dept. of Justice’s environmental crimes section. It's a story of greed and criminal negligence finally thwarted by professionalism and compassion. Contains strong language. Idaho Library Association Book of the Year, 2004.
3 Cassettes Adult Non Fiction

**VCT1064**
*Space Between US*
By Thrity Umrigar
Read by Julie Iffla
Poignant, evocative, and unforgettable, this book is an intimate portrait of a distant yet familiar world. Set in modern-day India it is the story of two compelling and achingly real women, one an upper-middle class housewife, the other a servant in her household. This novel demonstrates how the lives of the rich and the poor are connected yet removed from each other, and how the strong bonds of womanhood are opposed by the division of class and culture.
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**VCT1065**
*Tummy Trilogy*
By Calvin Trillin
Read by Jim Leonard
Calvin Trillin is America's funniest food writer. With this compilation of his three hilarious books: American Fried; Alice, Let's Eat; and Third Helpings Trillin's efforts are formed into a marvelously funny and mouth-watering whole.
3 Cassettes Adult Non Fiction
New books continued

VCT1067
We Are What We Ate: 24 Memories of Food
By Mark Winegardner
Read by Larry Weeks
For those who love to cook, love to read, or just love to eat, the essays in this book offer all the pleasures of a good meal and good writing. Here are sights and smells that gratify, moments that give our life meaning.
1 Cassette Adult Non Fiction

VCT1068
Winter Range
By Claire Davis
Read by Sue Vap
Ike Parsons is a small-town Montana sheriff whose life is stable and content. His wife, PattiAnn, has a secret past. But when Ike tries to help a hard-luck cattleman named Chas, he triggers Chas's resentment and finds his home and his wife targeted by a plot for revenge.
Some strong language and mild sex.
3 Cassettes Adult Fiction

VCT1069
Climbing the Mango Trees: A Memoir of a Childhood in India
By Madhur Jaffrey
Read by Norma Ericson
This is the vivid account of a golden childhood celebrating the sacred and healing potential of food in India. It is redolent with the scent of spices and tells of family feasts, grand picnics, and street-food sellers.
2 Cassettes Adult Non Fiction

VCT1070
Graceland
By Chris Abani
Read by Maryan Stephens
The sprawling, swampy, noisy city of Lagos, Nigeria provides the backdrop to the story of Elvis, a teenage Elvis impersonator, hoping to make his way out of the ghetto. This is a remarkable story of a son and his father, and an examination of postcolonial Nigeria, where the trappings of American culture reign supreme.
Strong language and violence.
3 Cassettes Adult Fiction

VCT1071
Prairie River: A Grateful Harvest
By Kristiana Gregory
Read by Marilyn Eagleton
It hasn't been easy for Nessa to find her way in Prairie River. She is having difficulty making friends and her position as the local teacher is on shaky ground. Many townspeople question whether she, a runaway orphan, can be trusted. But when an unexpected threat endangers her and her students, she must find a way to keep the children safe. Sequel to:
Prairie River: A Journey of Faith
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New books continued

VCT1072
Prairie River: Winter Tidings
By Kristiana Gregory
Read by Marilyn Eagleton
Nessa is feeling at home in Prairie River until one blustery night Reverend McDuff arrives unexpectedly at the Locketts' door. At once the hopes of leaving her past behind are shattered. Now the whole town will know her secret reason for fleeing Missouri. Sequel to Prairie River: A Grateful Harvest
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VCT1073
Prairie River: Hope Springs Eternal
By Kristiana Gregory
Read by Marilyn Eagleton
Nessa's winter was fraught with bitter trials. But now spring has come and with it Albert, Nessa's oldest friend from the orphanage. But, a year is a long time and Nessa is discouraged when Albert's arrival is not what she imagined. Sequel to Prairie River: Winter Tidings
1 Cassette Juvenile Fiction

VCT1074
Postcards from Potatoeland
By Marianne Love
Read by Julie Iffla
The author invites us into the fascinating world of modern, small town Idaho. The stories are pure escapism from the frenzy, cynicism, and noise of the world into a slower, richer, funnier and altogether more authentic place.
2 Cassettes Adult Non Fiction

VCT1075
Mystery of Lost Trail Pass: A Quest for Lewis and Clarks' Campsite of September 3, 1805
By James R. Fazio
Read by Nichole Albertson
Perhaps the most intriguing of all the questions concerning the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-1806. “Where exactly did the men, horses, and one lone woman cross the rugged mountain barrier we call the Bitterroot Mountains?” This book is a collection of theories and evidence attempting to pinpoint the precise location.
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VCT1076
Where Do Balloons Go?: An Uplifting Mystery
By Jamie Lee Curtis
Read by Nichole Albertson
A child wonders about what happens to a balloon that is let go, just as a parent would wonder about what might happen to a child once he leaves home.
1 Cassette Juvenile Fiction

VCT1077
Bridge Clear Across: An Historical Novel
By Roy J. Olsen
Read by Sue Vap
This book is a work of fiction blended with fact set in Weston, Idaho. It is a humorous, rousing and touching adventure of America in the 1930s.
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IC362
Owning It All: Essays
By William Kittredge
Read by Kyle Grey
William Kittredge is a Westerner. Born and raised in southeastern Oregon, he now teaches at the University of Montana. In this collection of 14 essays, all previously published in various magazines, he explores the meaning of the Western myth and its effects on the land, people, and wildlife of America.
2 Cassettes Adult Non Fiction

IC359
Desert Solitaire: a Season in the Wilderness
By Edward Abbey
Read by Don Myers
The author relates his experiences in the canyonlands of the American Southwest. He believes there is a unique happiness and contentment to be encountered especially in the desert when a person is part of the land.
3 Cassettes Adult Non Fiction

VCT1078
Wizards' End
By Rick Just
Read by Maryan Stephens
What good is being Grand Wizard of Kimyra if you can never go home again? Kat is determined to get back to Earth. Jarrett is determined to bring her back. But who will rescue whom? The Wizard's Trilogy wraps up with a dragon-riding, planet-hopping adventure that brings together all the trekkers in one last struggle for control of Kimyra and maybe the galaxy. The final book in the Wizard series.
2 Cassettes Juvenile Fiction

VCT1079
Peaceful Valley: The Story of Kamiah's Early Years
By Virginia Woods Meyer
Read by Norma Ericson
This is a highly readable and informative book clearly written about the history of a portion of our Old West and the cultures, families, and individuals who created it.
2 Cassettes Adult Non Fiction
New books continued

IC360
Mistress of Spices
By Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
Read by Doris Clements
A magical, mesmerizing, and sensual novel about a young woman born in another time who is trained in the ancient art of spices and ordained as a mistress charged with special powers. When she opens up a shop in Oakland, California, she is attracted to a handsome stranger who forces her to choose between the supernatural life and the vicissitudes of modern life. For high school and adult readers.
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IC363
Johnny Osage
By Janice Holt Giles
Read by Madelon Starke
In 1821 the Cherokee and Osage tribes clash over access to the prairie and the buffalo shattering the harmony of the Arkansas Territory. Caught between his loyalty to the Osage and his aversion to lawless violence, Johnny Fowler has to deal with personal grief before he can meet the demands of the forbidding frontier and the righteousness of a beautiful woman.
2 Cassettes Adult Fiction

IC364
Who Owns the West
By William Kittredge
Read by Eleanor Winchester
Who owns the West? "All of us, of course," says William Kittredge, but this "simple answer... is sort of beside the point when we get down to considering questions of fairness. "Stay joyous under the sun and moon, in the rain and out; that's another halfway answer." Kittredge gives us not easy answers but a sustained meditation on what it means to be a Westerner today.
Cassette Adult Non Fiction

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Are you one of those readers who can hardly wait for the new talking book titles to be released? Well, you can thank volunteer Truman Stewart each time you receive a newly released title. He has taken on the responsibility of processing and preparing new titles for circulation.

When new titles are released from the National Library Service, they come into the Talking Book Service in a rather haphazard way. We may request several copies of each new title, but the copies are sent individually, as a result they arrive one or two at a time over a two or three week period. So when we order 10 copies of a book, it is Truman’s job to keep track of how many copies we have received, shelve the books when all copies are in, and tell a staff person when the copies can be entered into our database. Only after Truman’s job is done, do you receive those brand new titles!

Truman has been volunteering at the Commission for Libraries since February 2003. He has contributed a whopping 580 volunteer hours, many devoted to processing new books. Of course, as with most of our volunteers, we aren’t the only organization that benefits from Truman’s generosity.

He also volunteers at the Idaho Botanical Garden, is Treasurer for the Treasure Valley Exchange Club, and is a member of the Ski Patrol at Bogus Basin. He often shows up at the Commission in his ski bibs, having spent the morning skiing the mountain and restocking the first aid shacks. Truman is also an active member of the Telecom Pioneers, the amazing service organization that helps us in so many ways.

The Talking Book Service is fortunate to have the friendship of this generous, caring, and witty man. Thanks Truman for helping to keep those new books flowing.
Magazine Corner

Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind

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To access this one-of-a-kind service, visit www.nfblink.org. On the site, you can share your expertise by joining the growing pool of mentors. Or you can request a mentor that can help answer your blindness-related questions.

* For additional information about this program, contact Rosy Carranza via email at rcarranza@nfb.org, or by calling 410-659-9314, ext. 2283. NFB-LINK has helped countless people obtain encouragement, regain independence, and discover answers to everyday questions about blindness. Visit our site and find out how we can help you locate the link to success!

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The Talking Book Service is part of a state agency, the Idaho Commission for Libraries. We work with many agencies such as the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Disabled and the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind. We also work with organizations and individuals that provide services to Talking Book users such as the National Federation of the Blind, the Cerebral Palsy Association, nursing homes, and public libraries. However, we are not directly affiliated with any of these organizations and do not endorse any of their activities.

There are no charges to receive the Talking Book Service. The audio books, magazines, players, postage to mail them, and any help provided by Talking Book Service staff are completely free.

The only charges assessed are for any lost (including if it is lost in the mail) or damaged descriptive videos. Each user is informed of this when they request descriptive videos.

The Talking Book Service does not solicit donations by phone or by mail. If you receive such requests please be aware, your donations will not directly support the Talking Book Service.

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For more information or to enroll, check out the website at: www.bookshare.org
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Please write your name and machine serial number on this form, fold in half, tape, and return to the Talking Book Service.

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