

Idaho Talking Book Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
10 am-noon
Teleconference Call
Call: 1-866-343-3911
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Meeting Purpose: To remain current with Talking Book Service items

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

- Approve 2016-2018 Vision Statement
- Review and approve FY2016 Work plan
- Discuss NLS futures document (from last meeting)
- Review the NLS site visit recommendations
- Share member updates
- Agree on 2016 meeting schedule

Meeting leader: Sue Walker

Facilitator/Recorder: Tina Schilling

Agenda

Meeting set-up, introductions	Tina	Share	10 minutes
2016-2018 Vision Statement	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss • Modify • Approve 	15 minutes
FY2016 Work plan	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss • Modify • Approve 	20 minutes
NLS Futures Document	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss 	20 minutes
NLS Site Visit Recommendations	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss 	20 minutes
Member Updates	A;;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share 	15 minutes

2016 meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2 • June 1 • September 14 • December 7 	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review • Modify as needed • Approve 	10 minutes
Next steps	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List 	5 minutes

Present: Sue Walker, Terri King, Judy Mooney, Sue Robinson, Tina Schilling, Mike Gibson, Valerie Duffy, Pam Bradshaw, Sue Sebranek, Dana Ard, Jeanne-Marie Kopecky, Susan McCoy, Heidi Caldwell, Josh Barnes

2016-2018 Vision Statement: Sue Walker made the changes to the vision statement based on the recommendations of the last advisory meeting. Everyone is in agreement about the changes and approved the final document.

FY2016 Work Plan:

- Collections – Sue shared she is about to order print/braille titles for preschoolers and early readers. Titles will be added to the online catalog and teachers will be notified when the materials are available.
Dana Ard shared information about the Boise Braille Book Club having materials available to share. They meet the third Thursday of the month at the Commission for the Blind, meeting from 4 to 5:30. The Braille readathon will be held early in 2016 and encourages readers of all ages. Dana will submit an article for the winter newsletter.
- Outreach to Institutions -We have gotten a lot of positive feedback about the PSA. Agreed to add a bullet about participating in the outreach to the community to be held during the NFB conference in Lewiston in April.
- Outreach to Specific Audiences – A lot of younger people are using their smart phones. There is a Youtube video that shows how to use the BARD apps that Sue Walker will share. Sue Sebranek suggested that perhaps we share that information with older patrons who might want to do the same thing. Sue Walker will have an email generated to patrons with a link to the Youtube video. We want to work on getting the TBS displays out to the schools. Perhaps have some in regional areas so people can share. Agreed to change the deadline for getting the TBS displays in schools to May 2016.
- Training – Sue Walker suggested that we reach out to users who use BARD on a regular basis about the latest BARD updates and changes.

Work plan was approved.

NLS Futures Document:

NLS Site Visit Recommendations: Pam Davenport from NLS visited ICFL in April to see how we are doing and how we are administering the TBS program. As a result of her visit she made recommendations.

There was questions about the budget and funding recommendations. Sue Walker explained about the 20% State budgets cut in 2009 and how we had to move the TBS program to federal from state funding.

Member Updates:

Dana – January 18th the NFB will have their legislative luncheon to help educate legislators about different services that the Commission for the Blind helps provide and visually impaired users need. April 22- 24th the NFB will have their convention in Lewiston. They will also have an expo to promote services to the blind. They would like a representative from ICFL to promote the TBS services.

Jeanne Marie – Just working along with their case load. They are going to be hiring an Assistive Technology person.

Susan McCoy – Excited about the help with technology staff member. Last year they started distributing a Braille newsletter, entitled the *Braille Buzz*, to students and parents and would like Dana and Sue to share information in the newsletter. The newsletter is available in Braille, electronically, and print. The spring issue will come out in April. Items for submission need to be submitted by the first of April.

Mike – Getting ready for the end of the semester finals to start. Is on the board for the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. They have been searching for a new administrator. They have been looking nationally and had up to 35 applications. They have finished the interviews and have narrowed it down to three finalists; all are from Boise. They will be meeting to decide on the new administrator and hope to share the name in a couple of weeks.

Sue Sebranek – Has been vacationing, in Rome and in Ft Lauderdale.

Valerie – They had the white cane tables set up at Fred Meyers in September and featured the TBS service as part of their literature. Her case load has been over 300 veterans who have been between 80 and 90 yrs. of age and 43 of them have passed away this year. More Korean War and Vietnam War veterans are aging and become part of the case load. Often veterans are developing diabetes after being exposed to Agent Orange and having diabetes related health concerns.

Heidi – Head Start is in full swing as well as energy assistance provided to 11,000 people. Rewriting Headstart grant.

Sue Robinson – Attended the NLS orientation in Washington D.C. Her husband was able to go on the trip as well and they were able to see different areas around the capitol mall area. Spent a day at the Community Partnerships Conference and got to see quite a few people and share about the TBS.

Judy – Did the annual outreach at the Nampa Civic Center in October. Got a lot of good feedback from visitors who have seen our PSA's. Also did the Community Partnerships outreach and got to see firsthand out quickly word spread about TBS there.

Terri – Did the annual outreach at the Health Fair in Midvale.

2016 Meetings:

- March 2, 9:30 am-1:30 pm @ ICfL
- June 1 (Josh expressed concern about the date due to Summer Reading starting that week. There was discussion about changing it to the following week, but there is another meeting scheduled here at the commission so the original date stands.) 9:30 am-1:30 pm @ ICfL
- September 14, 9:30 am-1:30 pm @ ICfL
- December 7, 10 am-noon, conference call

Next Steps:

- Sue will send an article for the Braille newsletter about the Print Braille collection.
- Sue will check on the braille labels for locally recorded books.
- Sue will get the meeting minutes out once they are complete.
- Sue will make sure that there are braille documents for those that need them at future meetings.
- Dana will share information with Sue about the Braille Readathon for the next TBS newsletter by January 1.