

Talking Book Service Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2008
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Idaho Commission for Libraries
River Room (Lower Level Conference Room)

Meeting Purpose: To improve services for those requiring reading alternatives

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

1. Be aware of Idaho's "Determined to Vote" initiative
2. Be knowledgeable of NLS changes and updates
3. Provide input on transition issues
4. Be current on other reading alternative projects
5. Make recommendation on additional committee member
6. Provide input on Talking Book Awareness Day activities

Meeting Leader: Sue Walker

Facilitator: Erin McCusker

Recorder: Tina Schilling

AGENDA

Meeting set-up: purpose, desired outcomes, roles, agenda review, ground rules, decision making, introductions, icebreaker	Erin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present • Agree 	20 min.
Determined to Vote Voting Initiative Secretary of State's Office	Jim Mairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present • Discuss 	30 min.
NLS site visit update	Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present • Clarify 	10 min.
NLS Digital transition update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retrospective titles (Terri) • Loan policy review (Sue) • Download fee (Pam) • Demo download (Sheila) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present • Discuss • Next steps 	60 min.
Break/pick-up lunch	All		10 min.
Working lunch: Committee member updates:	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present • Clarify 	45 min.

Committee membership	Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present ideas • Decide 	15 min.
Talking Book Awareness Day (August 20, 2009)	Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview • Brainstorm ideas 	30 min.
Next steps	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List 	10 min.
Meeting Review	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List 	10 min.
Tour of new studio if time permits	Sheila		

Present: Pam Bradshaw, Heidi Caldwell, Jennifer Hall, Mary Ellen Halverson, Amber Kent, Terri King, Judy Mooney, Sue Niewenhaus, Loretta Paine, Julie Pence, Sheila Winther, Nancy Wise, Erin McCusker (facilitator), Sue Walker (meeting leader), Tina Schilling (recorder)

Guest: Jim Mairs, Secretary of State's Office

Determined to Vote Voting Initiative:

Jim Mairs from the Secretary of State's office presented information about voting for individuals with disabilities. It is anticipated that there will be record turn outs this year. He also showed a DVD with the informational ads done by persons with disabilities.

NLS site visit update: David Whittle visited TBS in July for the biennial site visit to measure how well TBS meets the standards for service to users. We should get a written report within 90 days of the visit. David brought 2 of the new digital players and demoed them for the staff. It was very impressive, and we are excited about getting these for our patrons. The biennial patron survey will go out with the next TBS newsletter and will provide additional qualitative information about TBS service.

NLS Digital transition update:

Terri King went over the selection process for the retrospective title selection. Loan Policies – A proposed loan policy that included the digital books was shared with the group and discussion followed. Digital books will have a two week check- out period with a one two week renewal. It was determined that a time frame should be set for service suspension via a warning letter. Patrons will have ten business days to reply to the warning letter.

Committee Member Updates:

LINC: Hosted a Determine to Vote presentation; and it was open to the public. They will be partnering with Women against Violence Focus group (meeting today) that focuses on women with disabilities who may encounter violence. The information will help support agencies. Will be moving to a larger office space soon.

Lewis and Clark College: Lindsey Wyatt is the new librarian. Currently doing a full program review of the last year that will benefit funding.

National Federation for the Blind of Idaho: October is White Cane Awareness month and they will be doing outreach demos in public libraries and possibly Barnes and Noble.

Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired: Recently requested a budget increase (FY2010) for Newslines.

Madison Library District: Hosting a Big Read next month honoring veterans with the book Farewell to Arms. In the end they will have a gala event, USO Show etc. The new library bond passed.

ICFL: Continues to do outreach.

Committee Membership:

A round table discussion was held to determine where the next new committee member should come from. Sue presented a list of ideas and members contributed to the list as well. There was an opportunity to vote for your three top picks and they were:

Idaho Commission on Aging: Sue to contact
Disability resource centers such as Mike Gibson@ BSU
Groups that service individuals with disabilities

Talking Book Awareness Day (August 20, 2009):

Ideas were discussed and include the following:

Simultaneous outreach in the three different parts of the state.

Proclamation by the governor.

PSA's

Large amount of library involvement.

Displays at malls/public libraries and senior nutrition programs.

News programs – Larry Gibert.

Local TV Stations and community calendars.

Brochures to Meals on Wheels and home style direct.

Clever posters.

Add it to the TBS calendar.

Special edition of the newsletter.

Partnerships.

Minister Association

“Each one Reach one” challenge.

Radio

Health Fairs

State and county Fairs

Home and Garden Shows

State and local politicians to advocate for program

ILA spring conferences

Displays at universities.

NPR

IPT and dialogue

Idaho Celebrities – Troy McCain

Local Magazines

Newspapers – Weekly's

Get all users to “checkout” a book that day

Open house – tours.

Door Prizes

Youth groups outreach

Newsline
Blind Commission staff involvement
ATC students

Next Steps:

Small committee will work through TBS Awareness Day ideas. They are Jennifer, Julie, Terri, Heidi, Nancy, Mary Ellen and Sue.

Identify new committee member: **Sue**

Loan Policy changes to the Mgt Team: **Sue**

Meeting minutes: **Tina and Sue**

Next meeting: Tuesday, Dec 9th from 9:30 to 1:30

Meeting Review:

Plus – Parking Passes

Energetic fun group

Welcome to Amber

Jim Mairs

Nancy K taking over support duties

Good Lunch

Julie joining the meeting

Good facilitator and recorder

CSR's humor

Delta – Warmer room

Missing three committee members.