

Connections

Talking Book Service News

Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition

Sixty Talking Book Service (TBS) users nominated 48 dedicated postal carriers from all parts of Idaho for this year's Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition. With so many service-oriented nominees, the selection team's job was a difficult one, but they enjoyed reading the descriptions of each postal carrier's kindnesses. Tim Hoover, a Postal Carrier for nine years, first in Nampa and now in Boise, was selected for the 2014 Postal Carrier Recognition.

Tim was nominated by three TBS users: Susan Ford, Dorothy Carpenter, and Anne Johnson, mother of TBS user Lois Johnson. They all appreciated Tim's exemplary customer service such as delivering Braille books to the door when they don't fit in a mailbox and working with a care facility to ensure good delivery.

Tim said that when people lose their sight sometimes they can lose their connection to the world, but TBS is a fantastic service that keeps that from happening. Station Manager Jeff Winberry said that it was a great honor for postal carriers to be recognized for



**Postal Carrier of the Year
Tim Hoover**

making a difference by going above and beyond in their service to the community.

Susan and Dorothy, along with TBS Regional Librarian Sue Walker, visited the Boise

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Cole Station of the U.S. Postal Service in August to present Tim with a plaque and letter of thanks from State Librarian Ann Joslin. Also in attendance were staff from the Postal Service, Jeff Winberry, and Boise Postmaster Daniel Corral. The recognition event ended with refreshments, which allowed everyone to congratulate Tim.

Thanks to all for submitting nominations. Your postal carriers were notified via their Post Offices of your nominations and thanked for their many efforts. The following carriers were nominated to receive the 2014 Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition. Congratulations to all and thanks for your hard work!

2014 Postal Carrier Nominees:

Athol:	Beth Schew Jason Sly	Malad:	LeeAnn Deschamps
Blackfoot:	Amber Mangum Guy Mangum	Meridian:	Gwen (no last name given)
Boise:	John Gilbert Ake Hermelin Tim Hoover John McClelland Cindy McElya Keith Parb Cathy Smith Brian Sperling	Moore:	Dawn Jensen
Caldwell:	Joe Curt	Moyie Springs:	McKenzie Durette
Coeur D'Alene:	Stan Benson Robert Stech	Nampa:	Scott Porter Kevin Walling
Downey:	Norman Spencer	Orofino:	Jay Blake
Filer:	Jolene Robbins	Pocatello:	Lonnie Melton Blake Quigley Casey Rubidoux Bob Smith
Garden City:	Lydia Buttram	Post Falls:	Adam Anello
Homedale:	Lacie Kildow	Preston:	Joel Crouch
Idaho Falls:	Jack Barton Steve Phillip Lance Walker	Rexburg:	Lisa Tolman
Kendrick:	Brad Millard	Rigby:	Doris Drake Joe Oudekirk
Kooskia:	Amanda Hunter	Rupert:	Susan Hirsch Brian (no last name given)
Lewiston:	Robert Jones	Sandpoint:	Dawn Hartman
		Star:	Marnie Summers
		Twin Falls:	Patrick Day Robert Orr
		Weiser:	Norma Smith

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If your carrier was not recognized this year, start noting all those special things he or she does when delivering your TBS materials. You will then be ready to fully describe why he or she deserves to receive the 2015 Talking Book Carrier Recognition when nominations open next year! Details will be announced in the winter issue of the newsletter.

What Are You Reading

by Talking Book Service Regional Librarian Sue Walker

When I read the annotation for *The Light Between Oceans*, I thought the plot was hard to believe. However, author M.L. Stedman so successfully wove this story about an emotionally wounded World War 1 veteran, his wife, and the baby they find adrift in a boat, that not only did I believe it, I continued to think about it after the story ended.

Tom Sherbourne returns to Australia at the end of the Great War unable to forget the sights, sounds, and losses he experienced. He takes a position as a lighthouse keeper on an island off the mainland in the hope he will find peace. His life unexpectedly changes when he marries, and his wife joins him on the island. Their happiness is short-lived when his wife loses three pregnancies, and desperate for a child, convinces him that

the baby they find in a boat is an orphan that they should raise as their own.

Stedman's descriptive sentences highlight the turmoil Tom struggles with as he tries to do right by his wife and child whom he loves so much and then discovers the child's mother is alive. The last chapters of the book turn suspenseful as the plot twists and turns toward the final decision and asks the question "What is the definition of a parent?"

In addition to the fascinating plot and quality narration, the descriptions of Australia in this author's first novel took me to a place I would enjoy discovering in person. I am anxious to read her next book.

DB075192
pub. 2012

Adult Fiction
11 hours 51 minutes

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TBS 10² Club



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Sister Theresa Mary Stroeing, Cottonwood, Born 10/05/1915
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Dark Soldier**Adult Fiction****Author: Katherine Myers****Read By: Julie Patricia**

As the spirit of the Revolutionary War swept across her new homeland of Massachusetts, young Saura Ainsley was determined to help her American compatriots. But while trying to slip a vital document through enemy lines, Saura was captured by the British redcoats, who decided to tame the rebellious beauty by forcing her to marry their captain. Furious but trapped, Saura had no choice but to capitulate to the gallantly amused Captain Seth Adams.

Though Saura might be made to yield her body to her enemy husband, she refused to surrender her heart. Yet despite her vow, Saura found herself succumbing to her captain's passion and tender concern. But only when tragedy strikes, and a startling secret is revealed, can Saura begin to admit what she feels for her dark, handsome soldier...a man who has resolved to conquer any obstacle that stands between them and their love.

Idaho Author_____ **DBC00783 1983****8 Hours 45 Minutes*****Andrus: Idaho's Greatest Governor*****Adult Nonfiction****Author: Chris Carlson****Read By: Colette Cowman**

Chris Carlson, Cecil Andrus' long-time press secretary, writes a deeply personal political reminiscence of Andrus, Idaho's popular four-term governor and Interior Secretary under President Carter. Carlson shares many intimate memories of traveling closely with "the boss."

_____ **DBC00836 2010****9 Hours 55 Minutes**

The Predators

Adult Fiction

Author: Howard E. Adkins

Read By: Don Evans

Charlie Buchanan, a young rancher in central Idaho, sets out to kill the newly introduced pack of wolves as his anti-government statement. The result is high adventure and endless misery for man and beast.

____ DBC00843 2000

7 hours 15 minutes

Run the Rivers with Lewis and Clark

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Cynthia Compton

Read By: Sue Vap

Run The Rivers With Lewis and Clark is an accurate historical account of the journey of young America's Corps of Discovery. The author, Cynthia Compton, is an Idaho school teacher who was looking for a resource that could be used to supplement her Idaho History lessons and present the story in a condensed, yet concise manner. Mrs. Compton found that there really wasn't any such thing available, so decided to research and write the story herself. Drawing on the original journals as well as the research and writings of many Lewis and Clark scholars, this book is perfect for students and families.

Run The Rivers details the origins of the trip from the forward and westward-looking dream of President Thomas Jefferson to an explanation of The Louisiana Purchase and an exhilarating telling of the trip itself. This book is a great resource for classroom teachers as well as a great read for anyone wanting to learn about one of the greatest exploratory expeditions ever undertaken.

____ DBC00848 2011

5 hours 45 minutes

Shoshoni Pony

Juvenile Nonfiction

Author: Carol Lynn MacGregor

Read By: Lana Thurston

Horses changed the way Native Americans lived and worked. This is the story of how the Shoshoni Indians, who lived in the area that would later become Idaho, became the first in the Northwest to get horses and why these animals were so important to the Shoshoni and their culture.

____ DBC00851 2003

22 minutes

Order Book from "What are You Reading?" article (page 3):

_____ DB075192 *The Light Between Oceans*

Order Books from "Favorite Horror Authors" article (pages 10-11):

_____ DB077228 *The Fury*

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_____ DB050233 *Something Wicked This Way Comes*

_____ DB079298 *Wayward and The Last Town*

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_____ *OWYHEE OUTPOST*—journal of the Owyhee County Historical Society, published annually

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Magazine Corner

The magazine *Guideposts* is available from the Idaho Talking Book Service on cartridge and is now also available on NFB-Newsline. Newsline is a product of the National Federation of the Blind and provides full-text audio from a variety of news publications and magazines that are accessed through your phone.

The Idaho Talking Book Service is also in the process of making *Reader's Digest* available on digital cartridge. Once this is in place, we will transfer all the

cassette subscriptions and start sending *Reader's Digest* on digital cartridges. These must be returned to receive the next issue. If you are only using your cassette player for this magazine, it may now be returned.

If you are interested in either of these magazines, please contact the Talking Book Service at 800-458-3271 or 208-334-2150.

There is no need to resubscribe to *Reader's Digest* if you receive it on cassette.

Volunteer Highlight—Tom Jaramillo

In the past three-and-a-half years, Tom Jaramillo has volunteered almost 300 hours narrating books and magazines at the Idaho Commission for Libraries. Tom gets a sense of contribution from volunteering for the Talking Book Service and he likes knowing that someone is getting enjoyment out of his work. He looks forward to working with his teammate each week as they read and monitor each other's narrations. She also helps him keep all the character voices straight. They put their best efforts into their work and he hopes that Talking Book users like the results.

Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Winther says, "Tom is a great narrator, definitely on par with the National Library Service narrators. He can make even a not-so-great book sound interesting! I just love his interpretation of the western characters in the Kirby Jonas books he recorded. A big extra advantage of having Tom as a volunteer: he has shown me new videos of his twin three-year-old daughters nearly every week from the time they were born."

Tom's twins keep him busy and entertained. He loves taking them to Zoo Boise, where they recently had adventures such as feeding

a giraffe and a "close encounter" with a curious lion who seemed to high-five them through the glass barrier. He also reads books with them, of course, and they especially like the interactive selections.

In his spare time, Tom enjoys target practice and motorcycle rides. He has a helicopter license and would like to have the opportunity to use it someday. Tom is also a self-proclaimed Star Wars/Star Trek nerd.

We appreciate the talent and time Tom dedicates to the Talking Book Service.



Volunteer Tom Jaramillo

Most Popular Authors in Adult Horror

Stephen King is probably one of the most well-known and prolific writers of our time. Ranging from the frustrated child that develops telekinetic powers to a mythic universe of gunmen and creatures, and passing through the basic horror of the classic vampire and werewolves, King does one thing for sure: he keeps you reading and devouring the next chapter.

DB010563: *The Shining*—Danny was only five years old but in the words of old Mr. Halloran he was a “shiner,” aglow with psychic voltage. When his father became caretaker of the Overlook Hotel, his visions grew frighteningly out of control.

DB082230: *Revival*—A dark and electrifying novel about addiction, fanaticism, and what might exist on the other side of life.

Blake Crouch has sold over a million books and his work has been translated into more than twenty languages. Known for high-concept fiction with breakneck pacing and groundbreaking genre cross-breeding, six of his books have hit the Kindle Top 10. Blake’s “Wayward Pines” series has been made into a TV series.

DB075977: *Pines* (1st in a series of 3 books)—Secret service agent Ethan Burke arrives in Wayward Pines, Idaho, with a clear

mission: locate two federal agents who went missing in the bucolic town one month earlier. But within minutes of his arrival, Ethan is involved in a violent accident. He awakens in a hospital, with no ID, no cell phone, and no briefcase.

DB079298: *Wayward* (2nd in series) and ***The Last Town*** (3rd in series) *Violence, strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex*

Ray Bradbury, on his 80th birthday, said, “The great fun in my life has been getting up every morning and rushing to the typewriter because some new idea has hit me. In any event, here I am, eighty years old, feeling no different, full of a great sense of joy, and glad for the long life that has been allowed me. I have good plans for the next ten or twenty years, and I hope you’ll come along.”

DB050233: *Something Wicked This Way Comes*—One week before Halloween, Cooger and Dark’s Pandemonium Shadow Show rolls into Green Town, Illinois. A carnival like no other, it feeds on the dreams and weaknesses of those drawn to its eerie attractions, destroying every life touched by its strange and sinister mystery. Two boys are about to learn the secret of its smoke, mazes, and mirrors as they confront a nightmarish evil that will change their lives forever.

Most Popular Authors in Young Adult Horror

R.L. Stine is not only one of the most commercially successful novelists of the generation, but is also arguably one of the finest writers of horror fiction aimed at young audiences. He has written scores of books—with the “Goosebumps” Series being the most popular.

DB071787: *Halloween Party: Fear Street*—When beautiful new transfer student, Justine Cameron, throws a Halloween party at her old, haunted mansion, her fellow students don’t know what to expect. But after they discover a corpse at the party, the true terror begins.

Patrick Ness is an American-born author, journalist, and lecturer who lives in London and holds dual citizenship. He is best known for his books for young adults.

DB074426: *A Monster Calls*—The monster showed up after midnight, as they do. But it isn’t the monster Conor has been expecting. He’s been expecting the one from his nightmare, the one he’s had nearly every night since his mother started her treatments, the one with the darkness and the wind and the screaming...This monster is something different, though. Something ancient, something wild. And it wants the most dangerous thing of all from Conor. It wants the truth.

Alexander Gordon Smith was born in 1979 in Norwich, England and always wanted to be a writer. After experimenting in the service and retail trades for a few years, Smith decided to go to University. He studied English and American Literature at the University of East Anglia, and it was here that he first explored his love of publishing. Along with poet Luke Wright, he founded Egg Box Publishing, a groundbreaking magazine and press that promotes talented new authors. He also started writing hundreds of articles, short stories, and books ranging from Scooby Doo comic strips to world atlases, murders to X-Files.

DB077228: *The Fury*—When Cal, Brick, and Daisy find the entire human race has turned against them in mindless rage, they band together to defend themselves. The trio struggles to survive while searching for a way to change the world back.

*Violence and some strong language
For senior high and older readers*

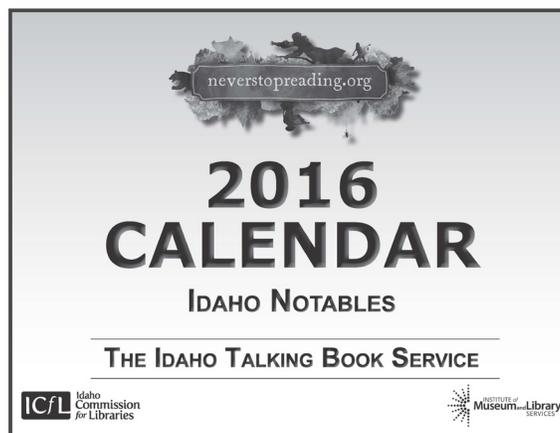
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2016 Calendar Arrival



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