

Connections

Talking Book Service News

Winter 2013

Postal Carrier of the Year Nominations

Does your postal carrier go above and beyond in delivering or picking up your books, magazines, and equipment? Would you like to recognize him or her for exemplary service? Submit a nomination, and he or she might be the Idaho Talking Book Service Postal Carrier of 2012!

In addition to recognizing the carrier's quality service, the recognition will also increase awareness of the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) within the United States Postal Service and provide an opportunity to promote the Talking Book Service via the media.

Nominating a carrier is easy—just complete the form on the back of this page and mail it to:

Idaho Talking Book Service
325 West State Street
Boise, Idaho, 83702

Or fax it to: 208.334.4016.

Nominations can be shared by phone: call 800.458.3271 after

5:00 p.m. (MST) and leave complete nomination information on the answering machine.

Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2013. A committee composed of TBS users and staff will review the nominations and recommend a recipient to the Talking Book Service Advisory Committee at its June 5 meeting.

Both the winner and his or her Post Office will be awarded certificates in the Post Office by Talking Book Service staff. The nominating user will be invited to participate and offer congratulations in person. In addition, all nominated carriers will be notified and thanked for their quality service.

Criteria and instructions for submitting the nomination are on the back of this page. Please tear out the page, complete the form, and return to the Talking Book Service by April 30. All TBS users will also receive an application form in the mail by mid-March.

Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition

Thank you for nominating your postal carrier for the 2012 Idaho Talking Book Service Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition. Please nominate a postal carrier only if:

1. You are a current user of the Idaho Talking Book Service;
2. You are nominating your postal carrier—not someone else’s;
3. The nomination is based on actions the postal carrier took in 2012 in relation to delivering or picking up materials provided by the Talking Book Service.

Nominator’s name: _____

Nominator’s phone number: _____

(Please include this information so that we can contact you if your applicant is selected.)

Postal carrier’s name: _____

Postal carrier’s Post Office: _____

Explain why you are nominating this postal carrier. Include specific details and the length of time the postal carrier has performed these duties:

To submit this application

- Mail to: Idaho Talking Book Service, 325 West State Street, Boise, ID 83702;
- Fax to 208.334.4016;
- Email to sue.walker@libraries.idaho.gov; or
- Call 800.458.3271 after 5:00 p.m. (MST) and leave complete nomination information. Your call will not be returned.

Applications are due by April 30, 2013.

The winner will be announced in June 2013.

*Email: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov • Website: libraries.idaho.gov/tbs
Phone: 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271*

Recent Donations to the Talking Book Service

Memorial Donations

Dorothy Anderson

Jim Jones

Sam Barton

Frank & Gladys Andres

Janice Batt

Norman & Ellen Batt

Ivan & Liz Custer

Marie Bilyeu Dirks

Constance Farmer

Thomas & Helen Gebhardt

William & Susan Hudson

George Johnson

Susan Lambuth

Arnold & June Mecham

Fred & Jane Penning

Jack & Mary Roling

Richard St. Clair

Michael Walker

Harold Batt

Marien Barton

Ruth Mary Garland

Ethel Farnsworth

Bonnie Kutterer

Linda Rogers & Randy Lattimer

Michael & Helen Patterson

Loren & Eva Turnipseed

Clarence Woodard

David Woodard

General Donations

Emily Baker

Lois Beno

Ronald Bird

Bobby Bopp

Muriel T. Demer

Joyce Dodge

Paul Fritz

Fern Graham

Dorothy Griffiths

Faye Kerr

Charles Locuson

Edna McCoy

Richard Messersmith

Richard Moore

Steven Muffley

Juanita Parke

Joy Patton

Frederick Peter

Helen Potter

Bill & Mary Purdom

Ben Reese

Hazel Rogers

Duane Rowley

Wilma Shewmaker

David Spiegel

Edwin Still

William Wilkes

Clara Znaniecki

Donations are used to enhance the Talking Book Service and are fully tax deductible as allowed by law. Acknowledgements are sent to donors and honorees, so please include the name and address of all those to be notified. Please make checks payable to Idaho Commission for Libraries and mail to:

Idaho Talking Book Service

325 West State Street

Boise, ID 83702

Credit card donations can be made online from the Idaho Commission for Libraries website at <http://libraries.idaho.gov> by clicking on the ***Donate Here!*** button in the lower left corner of the page.

Thanks to all for your generosity!

Frequently Asked Questions

Below are answers to questions we are asked about our collection:

1. Are book titles downloaded from BARD different from the book titles available on cartridge?

All titles recorded since 2009 are available on cartridge and for download from BARD. Due to the cost of cartridges, some older titles that have been converted from cassette format are available on BARD, but are not distributed on cartridges. The Talking Book Service (TBS) can make any title that is available on BARD also available on cartridge upon request. Contact TBS to request specific titles on cartridge.

2. Why aren't all the titles in a series available on cartridge?

This is a frustrating situation. As the National Library Service (NLS) converts older titles to cartridges, it sometimes skips some titles in a series. Unfortunately, the TBS has no control over which titles are converted to cartridge or when. The NLS is aware of this situation and is now trying to complete all titles in a series at the same time.

3. How are titles selected to be added to the collection?

Approximately 2,400 titles are added to the NLS collection

annually, which is a very small percentage of the number of titles published each year. The collection is intended to be a general public library collection. It contains both fiction and nonfiction titles in a variety of genres. Titles are often best sellers or written by popular authors. Titles are selected by subject specialist librarians after receiving positive reviews in professional journals. Textbooks and books that have not been professionally reviewed are not considered for addition to the collection. Books of local interest recorded in the TBS studios are selected by staff from book reviews, articles, and from user recommendations.

4. Can I recommend a title to be added to the collection?

Readers are welcome to suggest titles to be added to either the NLS collection or the TBS locally recorded collection. To recommend a title, contact the TBS and provide the author, title, publisher, and date of publication. Titles for the NLS collection will be forwarded to the NLS, and titles of local interest will be reviewed by the TBS staff for quality and interest to users.

New Books Order Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

New Idaho Talking Books from our recording studio*New locally recorded books are available on digital cartridges.*

To order, select the VDB numbers of the titles you want and mail this pre-addressed Order Form, or call 800.458.3271, or order online at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/TBS/CurrentBooks/Winter2013>.

To download locally produced digital titles:

1.) Go to <http://webopac.klas.com/idbph>.

2.) Log in.

3.) Click on IDAHO SHELF.

Shoshone Falls: the Magnificent Spectacle**(Adult Nonfiction)****Author: Virginia Ricketts****Read By: Larry Weeks**

Geological wonder, magnificent spectacle, higher than Niagara Falls, first tourist center in southern Idaho—the awesome Shoshone Falls contributed to and was part of every phase of the development of the Magic Valley and southern Idaho.

_____ (VDB01213) 2005

17 hours 3 minutes***Beyond Bear's Paw: The Nez Perce Indians in Canada*****(Adult Nonfiction)****Author: Jerome A. Greene****Read By: Art Latterell**

This story of the 300 Nez Perce who escaped the U.S. Army at the battle in the Bear's Paw Mountains in Montana and made it to Canada—but were not welcomed by the Canadian government or other native tribes—tells of their struggles to survive in a new and unforgiving country.

_____ (VDB01244) 2010

8 hours 10 minutes***Imprisoned in Paradise: Japanese Internee Road Workers at the World War II Kooskia Internment Camp*****(Adult Nonfiction)****Author: Priscilla Wegars****Read By: Deborah Lynch**

265 Japanese internees volunteered for transfer to the Kooskia Internment Camp and received wages for assisting in the difficult construction of the Lewis-Clark Highway (Hwy 12). The internees' knowledge of the 1929 Geneva Convention empowered them in establishing a symbiotic relationship with the camp administration.

_____ (VDB01255) 2010

13 hours 22 minutes

Idaho's Gold Road

(Adult Nonfiction)

Author: H. Gittins

Read By: Amie Dryden

In 1862, when gold was discovered in what is now Montana, no road existed for the hordes of people that flocked to the area. This is the story of the development of the road from Salt Lake City, through the Portneuf and Malad Valleys and on to Montana Territory, and the early pioneer entrepreneurs who had the foresight to get the job done.

_____ (VDB01261) 1976

10 hours 31 minutes

Recovering A Lost River, Removing Dams, Rewilding Salmon, Revitalizing Communities

(Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Steven Hawley

Read By: Nancy Rollins

Hawley presents his case for removal of the dams on the Snake River because he believes that is the only way salmon will ever flourish again. The book depicts the compelling arguments and actions being made on behalf of salmon by a growing army of river warriors. Their message is that salmon need water in their rivers and a clear way home.

_____ (VDB01272) 2011

11 hours

So What Was I Thinking???

(Adult Nonfiction)

Author: John H. Austin Jr.

Read By: Duane Satterlee

Humorous reflections of an adventurous life in Idaho's remote back country, recounting tales of everything from hunting, fishing, and guiding to search and rescue flights into the rugged wilderness areas of the Salmon River. Author of *So You Gotta Get Right Back On???*

_____ (VDB01273) 2005

7 hours 20 minutes

The Fragrance of Roses (Regalo Grande Series, Book 3) (Adult Fiction)

Author: Nikki Arana

Read By: Susan Johnson

When Manuel's cancer returns with a vengeance, Antonio returns to Mexico in a desperate attempt to test family members for a compatible donor for their son. With only their faith in God and their love for each other, Antonio and Angelica face the greatest battle of their lives.

_____ (VDB01286) 2009

10 hours

Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher

(Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Lewis Thomas

Read By: Jeff Sollars

Extending beyond the usual limitations of biological science and into the vast and wondrous world of hidden relationships, this provocative book explores in personal, poetic essays topics such as computers, germs, language, music, death, insects, and medicine.

_____ (VDB01292) 1974

4 hours 45 minutes

Born in Africa: The Quest for the Origins of Human Life (Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Martin Meredith

Read By: Tom Jaramillo

Some seven million years have passed since the precursors of humankind began to evolve in Africa. This account follows the trail of discoveries of anthropologists, archaeologists, and other scientists striving to uncover the mysteries of human origins over the past 100 years. The story recounts their fierce rivalries and controversies as well as their feats of skill and endurance.

_____ (VDB01293) 2011

5 hours 57 minutes

When We Were Romans: A Novel

(Adult Fiction)

Author: Matthew Kneale

Read By: Margaret Dimmick

Nine-year-old Lawrence is the man of his family, watching over his mother, his willful little sister, Jemima, and his hamster Hermann. He is the one who keeps order, especially when his mother decides that they must leave England because of threats from Lawrence's father. But their new life in Rome does not go as planned. Short of money and living off of his mother's old friends—all who seem to doubt her story—Lawrence soon realizes that things are not what they seem.

_____ (VDB01294) 2007

7 hours 12 minutes

Hope: A Tragedy

(Adult Fiction)

Author: Shalom Auslander

Read By: Adam Forbes

This hilarious and haunting examination of the burdens and abuse of history, filled with existential musings and wit, is a comic and compelling story of the hopeless longing to be free of those pasts that haunt our every present.

_____ (VDB01295) 2012

9 hours 46 minutes

Strong language

Idaho Talking Book Service
Idaho Commission for Libraries
325 W State St
Boise, ID 83702-6055

**FREE MATTER FOR THE
BLIND OR HANDICAPPED**



Idaho Commission for Libraries
Idaho Talking Book Service
325 W State St
Boise, ID 83702

The TBS newsletter with this order form is available on cassette upon request. Call 800.458.3271. For a podcast, PDF, or to subscribe to the newsletter via email, visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/connections-tbs-news>. This newsletter is also available for download via the IDAHO SHELF Project.

Converted Books: The following Adult Fiction Idaho books were originally recorded for cassette but are now available as a digital cartridge.

Bless Me Ultima

____VDB00065 Read by Daniel Baer pub. 1992 9 Hours 1 Minutes

The Call of The Canyon

____VDB00365 Read by Daniel Baer pub. 1921 8 Hours 10 Minutes

Hell, West, and Crooked: Stories

____VDB00128 Read by Carla Stern pub. 1993 4 Hours 13 Minutes

In Tragic Life

____VDB00402 Read by Kenneth Cooper pub. 1933 14 Hours 32 Minutes

Mourning Dove: A Story of Love

____VDB00391 Read by Norma Ericson pub. 1996 1 Hour 52 Minutes

Thousand Pieces of Gold: A Biographical Novel

____VDB00522 Read by Jane Moore pub. 1981 6 Hours 39 Minutes

Volunteer Highlight—Deborah Lynch

Deborah Lynch has been volunteering at the Idaho Commission for Libraries for four years, monitoring and narrating books and magazines for the Talking Book Service (TBS). She comes in weekly to work in the recording booth and also reviews recorded materials at home.

Deborah has volunteered at other organizations since moving to Idaho from England seven years ago, but the Talking Book Service is especially dear to her. Her father, who lost his sight in recent years, uses a similar service in England.

Deborah records both novels and history. She loves that the work brings something different with every book and she enjoys learning about Idaho. Deborah has discovered many interesting and fun places to visit. She and her husband play “the tourists,” kayaking and camping in the summer months, and they love showing off Idaho to family and friends that visit from England and Ireland.

The biggest challenge that Deborah faces when volunteering as a narrator is the U.S. pronunciation of some words, especially place names. But teamwork helps her over that hurdle—she generally works with the same volunteer

monitor and together they keep the pronunciation consistent.

In her spare time, Deborah writes, and is “desperately trying to finish [her] first novel.” She even had the unusual experience of recording her own article for TBS when it was published in *Idaho magazine* last year. The article, ‘Divas Wanted,’ was about her personal experience joining the Sweet Adelines organization—she sings in the Spirit of Boise chorus and also a quartet.

Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Winther said, “It is fun to have a narrator with a beautiful British accent, especially when we record a great murder mystery set in England (written by an Idaho author, of course). Deborah’s voice adds a ring of authenticity to the novel.”



Volunteer Deborah Lynch records a novel for the Talking Book Service

Looking for a new author? If you like...**Agatha Christie, try**

- Nancy Atherton
- Elizabeth George
- Martha Grimes
- Joan Hess
- P. D. James
- Ruth Rendell

Amanda Quick**(Jayne Ann Krentz), try**

- Mary Balogh
- Catherine Coulter
- Jude Deveraux
- Julie Garwood
- Georgette Heyer
- Linda Howard
- Stephanie Laurens
- Johanna Lindsey

Belva Plain, try

- Barbara Taylor Bradford
- Joy Fielding
- Anne Rivers Siddons
- Nicholas Sparks
- Danielle Steel

Clive Cussler, try

- Ted Bell
- Lincoln Child
- Stephen Coonts
- Nelson DeMille
- Ian Fleming
- Ken Follett
- Jack Higgins
- Robert Ludlum
- Eric Lustbader
- Douglas Preston
- James Rollins

Danielle Steel, try

- Janet Dailey
- Barbara Delinsky
- Andrew Greeley

David Baldacci, try

- Dale Brown
- Dan Brown
- Linda Fairstein
- Lisa Gardner
- James Grippando
- T. Jefferson Parker
- George Pelecanos
- David Poyer
- Robert Tanenbaum

Dean Koontz, try

- V. C. Andrews
- Lincoln Child
- Stuart Woods

Fern Michaels, try

- Kristen Hannah
- Madeline Hunter
- Linda Lael Miller
- Diana Palmer
- Karen Robards
- Nora Roberts
- LaVyrle Spencer

Harlan Coben, try

- Lawrence Block
- Robert Crais
- Lee Child
- Michael Connelly
- Lisa Scottoline

James Patterson, try

- Jeffery Deaver
- John Sandford
- Iris Johansen

Jan Karon, try

- Jennifer Chiaverini
- Richard Paul Evans
- Philip Gulley
- Ann B. Ross

Janet Evanovich, try

- Jan Burke
- Jennifer Crusie
- Diane Mott Davidson
- Joan Hess
- Carl Hiaasen
- Laurell K. Hamilton
- Gillian Roberts

Janette Oke, try

- T. Davis Bunn
- Gilbert Morris
- Bodie & Brock Thoene
- Beverly Lewis

Jodi Picoult, try

- Luanne Rice

John Grisham, try

- William Bernhardt
- Vince Flynn
- John T. Lescroart
- Steve Martini
- Perri O'Shaughnessy
- Richard North Patterson
- Scott Turow

Biennial Survey Results

More than 700 individuals—almost 25% of Idaho Talking Book Service users—completed the user survey sent in November. 214 of the surveys were completed online, which demonstrates the increasing use of computers.

It's always interesting to receive feedback on how well the Talking Book Service meets its users' needs, and how we can improve in this rapidly changing environment. 96% of respondents rated the service as excellent or good. Customer service representatives contacted those with specific questions, and future newsletter articles will clarify the most commonly asked questions.

The most common request was for additional information on both BARD and the SHELF

Project. BARD is the National Library Service's online database of digital books and magazines. The SHELF Project is the Idaho Talking Book Service's online database of locally recorded digital books and magazines. Access to both databases is free, but users need to set up an account, have a computer with high-speed internet access, and have the ability to download and open files to successfully use them. Friends and family are welcome to help users download from either database. Please contact the Talking Book Service for information on establishing an account.

The survey is distributed biennially, but users are always welcome to contact us with questions, suggestions, and even complaints!



TBS 10² Club



The newest centenarian to join the Talking Book Service 10² (Ten Squared) Club is:
Fern Lloyd of Pocatello,
Born 02/04/1913



Idaho Talking Book Service
325 W State St
Boise, ID 83702-6055

**FREE MATTER FOR THE
BLIND OR HANDICAPPED**

This newsletter is available on cassette tape upon request. Call 800.458.3271. For a podcast, PDF, or to subscribe to the newsletter via email, visit <http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/connections-tbs-news>. This newsletter is also available for download via the IDAHO SHELF Project.



This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services.

NLS Site Visit Scheduled

National Library Service (NLS) Consultant Pam Davenport will visit the Idaho Talking Book Service for its biennial site visit on Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26, 2013. If you would like to talk with her about any aspect of the Talking Book Service, please contact Sue Walker at 800.458.3271 to schedule an appointment.