Idaho Commission for Libraries Volunteer Coordinator, Sheila Winther, nominated volunteer Fred Riddle for a 2013 Governor’s Brightest Star Award. Sheila says that nearly 100% of Fred’s ‘spare’ time is spent on some sort of volunteer service, whether it’s in a formal program like the Talking Book Service (TBS) or lending a hand to a neighbor in need. Fred says, “I do it because I can. And, if you can, you should help out when you are needed.” His generous nature has benefited many organizations and individuals, not only in his immediate community, but across the entire state. When he commits to helping out, he sticks with it, as proved by his 22 years of continuous service (over 4,000 hours) for the Idaho TBS.

Fred cares about literacy and education. That is why he invents interesting interactive displays to help children learn geography and world history. Fred cares about people, that is why he not only is a full-time care giver to his “bride” of many years but also takes care of his neighbors. Fred is always on the lookout for, and ready to lend a hand to, others in need.

Fred is a master of many trades, and he generously shares his talent and skills with many causes around the Treasure Valley. He is a retired telephone engineer and, in his work life, he designed and installed large telephone systems and switching panels. He is also

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a hobbyist and tinkerer with anything electro-mechanical.

Some of Fred’s other volunteer work, in addition to repairing and maintaining the TBS machines at the Commission, and training other volunteers to do the same, includes:

• Weiser Museum: completing an interactive telephone history display.
• Warhawk Air Museum, Nampa: constructing, donating, and maintaining an interactive map of the Allied nations of WWII and refurbishing used wheel chairs for use by visitors.
• Emu-Z-Um, Grand View: refurbishing and delivering old telephone equipment for their communications display.

Sheila said that although Fred did not take home a Governor’s Brightest Star Award, he is still one of our Brightest Stars and it’s a privilege to work with such a caring, giving man.

Talking Book Service Open Houses

Talking Book Service (TBS) staff discovered a new way to reach organizations serving those eligible for the Talking Book Service: open houses at local public libraries. All retirement communities and care facilities in a county are invited to attend an open house at a local public library to learn more about the Talking Book Service and how it can serve their residents. All public libraries in the county are also invited to participate in sharing information about the resources they have for those unable to read standard print. Organizations are contacted by phone before the event to verify their contact information, sent an invitation, and then contacted by phone a few days before the actual event. Open houses have been held in two counties so far, with more planned. Organizations learn more about TBS and their local public libraries, the public libraries learn more about TBS and the needs of those in their communities, and TBS staff enroll more institutions into the Talking Book Service—a win/win/win situation. TBS staff is available to provide demonstrations to both residents and institution staff.

Contact Sue Walker at 800.458.3271 for more information on scheduling a time for a site visit or demonstration.
Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition

Now that 2013 has ended, it’s time to think about all the ways your postal carrier supported your Talking Book Service (TBS) throughout the year and consider nominating him or her for the Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition.

Nominating a carrier is easy—just complete the form on page 4 (the back of this page) and fax it to 208.334.4016 or mail it to:

Idaho Talking Book Service
325 West State Street
Boise, Idaho, 83702
Attention: Sue Walker

Applications must be submitted by Friday, February 28. 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 March 5 meeting.

Both the winner and his or her Post Office will be awarded certificates at the Post Office by Talking Book Service staff. The nominating TBS 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 February 28. All TBS users will also receive a nomination form in the mail in early February.

Digital Religious/Historical Fiction Books in Series

Beverly LaHaye:
Women of Cedar Cove

Tim LaHaye:
Countdown to the Rapture Series
Jesus Chronicles

Gilbert Morris:
House of Winslow

Judith Pella:
Ribbons of Steel

Tracie Peterson:
Bells of Lowell
Brides of Gallatin County

Lauraine Snelling:
Dakotah Treasures
Daughters of Blessing
Home to Blessing
Red River of the North
Return to Red River

Bodie Thoene:
A.D. Chronicles

Broadmoor Legacy
Land of the Lone Star
Lights of Lowell
Song of Alaska
Westward Chronicles
Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition Nomination Form

Thank you for nominating your postal carrier for the 2013 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 2013 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 nominee is selected.)

Postal carrier’s first and last name: ________________________________

Postal carrier’s Post Office address: ________________________________

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

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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

Applications are due by February 28, 2014.
The winner will be announced in June 2014.
New Books Order Form

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ADDRESS

New Idaho Talking Books from our recording studio

New locally recorded books are available on digital cartridge.

To order, select the VDB numbers of the titles you want and mail this pre-addressed Order Form or call 800.458.3271.

To download these and other locally produced digital titles:
1.) Go to http://webopac.klas.com/id1aopac.
2.) Log in.
3.) Click on Browse and select “Locally Produced Shelf Content” for a list of locally produced titles.

Attention: The Talking Book Service will no longer circulate book and magazine titles on cassette after June 30, 2015.
Users are encouraged to request a digital player and enjoy the improved sound quality and ease of use of cartridges. Call the Talking Book Service at 800.458.3271 and request your digital player today!

This Crested Hill: An Illustrated History of the University of Idaho

Author: Keith C. Petersen  (Adult Nonfiction) Read By: Sue Vap
The University of Idaho Centennial Commission under the direction of Dr. Roy Fluhrer hired Petersen, a Washington State University graduate, to produce a comprehensive history of the University of Idaho for its 100th birthday. Whether the reader ever attended classes at the U of I or not, Idahoans will enjoy reading the history of this prestigious university and the role it has played in shaping Idaho’s story.

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_____ (VDB01270) 1987  9 hours 40 minutes

White Bird: The Last Great Warrior Chief of the Nez Perces  (Adult Nonfiction)
Author: Bob Painter  Read By: Becky DeSilvia
An examination of the warrior chief White Bird, especially focusing on the war in 1877 between the non-treaty Nez Perces and the U.S. army, studying White Bird’s tactics and outcome to the battles. Also included is a study of what happened to the Nez Perces who went to Canada.

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_____ (VDB01271) 2002  5 hours 5 minutes
**Pierre’s Hole!: The Fur Trade History of Teton Valley, Idaho**  
(Adult Nonfiction)  
Author: Jim Hardee  
Read By: Maryan Stephens  
In the early 1800s, one of the most active centers of the Rocky Mountain Fur Trade was the Teton Basin, in what would become Idaho. The dramatic events and dynamic personalities help to tell the tale of this interesting part of our nation’s history.  
______ (VDB01285) 2010  
14 hours 14 minutes

**The Presidents and their Faith, From George Washington to Barack Obama**  
(Adult Nonfiction)  
Authors: Darrin Grinder and Steve Shaw  
Read By: Maryan Stephens  
Faith influenced the life and decisions of each U.S. President. Or did it? Unpack the amazing stories of faith that led 43 American Presidents: George Washington’s refusal to take the sacraments; Harry Truman’s prayer before dropping the Atom bomb; Dwight Eisenhower’s upbringing as a Jehovah’s Witness; Ronald Reagan’s interpretation of Biblical prophecy.  
______ (VDB01329) 2011  
8 hours 30 minutes

**The Garden of Eden Motel**  
(Juvenile Fiction)  
Author: Morse Hamilton  
Read By: Kathy Yribar  
Eleven-year old Dal Wilkins is traveling out west to Eden, Idaho, on a real Pullman train to the land of cowboys and bucking broncos. At least that’s the west that Dal, a city kid, imagines. The catch? Dal’s traveling partner is Mr. Sabatini, his new stepfather. Mr. Sabatini is okay, maybe, but Dal can’t imagine thinking of him as his dad. Set in the 1950s, this is a deeply wise, funny, and timeless story.  
______ (VDB01332) 1999  
5 hours 16 minutes

Are you missing books that you requested from TBS?  
We received some requests with no names. Please call us at 800.458.3271 and let us know if you requested titles but haven’t received them. We will add them to your request list.
Converted Books: The following adult fiction books were originally recorded for cassette but are now available as a digital cartridge.

**April: A Fable of Love**
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VDB00035  Read by Laurel Wagers  pub. 1937  4 hours 31 minutes

**Buttermilk Curve**
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VDB00744  Read by Maryan Stephens  pub. 1992  7 hours 44 minutes

**Castles and Dragons** *(sequel to Heroes and Angels)*
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VDB00708  Read by Susie Johnson  pub. 1998  6 hours 54 minutes

**Cowboy Boots and Other Stories**
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VDB00116  Read by Norma Ericson  pub. 1995  3 hours 9 minutes

**Don’t Come in Here! Mom’s Throwing Spaghetti!*
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VDB00691  Read by Renee Hawkley  pub. 2000  1 hour 31 minutes

**Ellis Kackley: Best Damn Doctor in the West**
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VDB00072  Read by Betty Weber  pub. 1990  10 hours 32 minutes

**Faraway Places** *(Some violence and strong language)*
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VDB00715  Read by Janette Head  pub. 2007  3 hours 13 minutes

**Grandma Used to Say**
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VDB00301  Read by Jeanne Alzola  pub. 1997  2 hours 36 minutes

**Heart of a Western Woman** *(Strong language)*
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VDB00607  Read by Leslie Durham  pub. 1990  2 hours 20 minutes

**Heroes and Angels**
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VDB00701  Read by Susie Johnson  pub. 2001  6 hours 29 minutes

**The Horse Gods: Old Mama's Story; A Totally Fictitious Horse Tale**
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VDB00755  Read by Maryan Stephens  pub. 2001  8 hours 58 minutes

**The Jailing of Cecelia Capture: A Novel** *(Some strong language)*
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VDB00703  Read by Natalie Chavez  pub. 1985  6 hours 17 minutes

**My Grandma Smoked Cigars and Other Stories of Tierra Amarilla**
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VDB00728  Read by Leslie Harrison  pub. 1977  2 hours 16 minutes

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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. To download via the online catalog, search “Connections, Idaho Talking Book Service News.”

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**My Mother’s Lovers**
- VDB00752 Read by Joy Passanante pub. 2002 9 hours 7 minutes

**Passages West: Nineteen Stories of Youth and Identity**
- VDB00724 Read by Janette Head pub. 1990 15 hours 41 minutes
  *Some strong language*

**Roll on, Columbia- A Historical Novel: To the Pacific, Book One**
- VDB00705 Read by Ken Cooper pub. 1997 10 hours 5 minutes

**Sister Coyote: Montana Stories**
- VDB00711 Read by Mary Blew pub. 2000 5 hours 29 minutes

**Stephanie: Days of Turmoil and Victory. Daughters of Courage Vol. 3.**
- VDB00219 Read by Betty Weber pub. 1993 9 hours 26 minutes

**Trails of the White Savages: Talking History Series, Book 3**
- VDB00704 Read by Maryan Stephens pub. 1998 13 hours 39 minutes

**Waiting for the Harvest**
- VDB00173 Read by Norma Ericson pub. 1995 2 hours 34 minutes
What are You Reading

Nancy Reese, an Office Specialist II at the Idaho Commission for Libraries, recently read the Grace Valley Trilogy by Robyn Carr: Deep in the Valley, Just over the Mountain, and Down by the River.

These three books tell the story of the inhabitants of the small town of Grace Valley, California. Town doctor June Hudson comes back to Grace Valley to take over her father’s practice and falls for undercover DEA agent Jim Post. They have a wonderful secret affair that progresses throughout the series. Grace Valley has many eclectic residents: June’s eccentric Aunt Myrna, a mystery writer whose books have a reoccurring plot featuring numerous ways women kill their husbands (and whose own husband mysteriously disappeared twenty years ago); the gorgeous new doctor who comes to Grace Valley to start a new life with his family only to find his past has followed him; the two church pastors who come to the town bringing their own set of problems that affect the community. The trilogy tells the story of how this small community pulls together to help families in need and rebuild lives. And, when a flood threatens to destroy all they have worked for, the townsfolk work together throughout the night to save their beloved town.

If you like the Grace Valley Trilogy, Robyn Carr also wrote the Virgin River Series, which tells the story of the residents of another small town in the mountains of northern California. (Virgin River series has some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.)

Adult Fiction: Grace Valley series
- DB072401: Deep in the Valley
  Book 1 2000
- DB072660: Just over the Mountain
  Book 2 2002
- DB072832: Down by the River
  Book 3 2003

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Office Specialist II Nancy Reese
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TBS $^{10^2}$ (Ten Squared) Club
The newest centenarians to join the Talking Book Service $^{10^2}$ Club are:
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Marian Niece, Boise, Born 03/24/1914
Frequently Asked Questions: Using the Online Catalog, Part Two

In the last issue of the newsletter, questions about how to search the catalog and narrow the number of titles displayed were answered. In this issue, questions about downloading and ordering books will be addressed.

1. What is the difference between downloading and ordering a book?
   
   Downloading allows the user to download the digital book from BARD or the Shelf Project so it can be listened to on a digital player. Downloading requires a computer, a high-speed Internet connection, and the ability to handle electronic files. Users ordering titles are requesting that a cassette or cartridge of the title be mailed to them when it is available.

2. How do I download a title?
   
   Users must be registered to download from both BARD and the Shelf Project. BARD includes all of the digital titles available from the National Library Service (more than 50,000 titles!). The Shelf Project includes 500 titles, recorded by Idaho Commission for Libraries’ Talking Book Service (TBS) volunteers, about Idaho and the Pacific Northwest as well as more than 2,500 titles locally recorded in the states of California, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, Utah, and Vermont. You must be logged into the online catalog to download from the Shelf Project. To begin the download process, click on the “Downloadable Talking Book” link in the Status column. For more information on downloading, see the instructions at http://libraries.idaho.gov/page/bard.

3. How do I order a book?
   
   Ordering books is similar to placing any online order.
   
   A. First, log into the online catalog with your user ID and password. Contact TBS for more information on registering and logging in.

   B. Next, identify the titles you want to order by searching or browsing the collection. Click on the small box to the left of each title you wish to order. When you are done selecting titles, click on “Add selected to book basket.” You can delete titles from the book basket and add others.

   C. From the book basket, you can rush those titles you want as soon as they are available. Only rushed titles will be sent to you immediately. All others will be included on your request list. Up to 3 titles can be rushed per day.

   D. When you have identified all the titles you want to order, click on (cont’d on page 12)
FAQs Online Catalog  (cont’d from page 11)

“proceed to checkout” Only then will the titles actually be added to your account. The status of each title will then be displayed.

4. Can I order a book that has no hardcopies available? Yes, but a copy cannot be mailed until one is available. You can “rush” the title if you want it as soon as a copy is available, or it will be added to your request list.

5. Can I order a book that is available only for downloading? Yes. If you rush a downloadable title, it will be added to your reserve list. When enough reserves exist, physical copies will be created and mailed to users. If you do not rush the title, it will be added to your request list.

The online catalog gives users another way to access the Talking Book Service collection. Family members, friends, and caregivers are permitted to use the online catalog to identify, order, and download titles for TBS users. Contact TBS at 800.458.3271 for more information on registering to use the online catalog or download titles.