

# Connections

## Talking Book Service News

### Postal Carrier of the Year Recognition

It's that time again—time to nominate your postal carrier for the 2015 "Postal Carrier of the Year" recognition. This is your chance to share all those special things your postal carrier does when delivering your Talking Book Service (TBS) books and equipment.

Nominating is easy—just complete the form on the back of this page. Fax it to:

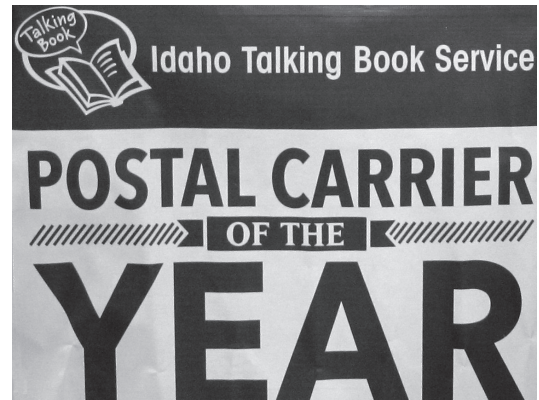
208.334.4016

Or mail it to:

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

**Nominations must be submitted by Friday, March 25, 2016.**

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 1 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 Idaho Talking Book Service by March 25.

All TBS users will also receive a nomination form in the mail in late February.

**TBS "Postal Carrier of the Year" nomination form**

Thank you for nominating your postal carrier for the 2015 Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) "Postal Carrier of the Year" recognition. 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; and
3. The nomination is based on actions the postal carrier took in 2015 in relation to delivering or picking up materials provided by the Talking Book Service.

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

This information will allow us to contact you if your nominee is selected.

Postal carrier's first and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal carrier's Post Office address: \_\_\_\_\_

If uncertain of Post Office, list your mailing city and zip code.

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

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To submit this nomination:

- Mail to: Idaho Talking Book Service  
325 West State Street  
Boise, ID 83702  
Attention: Sue Walker
- Fax to: 208.334.4016; Attention: Sue Walker
- Email to: sue.walker@libraries.idaho.gov; or
- Call 800.458.3271 after 5:00 p.m. MT and leave a message.

**Nominations are due by Friday, March 25, 2016.**  
The winner will be announced in July 2016.

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Acknowledgements are sent to donors and honorees, so please include the name and address of all those to be notified when you make a donation. Please make checks payable to Idaho Commission for Libraries. Mail to:  
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Thanks to all for your generosity!

## Idaho Day 2016

March 4, 2016 is Idaho Day! In 2014 the Idaho Legislature established March 4 as Idaho Day, to be observed each year with a proclamation from the governor and programs at the Capitol, as well as events and activities in communities statewide.

The theme for Idaho Day 2016 is "Idaho Heroes: Past or Present," and everyone is encouraged to learn about and celebrate their favorite heroes. The New Books Order Form in this Talking Book Service (TBS) newsletter describes 10 book titles that include people, real or fictitious, whose Idaho stories are heroic in some way—such as overcoming obstacles, displaying perseverance, exploring the state, or exemplifying leadership. Check out the titles on pages 6-8 of the Order Form and see if there are Idaho heroes you would like to read more about.

Idaho Day is supported by several state agencies that partnered to create online resources at [www.history.idaho.gov/idahoday](http://www.history.idaho.gov/idahoday).

This site helps people "Connect, Discover, and Educate" about all things Idaho.

In addition to ordering an Idaho hero book or checking out the Idaho Day website, you can consider the following activities:

- **Idaho Citizen Resources:** At <http://lili.org/citizen> you can find links to listen to the Idaho Legislature "In Session" and more.
- **Virtual Capitol Tour:** At <http://idahoptv.org/productions/specials/capitoloflight/tour.cfm> you can tour each floor of the Idaho Capitol and the exterior grounds from your computer.
- **Idaho Historical Timeline:** At [http://history.idaho.gov/history\\_timeline](http://history.idaho.gov/history_timeline) you can find information about people, places, and events that make up Idaho history.

Celebrations nourish the human spirit, and Idaho Day is a great opportunity to commemorate our past, appreciate our present, and aspire to an even better future.

### Talking Book Service 10<sup>2</sup> Club

Recent centenarians joining the 10<sup>2</sup> (Ten Squared) Club:.

Ruby Clifton, Nampa, Born 01/04/1916

Helen Taylor, Boise, Born 02/10/1916



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## New Books Order Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

### New Idaho Talking Books from Our Recording Studio

New locally recorded books are available on digital cartridge.

To order, write your name on this pre-addressed Order Form, select the numbers of the titles that you want, and mail the form.

These titles are also available for download from BARD.

Call the Talking Book Service at 800.458.3271 to register for BARD.

*Dove Creek: A Novel*

(Adult Fiction)

Author: Paula Marie Coomer

Read By: Kris Query

*Dove Creek* is a wise, eloquent, fiercely honest fictional chronicle of a young woman's venturesome journey from her bare-bones Kentucky background to the Nez Perce Indian reservation in Idaho. She finds a new life as a much-loved healer—a blonde, female, hillbilly shaman whose self-destruction and dogged perseverance come together in a novel of intimacy that crosses the boundaries of culture and time.

*Some strong language*

\_\_\_\_\_ (DBC00790) 2010

8 hours 50 minutes

*Minidoka: An American Concentration Camp*

(Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Teresa Tamura

Read By: Maryan Stephens

On Feb. 19, 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, authorizing U.S. armed forces to remove citizens and non-citizens from "military areas." The result was the abrupt dislocation and imprisonment of 120,000 Japanese and Japanese American citizens in the western U.S. In this book, photographer Teresa Tamura documents one of 10 such camps, the Minidoka War Relocation Center in Jerome County, Idaho, and its survivors, all uprooted from their homes in Alaska, California, Oregon, and Washington. She also documents many artifacts that were made in the camps.

\_\_\_\_\_ (DBC00841) 2013

6 hours 45 minutes

***Ancient Echoes***

(Adult Fiction)

Author: Joanne Pence

Read By: Maryan Stephens

Over two hundred years ago, a covert expedition shadowing Lewis and Clark disappeared into the wilderness of central Idaho. Now, seven anthropology students and their professor vanish in the same area. The key to finding them lies in an ancient secret that men throughout history have sought to unveil. Michael Rempart is a brilliant archeologist, but he is plagued by a troubling sense of the supernatural and a mysterious spiritual intuitiveness. Joining Rempart are a CIA consultant on paranormal phenomena, a washed up local sheriff, and a former scholar of Egyptology. All must overcome their personal demons as they attempt to save the students and prevent the return of an ancient evil.

*Some strong language*

\_\_\_\_\_ (DBC00845) 2013

13 hours 30 minutes

**Books about Idaho Heroes, Past and Present*****Housekeeping***

(Adult Fiction)

Author: Marilynne Robinson

Read By: Erin Jones

Ruth and her younger sister, Lucille, are haphazardly raised by their extended family in the small, lakeside town of Fingerbone, Idaho. Their grandmother cares for them until her death, then two bumbling great aunts take over, and finally eccentric aunt Sylvie looks after them.

\_\_\_\_\_ (DB068564) 1980

5 hours 35 minutes

***The Fifth Generation: a Nez Perce Tale***

(Adult Fiction)

Author: Linwood Laughey

Read By: Carla Stern

Trapped between 1950s American culture and the ancestral voices that haunt him, a 31-year-old Nez Perce man faces a choice between self-destruction or burning a rural Idaho town to the ground. A shaman, a pawnbroker, and a lover help Isaac Moses, while the lives of four generations of his ancestors provide historical context in an ultimately triumphant tale.

*Some strong language*

\_\_\_\_\_ (DBC00781) 2009

6 hours 33 minutes

***Fighting The Odds: The Life of Senator Frank Church*** (Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Leroy Ashby

Read By: Larry Weeks

Frank Church stood at the center of searing national debates, emerging as one of the twentieth century's most respected and influential senators.

\_\_\_\_\_ (VDB00166) 1995

30 hours 42 minutes

***In the Wilderness: Coming of Age in Unknown Country*** (Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Kim Barnes

Read By: Carla Stern

A journey towards adulthood against an interior landscape as awesome, wondrous, and fraught with hidden peril as the great Idaho forest itself.

*For high school and adult readers. Some strong language*

\_\_\_\_\_ (VDB00212) 1996

8 hours 6 minutes

***Thousand Pieces of Gold: A Biographical Novel*** (Adult Fiction)

Author: Ruthanne Lum McCunn

Read By: Jane Moore

This biographical novel of a Chinese woman, an early American heroine in the old west, is the story of Lalu Nathoy, later known as Polly Bemis. She married Charlie Bemis and lived 22 years in Warren, ID. Polly Bemis died at the Idaho County Hospital in Grangeville in 1933.

*Explicit descriptions of sex. Some strong language*

\_\_\_\_\_ (VDB00522) 1981

6 hours 39 minutes

***Stump Ranch Pioneer*** (Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Nelle Davis Portrey

Read By: Betty Weber

Driven from their Colorado farm after a bitter struggle in the dust-bowl conditions of the late 1930s, Nelle Davis' family migrated to northern Idaho to begin again as stump farmers. Davis' journal and diaries that have been collected are a story that was meant for public consumption.

\_\_\_\_\_ (VDB00720) 1990

8 hours 29 minutes

***Hate is My Neighbor*** (Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Tom Alibrandi

Read By: Carla Stern

In the 1980s, a community in northern Idaho unwittingly became home to the virulent white supremacist Aryan Nations group. After a number of threats against "non-whites," Father Bill Wassmuth and other local civil rights leaders banded together to shine light on the hateful acts of this cult.

*For high school and adult readers*

\_\_\_\_\_ (VDB00754) 2001

7 hours 4 minutes

***The Essential Lewis and Clark*** (Adult Nonfiction)

Author: Meriwether Lewis

Read By: Garret Halback

The journals of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark remain the single most important document in the history of American exploration. These tales of adventure are edited and annotated by American Book Award nominee Landon Jones.

*For high school and adult readers*

\_\_\_\_\_ (VDB00772) 2002

7 hours 8 minutes

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***Beyond the Call of Duty: The Story of an American Hero in Vietnam***  
(Adult Nonfiction)

**Author: Bernard Fisher**

**Read By: Art Latterell**

Bernard Fisher's decision to risk himself in an attempt to rescue a fellow airman in the face of withering enemy fire during the Vietnam War made him just one of sixteen members in Air Force history to earn the Congressional Medal of Honor.

\_\_\_\_\_ (VDB01085) 2004

8 hours 13 minutes

***The Saints of God's Country*** (Adult Fiction)

**Author: Edward Craner**

**Read By: Maryan Stephens**

A forest fire in 1910 serves as the backdrop for this novel set in the logging town of St. Maries, Idaho. Centered on a group of young adults making their way into the world, the book draws from the colorful lore of riverboat commerce, logging, and the formation of the railroads—with the drama of one of the most devastating natural disasters in recorded history.

\_\_\_\_\_ (VDB01120) 2005

7 hours

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**From the What are You Reading? article (page 11)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (DB069280) *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*

\_\_\_\_\_ (DB082259) *The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate*



## ICfL Volunteer Coordinator Wins 2015 Excellence in Volunteer Management Award

Idaho Commission for Libraries (ICfL) volunteer coordinator, Sheila Winther, was awarded the Southwest Idaho Directors of Volunteer Services (SWIDOVS) 2015 "Excellence in Volunteer Management" award. This award recognizes volunteer administrators for their outstanding contributions to the profession and for their promotion of quality volunteer experiences in Idaho.

Pam Bradshaw, Program Supervisor at the Commission, said, "The Commission volunteer infrastructure was created in 1989 and under Sheila Winther's leadership since 1991 it has grown and flourished. As of September 2015 the volunteer program has accumulated a total of 136,809 hours—a testament to her stewardship." Sheila responded, "This award really belongs to the whole agency. I could never do this job without the constant support of ICfL staff and volunteers."

Volunteers enhance the Commission's many programs and services, helping get books into the hands of underserved children, send literacy materials to libraries, and produce and deliver audiobooks for Idaho Talking

Book Service (TBS) users. Sheila's leadership, patience, and persistence led Commission volunteers and staff to navigate TBS through a digital revolution by figuring out how to record books digitally, converting titles from analog to digital format (cassettes to cartridges), and certifying the Idaho TBS to submit audiobooks on BARD, which provides nationwide access to these resources.

Sheila successfully manages 80–120 volunteers who donate thousands of hours each year. She treats volunteers with respect and matches them with tasks that draw on their skills and talents. She also shares her expertise with libraries and other organizations throughout Idaho and the nation through workshops and serving on various task forces and committees.

Commission staff and volunteers congratulate Sheila on receiving this award and thank her for her outstanding service.



Sheila Winther  
ICfL Volunteer Coordinator

### NFB's Braille Read-a-Thon by Susan Ford

The National Federation for the Blind (NFB) has renamed their annual Braille reading activity to: Braille Read-a-thon. Any Idaho Braille reader able to read entire pages is welcome to participate in this fun activity; participants complete a short questionnaire to identify their reading category.

On January 4, Louis Braille's birthday, participants began counting the number of Braille pages read and will continue to do so through March 4.

Throughout the reading period, a list of Braille documents read is kept that includes the name of each document and the number

of pages read in it. The entire document does not need to be read—just note the number of pages read from it. The list can be submitted to Susan Ford or Jennie Facer after March 4, the ending date for this year's Braille Read-a-Thon.

Monetary prizes will be presented for the various categories at the annual National Federation of the Blind of Idaho conference banquet in April.

For more information, contact Susan Ford: [johnsusanford@earthlink.net](mailto:johnsusanford@earthlink.net) or Jennie Facer at [jennie.facer@gmail.com](mailto:jennie.facer@gmail.com).

### The Boise Braille Club by Alison Steven

The Boise Braille Club (BBC) is a new initiative that gives all Braille readers and aspiring Braille readers of any age the opportunity to come together to read and share books, poems, and even just words. The number of pages read each month are tracked to gain Braille belts (like in karate). Numerous methods are used to encourage one another to improve Braille skills and enjoy reading.

**When:** Monthly on the third Thursday (2/18/16, 3/17/16, etc.) 4–5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Conference room (on 2nd floor). 341 W. Washington Street, Boise

Everyone is welcome to attend or just visit. Contact Alison Steven for more information at 208.761.6286 or [pecans65@gmail.com](mailto:pecans65@gmail.com).

## What Are You Reading?

by Tammy Hawley-House, Reading Programs Coordinator

*Tammy Hawley-House is Idaho Commission for Libraries' newest member of the Read to Me, Tweens and Teens, and Mid-Life Adults teams. She has over 17 years' experience as a children's librarian working with early literacy programs.*



*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* is a charming tale of a young girl growing up in the late 1800s in central Texas. Calpurnia is eleven years old—the only girl in a family of six brothers. Her mother is determined to raise a proper young lady, but Calpurnia has other ideas. She has no interest in cooking, doing handiwork, or playing music. This is apparent as her biscuits are often burned and her stitches won't hold. She would rather spend time discovering nature.

Her stern, cranky grandfather also lives with her large family. He doesn't speak to any of the children, but spends time in his study reading, classifying local plants, and making scientific discoveries. While her brothers are afraid to talk to their grandfather,

Calpurnia, ever curious, finds a way into his world of science. Together they discover a new species of vetch and record many scientific discoveries. After he introduces her to a world of books, Calpurnia dreams of spending her life in a tower of books.

While reading this book it was easy to get taken away with life during this time. It was a time of self-sufficiency, where kids spent the day outside exploring the world. It is hard to imagine how difficult it must have been for a girl like Calpurnia, living in a world where she just does not fit. You can feel her dismay when for Christmas one year, she receives a book entitled *The Science of Housewifery*. Not exactly the kind of science that Calpurnia is interested in.

Calpurnia's adventures are delightful and endearing. The ending of the book leaves the reader wondering just how she will get along in a rapidly changing world. Fortunately, Calpurnia reappears in a sequel, *The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate*.

***The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate***

Juvenile Fiction: DB069280

***The Curious World of Calpurnia Tate***

Juvenile Fiction: DB082259



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### **New Year's Resolution**

It is never too late to make a resolution to return your books and magazines in a timely fashion. Remember, magazines have a two-week checkout period and need to be returned promptly so that the other patrons waiting for them can also have a chance to read them. Your return of an issue is what notifies the system to send you the next issue. Delinquent overdue magazines can result in cancellation of your subscription to that magazine.

Books have a four-week checkout period and may be renewed once for an additional two weeks if you call the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) at 800.458.3271 and request it. However, try not to let books accumulate—please return them when you are done reading them. A lot of time and resources are being used in the attempt to get overdue books returned. In addition, overdue books cause inconvenience and extra waiting time for the patrons who still want to read the material.