



TBS Serves the State

The Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) is available to any Idaho resident who is blind, has low vision, or is unable to read standard print due to a visual impairment or certain physical disabilities, such as being unable to turn the pages of a print book. There are other qualifying conditions for TBS, including dyslexia.

At present, there are 3,105 TBS patrons in Idaho, but there are likely many more people in the Gem State who could utilize the Talking Book Service.

If you know of someone who may qualify for the TBS, please have them or their caregiver get in touch with a TBS customer service representative. Call 800-458-3271 or email: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

With more than 100,000 fiction and nonfiction book titles and about 70 magazines, there is a wide variety of available content.

For more on the TBS and your local public library, see page 10 of this newsletter.



Read Alikes for Fall

As fall sets in (or in some places, winter has already arrived), many of you are ready to stay inside and listen to an even greater number of audiobooks. But if you are getting a little bored with the same old authors, here are some choices that might be new to you. These options are grouped by authors with a similar style or genre.

Or call a TBS customer service representative (CSR) -- they love talking about books and authors and are always happy to provide reading recommendations.

In fact, TBS CSR Candace Reynolds came up with the idea for this "read alike" section, which will become a regular feature in the TBS newsletter.

If you like **David Baldacci**, try:

Jeffrey Archer
William Bernhardt
Vince Flynn
James Grippando
John Grisham
Brad Meltzer
Kyle Mills
Brad Thor

If you like **C.J. Box**, try:

Tony Hillerman
Craig Johnson
William Johnstone
William Ken Krueger

If you like **Janet Evanovich**, try:

Mary Kay Andrews
Kathleen Bacus
Jennifer Crusie
Carl Hiaasen
Sarah Strohmeyer



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Read Alikes for Fall

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If you like **Kristin Hannah**, try:

Elizabeth Berg
Debbie Macomber
Linda Lael Miller
Luanne Rice
Anita Shreve
Nancy Thayer

If you like **Stephen King**, try:

Joe Hill
Ronald Malfi
John Saul
Dan Simmons
David Wellington

If you like **Louis L'Amour**, try:

Max Brand
Ralph Compton
Zane Grey
William Johnstone
Elmer Kelton

If you like **Janette Oke**, try:

Ann H. Gabhart
B.J. Hoff
Catherine Palmer
Tracie Peterson
Lauraine Snelling
Lori Wick



If you like **Nicholas Sparks**, try:

Elizabeth Berg
Richard Paul Evans
Charles Martin
Debbie Macomber

Rebecca's Reads

By TBS Customer Service Representative Rebecca McKay

Order these books on page 5 of this newsletter.

"Klara and the Sun"

Author: Kazuo Ishiguro

Klara, an Artificial Friend, possesses great observational skills, and loves to watch the humans around her. When she is purchased to act as a companion for an ill girl, she studies the emotions of her new family closely and tries to learn from them. Some strong language. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. **2021** **10 hours, 19 minutes**

Adult Fiction

Read By: Sura Siu

"Verity"

Author: Colleen Hoover

Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer who accepts a job offer from the husband of injured author Verity Crawford to complete the remaining books in her successful series. Going through Verity's papers, she uncovers an unfinished autobiography Verity never meant anyone to see. Commercial audiobook. Some strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex. **2018** **8 hours, 13 minutes**

Adult Fiction

Read By: Amy Landon & Vanessa Johansson

"The Dictionary of Lost Words"

Author: Pip Williams

In 1880s England, Esme is the daughter of a lexicographer working on the "Oxford English Dictionary." Seeing discarded words on slips of paper, she realizes that words relating to women are not always valued. As she grows up and experiences sexism herself, she wants to rescue these lost words. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. **2021** **11 hours, 13 minutes**

Adult Fiction

Read By: Pippa Bennett-Warner

"The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue"

Author: Victoria Schwab

France, 1714. In a moment of desperation, Addie LaRue makes a Faustian bargain to live forever, but she is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore who remembers her name. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. **2020** **17 hours, 13 minutes**

Adult Fiction

Read By: Julia Whelan

TBS Order Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

To order any of the books from this newsletter, write your name and address in the space indicated above and mark on the line(s) next to the identification number of the title(s) you want. Then, mail the form (pages 5 through 8). Postage is not required.

These titles are also available for download from BARD. To register for BARD, call the Talking Book Service at 800-458-3271 or visit: <http://NLSbard.loc.gov>.

To order any of the books from "Rebecca Reads" on page 4 of this newsletter, select here:

"Klara and the Sun"_____ **DB102764****"Verity"**_____ **DB106208****"The Dictionary of Lost Words"**_____ **DB102981****"The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue"**_____ **DB100901**

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Newly Available Locally Produced Books:

“When the Mill Whistle Blew: the Way It Was in Coeur d’Alene Country 1888-1955” **Adult Nonfiction**

Author: Larry Strobel

Read By: Maryan Stephens

“When the Mill Whistle Blew” is the story of two pioneer families who moved to north Idaho, proved up on homestead land, and became acquainted when a matchmaker successfully made an introduction. Their toughness and hard work helped them overcome tragedies and hardships and led to development of orchards, farmland, a logging railroad, and a silver mine. Experience their everyday life told with humor, sadness, and insight.

_____ **DBC00911**

2010

8 hours, 29 minutes

“Heroes Among Us: Reflections from Pearl Harbor to the Streets of Baghdad” **Adult Nonfiction**

Author: Stewart Portela

Read By: Lana Thurston

A remarkable piece of history, paid for with the blood of American soldiers, is being lost with the passing of thousands of veterans each year. This is a historical and inspirational look at America's veterans from World War II through our current conflict in Iraq. Stewart Portela honors all U.S. veterans, young and old, male and female, in all branches of the military. Each chapter contains unique advice from veterans themselves. Reading these oral histories will spark within you a greater love and respect for our veterans.

_____ **DBC00902**

2006

19 hours, 35 minutes

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“Fighting for Paradise: a Military History of the Pacific Northwest”

Adult Nonfiction

Author: Kurt R. Nelson

Read By: Don Evans

Beginning with the earliest known accounts of wars among the American Indians of the region, this book describes early European contact, including British trappers of the Hudson's Bay Company, the Lewis and Clark expedition, Jedediah Smith, and John Jacob Astor's trading post. The competition over the lucrative fur trade led to the "Pig War," which almost resulted in another armed conflict between Great Britain and the United States, but it was the influx of settlers from the Oregon Trail that touched off the long bitter battles between whites and American Indians.

Starting with the 1847 Whitman Massacre and the ensuing war it touched off, the book covers the next three decades of violence, ending with the Sheepeater's War in 1879. Kurt R. Nelson then relates the Pacific Northwest's contributions to American overseas wars of the 20th century.

Throughout, the author provides current information about the state of preservation of various battle sites and other points of historical interest. Accompanied by maps and photographs, "Fighting for Paradise" produces insight into an area of American military history, rich in drama, that is not generally known.

_____ **DBC00928**

2007

13 hours, 8 minutes

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For assistance, or to comment about the Idaho Talking Book Service, please call **800-458-3271**, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT, or send an email to: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov.

To order this newsletter on cartridge:

_____ "Connections: Idaho Talking Book Service News" on cartridge

To order this newsletter in braille:

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For an audio version, PDF, or to subscribe to this newsletter via email, visit: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs>. To download this newsletter via the online catalog, search: "Connections, Idaho Talking Book Service News."

TBS Closures for the Rest of 2022

The office of the Idaho Talking Book Service will be closed on the following days in 2022:

Friday, November 11
Thursday, November 24
Wednesday, November 30
Monday, December 26

Veterans' Day
Thanksgiving
staff training day
Christmas

Talking Book Service

10² Club



Our centenarians joining the Ten-Squared Club are:

Earline M. Williams

who has read 235 books since joining the TBS program in 2014.

Lillian Wilson

who just joined the TBS in 2022. Welcome, Lillian!

Federal Program to Help with Internet Costs

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a Federal Communications Commission program that helps lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households struggling to afford internet service.

The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail in application.

You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting <https://www.fcc.gov/acp> or by calling 877-384-2575.

TBS Info Available at Idaho Public Libraries

If you have friends or family members who could qualify to use the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS), they can contact the TBS at 800-458-3271 for more information and to get signed up.

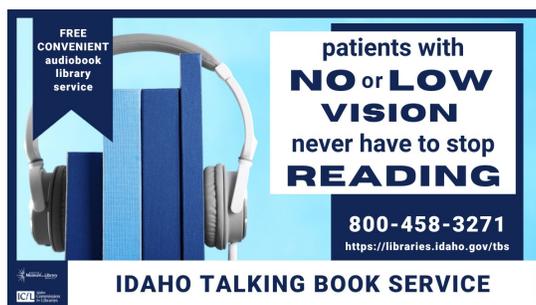
They can also visit their public library to experience the player and sign up for the TBS. Public library staff can assist potential TBS patrons by demonstrating the player, answering questions, providing marketing materials, and more.

Plus, if someone has enough vision to read large-print books, public libraries have a selection of those, as well.

TBS Staff Present to IOP

In September, two staff of the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) presented to the board of the Idaho Optometric Physicians (IOP) at their annual congress to ensure that the state's optometrists and their staff knew of the TBS.

TBS staff conduct outreach, marketing, and advertising to help spread the word about TBS. It is estimated that only 7 to 10% of eligible Idahoans utilize the Talking Book Service. Outreach at conferences like the IOP are valuable opportunities to share information about the TBS with professionals who already help potential patrons of the service.



Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service

(July - September 2022)

General Donations:

Dorothy Griffiths

Theresa Gross

Carina Martin

Patricia Myklebust

Margaret Mortensen

Joan Perdue

Richard Schoonover



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Idaho Talking Book Service
325 W. State Street / Boise, ID 83702

Credit card donations may be made online from the Idaho Commission for Libraries' website: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/donations/>.
Or, from the homepage, click on the "Donate to the ICfL" button.

Our sincere thanks to all who give so generously.



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patrons, **Monday through Friday**, from **8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT**,
except State of Idaho holidays.

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Calendar is Coming

We are a little late in getting the
2023 TBS calendars out, but they
are coming soon.

