

# Connections

## Talking Book Service News



### **NEW! TBS BOOK CLUB**

by Colleen Clark

ICfL Volunteer Services Coordinator

The Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) will be starting a book club in 2021!

We want to provide you with the opportunity to discuss books and connect with other TBS patrons and volunteers.

The only technology you will need to join the book club is a telephone.



The book club will meet monthly, discussing a different book at each meeting.



Are you interested? Please let us know by contacting your TBS Customer Service Representative at 800-458-3271 or by emailing [talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov](mailto:talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov), and we will add your name to our growing roster!

More information about this book club will be coming soon . . .

## TBS Player Tips

Your phone isn't the only smart device. The Talking Book Service (TBS) players were designed to be easy to use and to work well for you.

Below are a few helpful hints for using your TBS player to its fullest advantage.

Your player is smart and knows exactly where you left off in each book you are reading or have read previously. This is true even if you are switching back and forth with your cartridges or toggling back and forth between books on the same cartridge.

When your player is turned on but does not have a book in it, you can push any button and its function will be described to you.

If you want to return to the beginning of any book, push the Play/Stop button twice. It is the large, square button at the bottom of the player, in the middle.

You can use the Tone buttons (the top two buttons on the far left) to change the pitch of the narrator.

You can use the Speed buttons (the top two buttons on the far right) to adjust the speed of narration.

The Sleep button (located above the square Play/Stop button) can be used when you know that you are going to doze off while listening to your book. Push once for 15 minutes of reading before the player will shut off for you. Push twice for 30 minutes, three times for 45 minutes, and four times for 60 minutes.



## Volunteer Spotlight -- Fred Riddle

For long-time Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) volunteer Fred Riddle, it was just another day at the office -- inventing a time-saving tool for easily opening the cases of the TBS cartridges. The design of these cases makes opening them (times hundreds per day) difficult.

ICfL Shipping/Receiving Handler Linda Cash says, "Fred's tool is not only a time-saver, but it's also a finger-saver. We are so grateful that Fred put his ingenuity to work for us and created this great tool."



There are between 250 and 300 cartridges returned to the Idaho TBS on a busy day, and each case needs to be opened and checked to make sure the cartridge is in good condition before it goes back out to another patron. Fred's handy tool makes this part of the process much quicker and safer for staff and volunteers.



Fred Riddle and Linda Cash

Fred began volunteering at the Idaho Commission for Libraries, home of the Idaho TBS, in 1990, after a 32-year career with Bell Systems.

Fred said of his work at Bell, "We were always coming up with tools to save effort and time. It



comes with the territory."

When he's not being modest and/or inventing useful tools, Fred can be found repairing the TBS players, alongside his fellow volunteers Shirley Moss and Michael McCullough. The talented trio make sure the players sent out to TBS patrons are in good working order.

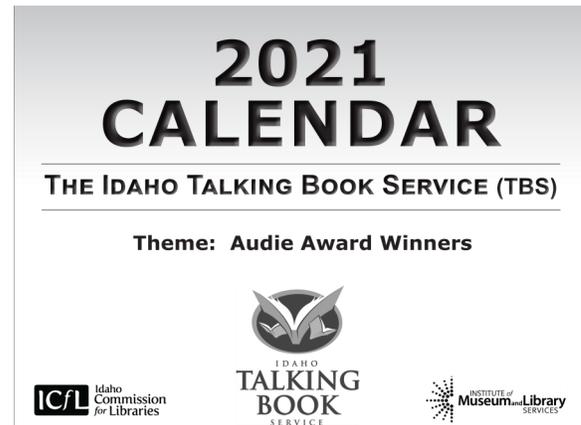
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## 2021 TBS Calendar

You should have received the 2021 Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) calendar. If you did not receive yours, please call the TBS at 800-458-3271.

The theme for the 2021 calendar is "Audie Award Winners."

The calendar also indicates the days the Idaho TBS offices are closed for state holidays.



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## TBS Website

Have you or a loved one visited the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) website?

If not, there is a variety of resources that you might find useful, such as links to audio, braille, and large print titles, the link to the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD), and the Shelf Project, which contains hundreds of books about history, geography, and other topics related to Idaho and the Pacific Northwest.

You will also find a link to the Kids Zone, which is a compilation of audio, braille, and print/braille books in the National Library Service collection for preschool through grade 8.

There is also a link to Newsline, where you can listen to more than 300 daily newspapers from across the United States.

Check out the TBS website at: <https://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs>.

## TBS Order Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 1-800-458-3271 or visit: <http://NLSbard.loc.gov>.

### Stories of Hope

**"A Paradise Built in Hell: The Extraordinary Communities That Arise in Disaster"** **Adult Nonfiction**

**Author:** Rebecca Solnit**Read By:** Kristin Allison

Sociological study of the aftermath of major disasters that concentrates on the 1906 San Francisco and 1985 Mexico City earthquakes, 1917 Halifax munitions blast, 2005 hurricane Katrina, and 9/11 terrorist attacks. Suggests that humans have an intrinsic need to help one another in times of crisis.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB070548****2009****13 hours, 10 minutes**

**"Not Without Hope"** **Adult Nonfiction**

**Author:** Nick Schuyler**Read By:** Eric Sandvold

Recounts a February 2009 boating accident in the Gulf of Mexico that killed NFL players Marquis Cooper and Corey Smith and former university football player Will Bleakley. Sole survivor Schuyler describes the ordeal he and his friends faced when their boat capsized shortly before a storm. Some strong language.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB071249****2010****8 hours, 28 minutes**

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## TBS Order Form

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### **"The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World"**

**Authors:** Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams

**Adult Nonfiction**  
**Read By:** Franc ois Chau, Peter Francis James, and Douglas Abrams

On the occasion of his 18th birthday, the Dalai Lama hosted his friend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of South Africa, for a discussion on joy. Their five-day conversation is recounted by the moderator, Douglas Carlton Abrams. Subjects touched on include obstacles to joy, cultivating well-being, and more. Commercial audiobook.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB085769**                      **2016**                      **10 hours, 15 minutes**

### **"Miracle at Augusta"**

**Authors:** James Patterson and Peter De Jonge

**Adult Fiction**  
**Read By:** Henry Leyva

A year ago, Travis McKinley shocked the world by winning the PGA Senior Open at Pebble Beach, but he still feels that he's an imposter who doesn't deserve his success. Then he meets a teenage outcast with troubles of his own and a natural golf swing. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB081453**                      **2015**                      **4 hours, 26 minutes**

### **"The Beach House"**

**Author:** Jane Green

**Adult Fiction**  
**Read By:** Martha Harmon Pardee

When 65-year-old eccentric widow Nan Powell learns that she may lose her beloved nine-acre Nantucket home, she turns it into a summer boarding house. Her first guests include a gay married man, a single mom, and Nan's own unhappy son. Some strong language. Bestseller.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB067236**                      **2008**                      **10 hours, 30 minutes**

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### "Leota's Garden"

**Adult Fiction**

**Author:** Francine Rivers

**Read By:** Colleen Delany

At 84 Leota can no longer tend her once-beautiful backyard. And her born-again granddaughter, who is rebelling against her domineering mother, needs guidance. Then a college boy volunteers to help restore Leota's garden. Together the three come to find peace and solace amid the blossoms.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB050338**

**1999**

**17 hours, 50 minutes**

### "Eleven Seconds: A Story of Tragedy, Courage, & Triumph"

**Adult Nonfiction**

**Authors:** Travis Roy and E.M. Swift

**Read By:** Erik Sandvold

Hockey player Travis Roy was paralyzed and left a quadriplegic almost immediately after taking to the ice in his first collegiate game at Boston University in 1995. He describes his rehabilitation, supportive family, and eventual return to school in a wheelchair.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB055075**

**1998**

**8 hours, 16 minutes**

### "Higher Is Waiting"

**Adult Nonfiction**

**Author:** Tyler Perry

**Read By:** Dominic Hoffman

A writer-director shares spiritual lessons he has learned throughout his career as an entertainer. He discusses growing up in New Orleans, recounts stories of family and friends who found grace in hardships, and explains the ways he learned to hear God's guidance. Unrated. Commercial audiobook.

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB089652**

**2017**

**4 hours, 41 minutes**

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For assistance, or to comment about the Idaho Talking Book Service, please call **1-800-458-3271**, weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT.

To order this newsletter on cartridge:

\_\_\_\_\_ "Connections: Idaho Talking Book Service News" on cartridge

To order this newsletter in braille:

\_\_\_\_\_ "Connections: Idaho Talking Book Service News" in braille

For a podcast, 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."

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**Another Story of Hope from Page 9:  
"The Inheritance of Loss"**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DB064261**

More info on page 9.

## Another Story of Hope

### "The Inheritance of Loss"

**Adult Fiction**

**Author:** Kiran Desai

**Read By:** Yolande Bevan

Himalayas, 1986. Retired judge Jemubhai Patel lives with his cook and 16-year-old granddaughter, Sai. An Indian-Nepalese insurgency makes Jemubhai confront his past and interrupts Sai's romance with her Nepali tutor. Meanwhile, the cook worries about his son in America. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Booker Prize.

Order on page 8.

**2006**

**13 hours, 23 minutes**

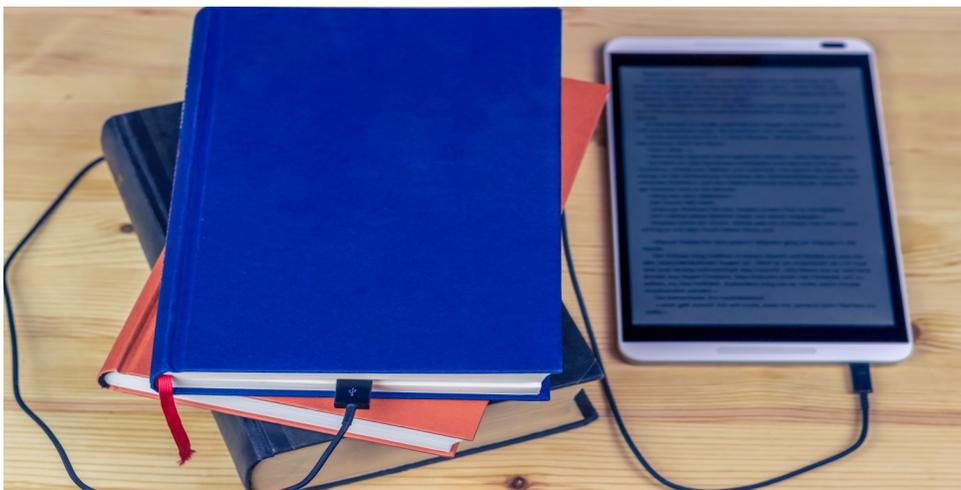
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## BARD

Are you familiar with the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)?

It provided by the National Library Service, through which eligible registered users can download books and magazines to a computer or device.

For more information, visit: <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/login>.



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# 10<sup>2</sup> Club



Our centenarians joining the Ten-Squared Club are:

## **Fern Anderson**

who has read 1,660 books since joining the TBS program in 2003.

## **Maxine Congleton**

who has read 1,552 books since joining the TBS program in 2014.

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## **A Message from Linda**

(Linda Cash is the busy lady who checks in the returning TBS cartridges and sends cartridges out to eager patrons.)

Hi Everyone! I just want to remind you to write your name on all correspondences to the Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS).

Things can get separated in the mail, so any notes or feedback that you write to us should include your name so we can better accommodate your needs.



Also, if you ever need to return your equipment to us, please only use one piece of tape to secure the cardboard box. Excessive taping can destroy the box and the labels we put on it. The box itself is very secure, so just one little piece of tape will do the job. (Plus, we reuse the boxes.)

Thank you so much! I hope you are all keeping well and happy.

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## **Recent Donations to the Idaho Talking Book Service**

(July - September 2020)

### **General Donations:**

Harriet Crosby  
Catherine Drake  
Theresa Gross  
Christine Haggerty  
Margaret Mortensen  
Marilyn Nelson

### **Memorial Donations:**

Virginia Anderson in memory of Sharon Davis  
Carolyn Gibson in memory of Iva Edmunson  
Jennifer Johnson in memory of Iva Edmunson  
Chad and Jeanette Slichter in memory of Iva Edmunson  
Carla Soppe in memory of Iva Edmunson  
Ronald Rippey in memory of Elaine Rippey

Donations are fully tax deductible, as allowed by law.

Make checks payable to the Idaho Commission for Libraries and mail to:  
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 "Support Your Library" button.

**Our sincere thanks to all who give so generously.**



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This project was made possible, in part, by the  
Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Customer service representatives (CSRs) are available to assist TBS  
patrons, **Monday through Friday**, from **8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., MT**,  
except State of Idaho holidays.

**208-334-2150 / 800-458-3271**

## **TBS Talk** **by TBS Program Supervisor LeAnn Gelskey**

So, are you enjoying the relatively new Scribe cartridge, which allows  
for several books on one cartridge?

If you have any questions or  
comments about the Scribe  
cartridge, we'd love to hear from  
you. Give us a call at 208-334-2150  
or 800-458-3271.



And we hope you enjoy the crisp fall  
weather.