

**Idaho Talking Book Advisory Committee
Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
9:30 am-1:30 pm
Idaho Commission for Libraries
Table Rock Room**

Meeting Purpose: To remain current with Talking Book Service items

Desired outcomes: By the end of the meeting, participants will:

- Review FY2018 and 2019 workplans
- Learn about updates from the national NLS conference
- Receive updates on TBS activities
- Review the new ICfL website and provide feedback on it
- Share member updates

Meeting leader: Sue Walker

Facilitator: Stephanie Bailey-White

Recorder: Rachel Welker

Agenda

Meeting set-up, introductions, icebreaker	Stephanie	• Share	15 minutes
TBS FY2018 workplan	All	• Review	20 minutes
TBS FY2019 workplan	All	• Share • Discuss	20 minutes
Newsline promotion	All	• Discuss	15 minutes
NLS biennial conference update	Colleen Sue	• Share	30 minutes
TBS update	TBS staff	• Share • Discuss	20 minutes
Review ICfL website	All	• Review • Share feedback	45 minutes
Break	All	•	25 minutes
Committee member updates	All	• Share • Discuss	20 minutes
Next steps	All	• List	5 minutes
Meeting review	All	• List	5 minutes

Attendees-Alison Steven, Catherine Stanton, Colleen Schowalter, Dana Ard, Jeanne-Marie Kopecky, Susan McCoy, Judy Mooney, Nancy Wise, Rachel Welker, Stephanie Bailey-White, Sue Walker, Valerie Duffy, Vickie Prin.

Mtg Notes-

Stephanie introduced the agenda and went over the guidelines. Randy Kemp was introduced as the new Program Supervisor. All the TBS Advisory members then introduced themselves and how they work with or use TBS in their roles.

TBS FY2018 Work Plan Review (see separate document). New users of TBS were up 24% from previous years. This is likely due to the NLS's active ongoing promotion as well as the Say Yes to TBS promotion.

Talked about PCCs-# of current patrons which is about 10-12 per CSR as well how we will continue to promote and introduce to new users and readers of the newsletter.

Work Plan for 2019 (see separate document). Added the Studio Manager recruitment of new volunteers for working on increasing the Collection, in particular, locally recorded titles. Change the number of converted titles (analog to digital) from 100 to 50 since we have only one volunteer currently able to work on that project.

Sue Walker will work with Susan McCoy on a brochure or flyer for teachers (outreach) that is content specific regarding the use of BARD.

Newsline update-Dana explained the service to Randy Kemp. Great resource for local news and the Talking Book Topics is also available on the service. Nancy Wise gave some additional information, such as the ICBVI pays \$31,000 per year for the service. Sue Walker is looking for ideas to promote Newsline to our TBS users. Suggestions include:

- Using the 2nd check in call to bring attention to our TBS patrons.
- Go out to facilities/organizations to show/train their staff how to access and use Newsline.
- Demo account to increase staff familiarity.
- Word of Mouth. People who are already users can raise awareness and be ambassadors in their community.
- Include an article in a future Connections newsletter with Scott or Lisa from ICBVI.
- Article in Nexus newsletter for state librarian awareness.

NLS Biennial Conference update: Sue Walker and Colleen Schowalter. NLS is making updates to their website. They are also working with technology advancements in order to stay current. The dream is to have a service that does not require a physical cartridge, but is cloud-based.

NLS also is looking into making changes to the requirements for patrons with organic brain dysfunctions.

Discussion of the usefulness of rating books. Librarians do not want to censor, but many TBS patrons are on a computer auto-pick program for getting books instead of picking their own.

Member updates:

Dana Ard: The National Federation for the Blind of Idaho chapter will be holding their conference in Boise in the Spring of 2019. The National Federation for the Blind will hold their national convention in Las Vegas in July 2019.

Nancy Wise: This summer 16-21 year old students from all over Idaho came to Boise for the SWEP. ICfL had one of their students as an intern, Alison McCracken

Valerie Duffy suggested using library book club groups to recruit for book reviewers. Sue asked the Advisory Board if anyone was willing to be a volunteer reviewer for the unrated books. Catherine, Jeanne-Marie, Vicki and Susan raised their hands. Sue will send a link with the (long) list of books that need to be reviewed. Respond if you want to volunteer.

TBS will be represented at the Idaho Library Association in Moscow in October.

Sue brought up the issue of how BARD's download only books that are not being locally coded and how we could better promote these books. Ideas include:

- Use GoodReads.
- DB Review.
- Facebook posts-"Hidden Gems" try one method at a time to see what works.

WEBSITE REVIEW-Sue has individual notes.

Valerie Duffy: In October look for veterans staffing a table at various Fred Meyers around the valley sharing information about white cane safety, TBS and ICBVI will be promoted.

Colleen Schowalter: Brought attention to Idaho's Brightest Stars-the Governor's Award to Recognize outstanding volunteers. Any of us can nominate our volunteers.

Also, at her recent visit to NLS she learned that since they are getting so many commercially recorded books that their studio will be able to provide different books in the future, for example GED books.

Jeanne-Marie Kopecky: IESDB offered a Summer Enrichment Camp for young students. They also offered Para Profession training in both Boise (no one signed up) and Idaho falls for 1 week during the summer. They will be starting to make webinars available for those unable to attend.

Alison Steven: ICBVI worked with the SWEP program over the summer. They also offered a College Days week for 10 students to prepare them for the college experience. ICBVI also worked with the NFB to provide elementary age kids working on Braille and Mobility (featured on channel 6). Students rotated through classes and high school/college students were paired with teachers to be their assistants. There is a VISTA Leadership program to encourage blinded visually impaired students to be empowered to take initiative and be more assertive.

Stephanie Bailey-White: In the upcoming Legislative session, the ICfL will be asking the Legislators again to move TBS funding from federal to state money. Contact your reps to give your feedback if you are inclined.