

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **New TBS Website Debuts**

**BOISE, Idaho** – The Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS) has a new website, <u>https://idahotalkingbooks.org/</u>, that is easy to navigate for current and potential TBS patrons and/or their caregivers.

TBS is a free, convenient audiobook library service for Idahoans who are unable to read standard print due to low vision, blindness, or a physical, perceptual, or reading disability.

From the homepage, users can learn about the service, determine TBS eligibility, access the application, explore the online catalog, and more.

The service is completely free for users, who receive titles by downloading them and/or having the materials (on cartridges) mailed directly to and from their residence at no cost.

There are more than 100,000 fiction and nonfiction audiobook titles available, along with about 70 magazines and a selection of locally recorded audiobooks and magazines with a connection to Idaho and/or the Northwest.

"We are excited to offer a TBS website that showcases the features of the service in an easily accessible way," said Idaho Talking Book Service Program Supervisor LeAnn Gelskey. "We hope the new website will be another means for potential TBS patrons to find out about this valuable service, which can provide a lifeline for visually impaired Idahoans who have become isolated," Gelskey added.

In addition to visiting <u>https://idahotalkingbooks.org/</u>, those interested in learning more about the Idaho Talking Book Service can visit their local public library to experience a TBS player and appreciate how straightforward the service is for patrons and/or their caregivers to use.

The Idaho TBS is managed by the Idaho Commission for Libraries and federally funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

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