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Connections

Talking Book Service News

Library Highlight Boise Public Library Main Library

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Boise, ID 83702
208-384-4076

www.boisepubliclibrary.org

Hours at Main Library:

Mon–Thurs: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday*: Noon to 5:00 p.m.

*Closed Sundays during summer

Boise Public Library has numerous reading options for those requiring print alternatives. The library's Homebound Services (HBS) also provides direct delivery service of materials to patrons who are homebound, without charge, through staff members Courtney and Helen or one of their fabulous volunteers.

Reading materials include 7,065 books on CD—including adult fiction and nonfiction, juvenile titles, and young adult titles. The majority of



Boise Public Library's Homebound Services delivers materials to its homebound patrons

these are unabridged. The library has over 7,000 large print books and can also draw from the other Treasure Valley Open Access Agreement library collections. The large print and recorded books collection also includes copies of the 2011 Big Read selection, *The Call of the Wild*. (See more about The Big Read on page 2.)

In addition, eAudiobooks are available for download through the website at www.boisepubliclibrary.org/eCollections/eaudio/. HBS can
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download these onto MP3 players for their patrons.

Homebound Services delivers to some facilities that have their own Book Discussion groups. These facilities often select multiple copies of a title from the library's Books for Book Clubs collection. Whenever possible, Homebound Services also provides large print and recorded copies of these items.

Homebound Services has a spare TBS player available for TBS users to borrow if their player breaks. Brochures describing more Homebound Services are available at all Boise Public Library branches (Cole & Ustick, Collister, and Hillcrest) and the Main Library Circulation and Information desks.

To contact Courtney or Helen about Homebound Services and services for those requiring print alternatives, call 208-562-4002. HBS staff members are in Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but they deliver materials four days a week, so please leave a message if no one answers. For general questions or requests for reading materials, you can also contact the Main Library at 208-384-4076 during its regular hours.

Email: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov • Website: libraries.idaho.gov/tbs
Phone: 208-334-2150 or 800-458-3271

2011 Big Read

The Big Read is an annual opportunity for communities to enjoy the same title. A joint project of The Cabin and Idaho's libraries, Idaho's 2011 Big Read selection, Jack London's *Call of the Wild*, is appropriate for all ages.

Here's a brief description of the book:

Buck, a St. Bernard mix, is stolen and trained to be a sled dog in the Alaskan gold fields. Abused by both men and dogs, Buck learns to fight ruthlessly until he finds a master, John Thornton, whom he loves and respects.

In early 2011, libraries throughout Idaho will host book discussions and other activities based on this title. The Talking Book Service has the book available both as a cartridge and as a download from BARD, so contact TBS for a copy and check with your local library to see what activities they have planned.

In January 2011, a listing of statewide activities will be available on The Cabin's website: www.thecabinidaho.org/whatwedo/the-big-read.htm.

Pacific Northwest Library Association: LEADS Institute

DATE: OCTOBER 17-23, 2010

ATTENDEES	Vicki Kreimeyer Main Library, Melody Sky Eisler Library! at Collister
Sessions	
LEADS PARTICIPANT - MSE	As a participant at LEADS I worked with library professionals from throughout the Northwest including Canada to gain important leadership skills for libraries. Two professional leadership consultants and eight mentors taught the participants how to identify our own leadership skills, strategic planning, vision statement crafting, public speaking and library presentation models, change management, and finally how to build and lead successful teams. The institute was exceptionally beneficial for me and I found the knowledge and experience gained to be invaluable.
LEADS MENTOR- VK	I had the opportunity to serve as a mentor at LEADS leadership institute, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Library Association, October 17-24, 2010. It was a privilege to mentor eight participants from a wide variety of public and academic libraries from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. The days were filled with excellent content, relevant exercises, and intense debriefing for the eight of us who served as mentors. This experience clearly forces the participants and mentors to dig deep, to take chances, to learn and grow. I urge the Board and the Management Team to continue to nominate staff to participate in this institute. The learning that occurs there will greatly benefit not only the individuals, but the Boise Public Library as well.
TO END	In summary, we would like to thank the management team for supporting our requests to attend this institute.