

"This is a wonderful and useful service. The staff with whom I've worked have provided outstanding service!!"

"I love the digital talking book player and the wonderful service. I don't use a computer due to vision loss and due to visual impairment. I can't see the screen. I love the service!"

"I have used Talking Books for a number of years and am happy to have this service available to me."

Braille books and magazines may also be downloaded through the BARD Mobile app, which requires connection to a refreshable braille display via a Bluetooth connection.

Braille BARD patrons: 6  
Braille book downloads: 23  
Braille magazines: 9  
Braille music scores: 11

## Patron Survey Results

Has allowed me to continue to access reading materials despite my vision loss or disability **92%**

Helps me feel less isolated **64%**

Allows me to continue using library services even though I am unable to get to the library because of health or transportation issues **58%**

Provides me with access to free library materials that I cannot get at my local public library **41%**

Provides me with an activity I can do on my own **87%**

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) is a web-based service that provides access to thousands of braille and audio books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS.

Audio download patrons: 45  
Book downloads: 3,849  
Magazine downloads: 134  
Music\* downloads: 24  
\*instruction / appreciation

"Thanks again to all of you! This service greatly improves my life - a kind of on-going education! All contacts I've had with TBC have been helpful and friendly."

"I love it! Thank you for keeping books in my life despite my vision loss."

Thank you to our community support:  
United Way of Greater Augusta  
United Way of Rockbridge, Lexington,  
Buena Vista  
Community Foundation of Central  
Blue Ridge  
Lions Club  
Kiwanis  
Rotary Club  
Friends of the Staunton Library  
Friends of the Augusta County Library

Patrons: 300  
Books circulated: 13,742  
Magazines circulated: 213  
New readers: 46  
Circulation days: 249 days

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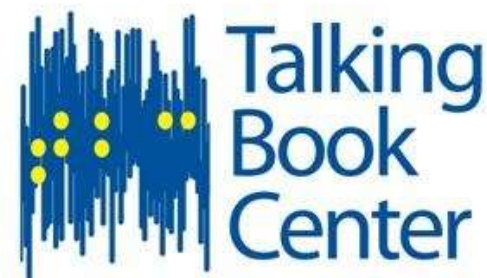
## Staff

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The Staunton Talking Book Center services patrons in the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath, and Highland, as well as the cities of Staunton, Waynesboro, Lexington, and Buena Vista.

## Special Events in 2018:

- ◆ Co-hosted a reading with local author Phyllis Campbell, who read from a Braille copy of her newest book “Where Sheep May Safely Graze” DB89912 (Available on BARD)
- ◆ Hosted an Open House for patrons and community members to view the new Talking Book Center history showcase and learn about all of the TBC services
- ◆ Relaunch of monthly newsletter
- ◆ Reached out to all registered patrons
- ◆ Participated in downtown Staunton’s Queen City Mischief and Magic festival. Educated citizens about Braille, played games, and handed out free Braille alphabet cards to inspire inclusion and education.



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## 2018 Annual Report

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~Helen Keller