



Talking Book Center  
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**Application for Individuals Seeking Free Library Service:**

The Talking Book Center, on behalf of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) at the Library of Congress, is a free braille and talking book (audiobook) library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical or reading disability that prevents them from using regular print materials.

**Application for Individuals Seeking Free Library Service:**

The following people are eligible for service: residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad, provided they meet one of the following criteria:

1. An individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books.
2. An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
3. An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

Please see <http://www.loc.gov/nls/how-to-enroll/apply-for-nls-services> for the full eligibility information.

**Use of Government Property:**

NLS program equipment, materials, and products, both online and physical, are federal property. Users shall acknowledge the purpose for which these items were intended and accept responsibility for accessing these items. All materials and equipment (including digital talking book cartridges, hard copy braille, players, and accessories) must be returned when no longer needed.

**Personal Information:** Personal information is confidential except for those portions defined by law as public information. To learn what information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, please consult the agency to which you are submitting this application.

**Notice:** Records relating to patrons of the Talking Book Center are confidential as established in the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act, Chapter 38 of Title 2.2 of the Code of Virginia.

**Information may be entered directly into form:**

Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Middle Initial:	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Address:	<input type="text"/>				
City:	<input type="text"/>	State:	<input type="text"/>	ZIP:	<input type="text"/>
Primary Telephone:	<input type="text"/>	Date of Birth:	<input type="text"/>		
Alternate Telephone:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>		

**Alternate Contact:**

Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	First Name:	<input type="text"/>
Telephone:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>

**Parental Acknowledgment for NLS Services and Devices, Required for Applicants who are Minors (Under 18 Years Old):**

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, I acknowledge that my child will receive services and equipment and that my child will have access to the entire NLS catalog of reading material. All materials and equipment (including digital talking book cartridges, hard copy braille, players, and accessories) must be returned when no longer needed.

Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	First Name:	<input type="text"/>
Relationship to Patron:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>
Parent/Guardian Signature:	<input type="text"/>		

**Veterans:** Persons who are blind or have a print disability who have been honorably discharged from the United States military receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and specialized materials (Public Law 89-522).

Check here if you were honorably discharged from the United States military

**Indicate the Primary Disability Preventing You from Reading Printed Material:**

<input type="radio"/> Blindness	An individual who is blind, 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses.
<input type="radio"/> Visual Impairment	An individual who has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read standard print books.
<input type="radio"/> Physical Disability	An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.
<input type="radio"/> Reading Disability	An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.

If you also have a hearing impairment, please indicate the degree of hearing loss:

- Moderate – Some difficulty hearing and understanding speech
- Profound – Cannot hear or understand speech

**Certifying Authority**

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, or professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

**To be Completed by Certifying Authority:**

Name:	<input type="text"/>	Title:	<input type="text"/>
Organization:	<input type="text"/>	Email:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>	Phone:	<input type="text"/>
City:	<input type="text"/>	State:	<input type="text"/>
		ZIP:	<input type="text"/>

I certify that this applicant is eligible for NLS services.

Signature:	<input type="text"/>	Date:	<input type="text"/>
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*A typed or handwritten signature is acceptable after certifying data is completed.*

**BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download)** is an online, password-protected service that provides access to hundreds of thousands of audio and braille books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS. The service is available as an application on a Mac or Windows computer or on an iOS or Android mobile device. The mobile application, known as BARD Mobile, includes built-in playback features so you can enjoy talking books anytime, anywhere. BARD Express allows you to play talking books on a Windows computer.

**Equipment Policy:** Playback equipment and special accessories are supplied to eligible persons on extended loan. If this equipment is not being used in conjunction with reading material provided by the Library of Congress and its cooperating libraries, it must be returned to the issuing agency. Your cooperation with returning these items in a timely manner is required.

**Service Delivery for Library Materials (Check All That Apply):**

All books and equipment are sent and returned through the mail free of charge. Please select below the services you would like to receive.

**Materials and Services Requested:**

- Digital audiobooks with Digital Talking Book Machine
- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) – allows download of books and magazines from the internet to tablets or smartphones

**Accessories for Digital Talking Book Machines:**

- Remote control unit
- Headphones

**Braille Books:**

- Braille – Books, Music scores, and/or Magazines
- Braille eReader for eBraille books (HumanWare)

(The NLS Music program does not provide recorded music for recreational listening.)

How did you learn about the Talking Book Center / NLS Free Library Service?

<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Care Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Support Group	<input type="checkbox"/> TV Ad
<input type="checkbox"/> School	<input type="checkbox"/> Event/Expo
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ad
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media (specify)	<input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

**Reading Preferences:**

Preferred reading level: (Indicate preferences)

<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult
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Content: (Indicate preferences)

<input type="checkbox"/> No strong language	<input type="checkbox"/> Some strong language is fine
<input type="checkbox"/> No explicit sexual content	<input type="checkbox"/> Some explicit sexual content is fine
<input type="checkbox"/> No violent content	<input type="checkbox"/> Some violent content is fine

Preferred option for receiving books:

- I wish to have the Library staff select books for me based on my preferences.
- I wish to receive only books I request. Do not select books for me.

Preferred Types of Books I want to Receive:

<input type="checkbox"/> Adventure	<input type="checkbox"/> Animals/Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers, Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers, Nonfiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Bible	<input type="checkbox"/> Biographies
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Classic Novels	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Fiction
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/> Health
<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Humor
<input type="checkbox"/> Horror	<input type="checkbox"/> Inspirational Books	<input type="checkbox"/> Mysteries
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature	<input type="checkbox"/> Poetry	<input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion	<input type="checkbox"/> Romance	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Help/Psychology
<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction	<input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories
<input type="checkbox"/> Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Suspense	<input type="checkbox"/> Supernatural/Paranormal
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel	<input type="checkbox"/> War Stories	<input type="checkbox"/> Westerns

Favorite Authors

List any languages, other than English, in which you would like to receive books:

Please choose your preferred format for the monthly newsletter:

<input type="checkbox"/> Large Print	<input type="checkbox"/> Email	<input type="checkbox"/> No Newsletter
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Other Services:

- I am interested in learning about the free iBill Currency Reader
- I am interested in learning about other services that the VA Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) provides to eligible Virginians.

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