

THE NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER (TBBC)

**A public library of accessible materials for those
who have difficulty reading standard print or
holding a book**

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Who is TBBC?

- **Public library for children, teens & adults in NJ who cannot easily read standard printed materials or hold a book because of:**
 - Physical impairment
 - Reading disability
 - Visual impairment
- **Regional library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), a division of the U.S. Library of Congress.**
- **Branch of the NJ State Library.**
- **There is no cost for any of our services.**

Our Mission

- **TBBC strives to reach each New Jersey resident who is eligible for our no-cost services.**
- **TBBC provides easily-accessible, excellent customer service to our readers through a physical library in Trenton and through a toll-free phone number: 800-792-8322.**

Our Clients

- **TBBC serves children, teens & adults in NJ who cannot read standard print or who cannot hold a book in his/her hand due to a temporary or permanent:**
 - **Physical Impairment**
 - **Reading Disability**
 - **Visual Impairment**

Who is Eligible for our Services?

1. Children, teens & adults in NJ who cannot read standard print or who cannot hold a book in his/her hand due to a temporary or permanent Physical Impairment, Reading Disability, Vision Impairment.
2. Places that may at some time serve eligible individuals. More info at:
<http://www.loc.gov/nls/reference/factsheets/institutions.html>
3. Libraries.

How do I Apply?

Individuals, Places that serve eligible clients and Libraries can apply for TBBC's services in two ways:

- Download an application at:
- https://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/apply_for_service/

OR

- Call TBBC for an application to be mailed.
Toll-free: 800-792-8322.

Our No-Cost Services

- **Digital Talking Book Machines.**
- **Digital Audiobooks & audio magazines (via mail or and/or for download from BARD, BARD Mobile app).**
- **BARD Mobile app – for Android, Apple & Kindle Fires**
- **Braille – print & downloadable**
- **Newsline, a news reading service.**

Digital Talking Book Machine

- **A Certified individual can receive his/her own FREE machine.**
- **All institutional accounts can receive multiple audiobook players to use with any resident.**

Digital Talking Book Machine

Demo of the player is online at

<http://www.youtube.com/user/NJSLTBBC>



Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)

- BARD is the FREE digital audiobook, audio magazine and Braille downloading service from the Library of Congress:
<https://nlsbard.loc.gov>
- All TBBC members can have free BARD accts
- Libraries are partnering with TBBC to help with downloading.

BARD Mobile App (for Android, Apple & Kindle Fire)



Newsline[®]

- Newsline is a telephone-based or internet-based audio news reading service from the National Federation for the Blind (NFB). App for iOS.
- It requires individual registration; institutional accounts are unavailable.
- Individuals can register for Newsline by calling TBBC at 800-792-8322 or online at http://www.nfb.org/nfb/newspapers_by_phone.asp.

Completed Individual Registration Process

- Completed application can be faxed, mailed or scanned & emailed to TBBC.
- Application is processed quickly.

Free Postage

- Everything ships back and forth postage-free as “Free Matter for the Blind or Handicapped.”
- See US Postal Service’s Domestic Mail Manual guidelines at <http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/703.htm#wp1113979>

Need some Inspiration?

Visit our Kudos page!

http://www.njstatelib.org/talking_books_and-braille/apply_for_service/kudos/

Questions?

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