

Talking Book Library:
What You Thought You Knew,
but Were Afraid to Ask.

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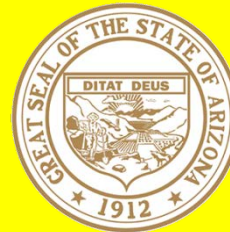
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ARIZONA BRAILLE & TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

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WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR OUR SERVICES?

**Anyone Blind,
Visually Impaired,
Physically Disabled,
Or Unable to Read Standard Print
Due to a Disability**

WE PROVIDE AS A *FREE PUBLIC SERVICE*:

- **Books and Magazines in Audio Formats and Braille**
- **Digital Access to Reading Materials through BARD**
- **Loan of Specialized Equipment**
- **Delivery by Mail – *No Postage Required***
- **Newsline® - Newspapers Read Over the Telephone**
- **Descriptive Videos and DVDs –**
**Audio Descriptions of
Visual Elements**

BTBL Services Provide

- **Books and magazines in audio formats and Braille.**
- **Over 85,000 titles in the BTBL catalog.**
- **2,000 titles are added each year.**
- **Professional Librarians provide readers advisory services.**
- **Local interest titles added each year to the library's catalog.**

**National Library Service network
ARIZONA BRAILLE AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY
is one of the 56 regional libraries.**

FUNDING

- **Combination of Federal, State and Local funding.**
- **NLS provides materials and postage.**
- **State provides facility, staff and operating budget.**
- **Arizona Friends of Talking Books assist by funding projects and special services not covered by the state budget. Their friendship has helped BTBL improve the quality of life for our patrons.**

Are we Talking **GOOD** Books?

Of Course...

- **Fiction and Non-Fiction**
- **Biographies**
- **Foreign Language sent by NLS**
- **Books are delivered to you in the mail.**

Local Recordings at BTBL

- The Talking Book Library relies on a dedicated group of volunteers to assist the library.
- Notably, several local magazines and books that are not recorded at the federal level are recorded by our volunteers.
- The studio at the Talking Book Library records 80-90 titles per year.

Who picks the books?

Good Question!

- As a patron, you are building a relationship with your own personal librarian.
- The Librarian, or Reader Advisor, can provide suggestions based on your reading likes and dislikes.
- The library can send you books based on subject and author preferences.

The Library also has Movies

More than 1000 descriptive videos and DVDs.

- From Romances to Westerns
- From Action to Comedy
- A narrator describes the scenes between the actor's dialog.
- The whole family can enjoy a movie
 - Children's movies and animations included

PATRONS SERVED

Phoenix BTBL serves patrons *statewide*.

Growth since BTBL opened for service
March 19, 1970.

1970 - 1,300 patrons; circulation 80,500.

2010 - 9,500 patrons; circulation 410,000.

What's Now !

The distribution of the newest generation of talking books from BTBL is digital!

Veterans have priority status for all new programs.

**National Library Service
has been producing digital masters
of all books for several years.**

Also Available....

NLS downloads are available for portable listening devices through the **BARD** Program – **Braille & Audio Reading Download**

Approximately 10% of registered patrons are downloading

Patrons are able to use the physical collection along with the BARD Collection

Downloading Books

TITLES AVAILABLE FROM BTBL

Currently, downloadable books are available for individuals as well as the organizations that support our patrons.

Web-Braille services are available for download.

BARD website

Braille and Audio Reading

Download

- **<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/az>**

In addition to the physical collections Talking Book Library offers BARD

- NLS BARD is a free braille and talking book library service for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page. Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS offers books the way you want them in braille or audio, mailed to your door for free or instantly downloadable.

BARD Mobile

- With BARD Mobile books can be downloaded to many types of devices Android, iOS, Kindle Fire, Victor Reader Stream to name some of the more popular devices.
- BARD has approximately 102,000 books currently on the BARD website for download.

BARD Classes

- Arizona Talking Book Library offers BARD training classes twice a year.
- To Find out when the next class is or to sign up for one on one training, call us at **602-255-5578** and ask for Michael or Craig.

Is the service available in other states?

Yes, Each state has a Talking Book Library program.

The Talking Book Library for Arizona is one of 56 regional branches for the National Library Service.

If you have friends and relatives that you feel could use these services, please contact that state's Talking Book Library program.

What do I get with this service?

- The library starts all new patrons with two books based upon their book interests from a phone interview.
- The books are circulated for one month. A player is issued as well.
- All materials are free of charge and routed through the mail service.

What types of books are available?

The Talking Book Library is just like a regular public library except for that all of the books are in audio format—the library has fiction, non-fiction, westerns, mysteries, biographies, history, romances, best-sellers, and on and on and on...

How do I get books?

Books are provided through the mail at no cost. Patrons can call their Librarian, send in their catalog selections, or automatically receive books based on their subject preferences from the Librarian's phone interview.

Can I order books online?

The Librarian can provide the patron with a user name and password and along with their email address, can access the online catalog.

Do I have to buy anything?

The player, the books, all associated catalogs, and your own librarian is included.

❖ Sorry, Librarians are not sent through the mail.

Common Questions and Answers

- Is the service really “free”?
Yes, “free” meaning being paid by tax dollars.
- What’s the catch?!
 - ... to fill out the application and return it.
 - ... for patrons to return books in a timely manner.
 - ... to have a love of reading.
- And my favorite...Who are you, again?
The Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library is a public service for all Arizona residents who cannot read standard size print or hold a physical book.

If you would like to volunteer please contact:

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How to apply for Service.

Some Common Questions and Answers

- What happens after an outreach session?
 - The application can be completed and signed by the certifying authority and then returned to the library.
 - Applicants can have a doctor's prescription written out stating that they require services. Please help them complete the remaining portions of the application, fold the prescription into the application, and send back to the library.
 - Upon receipt of the application, the Librarian will contact patrons to find what their reading interests are.

OUTREACH

- Tours of the Arizona Talking Book Library.
- Attend events throughout Arizona.
- BARD training.
- Workshops for professionals.

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