

Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS)

An Overview of Services



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Who is Eligible for Service?

Individuals who are unable to read standard print due to:

- Blindness
- Visual Impairment
- Physical Disability
- Reading Disability



Individuals Apply for Service

Application Approval Certified by Competent Authority

- Librarians and library staff
- School counselors and teachers
- Ophthalmologists
- Social Workers and Activities Directors
- Medical Professionals





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TALKING
BOOK
SERVICE**

Idaho Talking Book Service (TBS)

325 West State Street, Boise, ID 83702-6055

208-334-2150 Toll Free: 1-800-458-3271 Fax: 208-334-4016

Email: talkingbooks@libraries.idaho.gov

Website: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/tbs>

Application for Individuals Institutional Applications are available on our website.
Please Print or Type. Note that all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.
This information is confidential and is only for library service.

First Name *		Middle Initial	Last Name *	
C/O (If Applicable)				
Mailing Address *		City *	State *	Zip *
Primary Telephone *	Secondary Telephone	Email Address		
Date of birth *	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Veteran (Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Armed Forces) *		
● Tell us who to contact if you cannot be reached:				
Name *		Relationship *		
Mailing address		City	State	Zip
Telephone *		Email		
● How did you hear about our service? *				

After completing this application, submit it by faxing to 208-334-4016 or mail free by marking the envelope "Free Matter for the Blind." Do not seal the envelope. You will be contacted before service begins.

The Idaho Talking Book Service is brought to you by the Idaho Commission for Libraries, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Eligibility for Loan of Library Materials

Please note that all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

To be eligible for the Idaho Talking Book Service, you must have a condition preventing you from reading standard printed material. If you qualify, please check one:

- ☐ Legally Blind - Visual acuity is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- ☐ Visual Impairment - Needing aids other than regular glasses for reading standard printed materials.
- ☐ Physical Impairment - Unable to turn pages or hold a book for extended periods of time.

The above conditions must be certified by one of the following: Librarian, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Osteopathy, Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, Nurse, Nurse Practitioner, Therapist, or a professional of a hospital, institution, or social welfare agency.

- ☐ Reading Disabled- Having a reading disability resulting from an organic brain dysfunction preventing the reading of printed matter. For more information regarding this category, call 1-800-458-3271 or visit <https://www.loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility-for-nls-services/talking-books-reading-disabilities/>

A reading disability must be certified by a Medical Doctor or a Doctor of Osteopathy who may consult with colleagues in associated disciplines.

To Be Completed By Certifying Authority (Cannot be certified by a family member)

Please Print

*Name of Certifying Authority		*Title and Occupation	
*Street		*City	*State *Zip
*Telephone Number		Email	

I certify that the applicant named has requested library service and is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason indicated above.

*Signature of Certifying Authority

*Date

Service Options

Books, Magazines, Materials, and Equipment

Please check the box provided for any of the following items and/or services that you wish to receive. Check one or more:

- ☐ Audio Player
☐ Audio Books ☐ Audio Magazines ☐ Headphones
☐ Download audio and/or Braille books and magazines (BARD)
☐ Braille books and/or magazines
☐ Newslines (Free access to current local and national newspapers)
☐ Talking Book Service newsletter format:
☐ Large type ☐ Audio ☐ Electronic/ email notification

Service Type-Check all that apply

- ☐ I wish to receive a replacement for each book I return.
☐ I wish to request from the Library's catalogs. Format: ☐ Large type ☐ Audio ☐ Online
☐ I will contact the library when I wish to receive books.

Referral: Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides FREE services to blind and visually impaired residents of the state.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No I would like a representative of the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to contact me to explain their services.

Loan Policy Agreement

A player will be supplied to you as long as it is being used for audio materials provided by the Idaho Talking Book Service. To remain active, users must borrow at least one book a year or be subscribed to a magazine provided through the service.

I agree to abide by the loan policies of the Idaho Talking Book Service; a copy will be provided.

*Patron Signature _____ Date _____

According to Public Law 89-522, blind and other physically handicapped persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States must receive preference in receiving NLS materials and equipment.

Reading Preferences

To have audio books selected for you, please check the types of books or subjects you prefer, or use the space below to write in your reading interests.

Listening/Reading Comprehension Level:

- ☐ K-3 grade ☐ 4-6 grade ☐ Junior/Senior High ☐ Adult

Fiction

- ☐ Adventure
☐ Animal Stories
☐ Classics
☐ Family (Single, Multi Generation)
☐ Fantasy
☐ Gothic
☐ Historical: Time Period _____
☐ Historical Romance
☐ Holiday
☐ Mysteries
☐ Mysteries (With a Detective)
☐ Northwest & Idaho
☐ Occult and Horror
☐ Pioneer
☐ Religious Fiction
☐ Romance
☐ Science Fiction
☐ Sea Stories
☐ Spy Stories
☐ Suspense
☐ War Stories: Era _____
☐ Westerns

Non Fiction

- ☐ Astronomy & Aviation
☐ Biography & Autobiography
☐ Business & Career
☐ Cooking & Housekeeping
☐ Contemporary Issues and Politics
☐ Crime and true detective
☐ History: Time Period: _____
☐ Humor
☐ Inspirational
☐ Movies, Radio, and Television
☐ Native American Interest
☐ Northwest & Idaho
☐ Poetry
☐ Psychology & Sociology
☐ Religion
☐ Science: Area _____
☐ Self-Help
☐ Sports: Sport _____
☐ Travel
☐ War: Era _____

Other Subjects, Authors, or Series: _____

Sacred Texts

- ☐ The Bible _____ ☐ The Book of Mormon ☐ The Torah ☐ The Quran

I wish to receive books in the following languages:

- ☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Other

I do not wish to receive books that contain:

- ☐ Strong Language ☐ Violence ☐ Sex ☐ Foreign Accents

For Staff Use: # of BKS _____

Please send: ICBVI Referral _____

Catalogs: TBT# _____

Magazine List _____

How do you know
when to send me
books?



Institutions

Institutions serving current and prospective patrons can become members. Institutions include:

- Public Libraries
- Schools and School Libraries
- Colleges and College Libraries
- Healthcare facilities



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Oh fantastic! We can send you some applications in the mail, or you can go to our website and print them there.

What Happens Next?

- TBS staff registers the new applicant and contacts the new patron, answers any questions
- Patrons receive our Welcome Packet and library materials
- Customer Service Representatives are available to help!



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Formats to Meet Individual Needs

- Audio books and magazines on cartridge
- **BARD: Braile and Audio Readng Download**
 - Download books & magazines in audio and e-braille



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Equipment to Meet Individual Needs

- Talking Book Player
- NLS High-Volume Player
- Headphones
- Breath switches
- Download accessories



Reading Materials to Meet Individual Needs

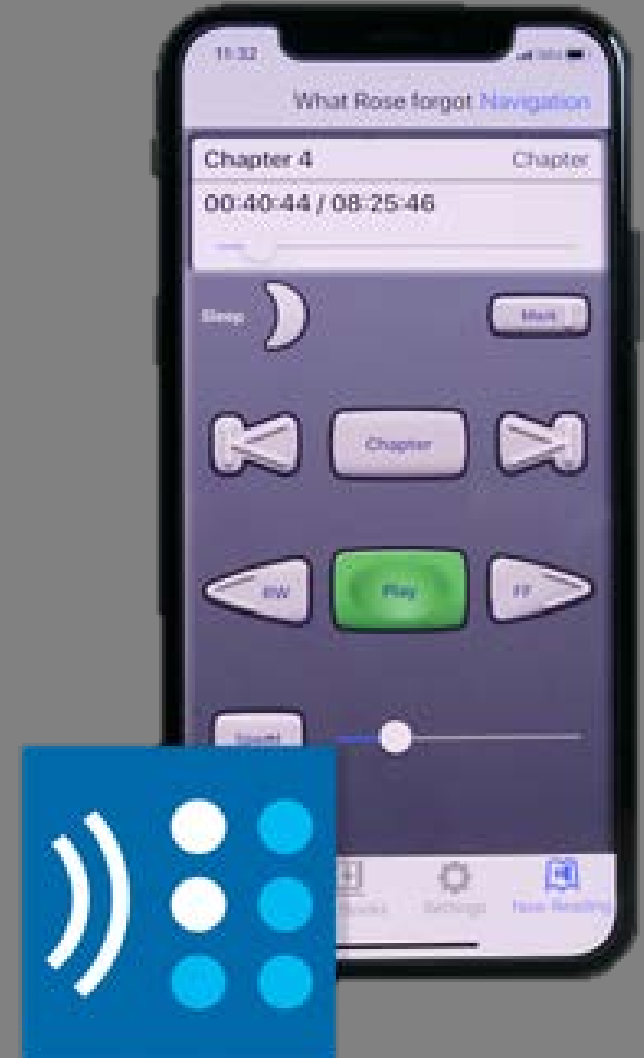
- Books and magazines
- Variety of fiction and nonfiction
- Books in multiple languages
- Music appreciation and scores
- Materials added weekly
- TBS does not lend textbooks



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Receive Materials through BARD

- Access to thousands of audio and braille books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS
- Download through a computer or mobile app
- Titles available immediately
- No loan periods
- New books added weekly
- Accessible platform



Download books through Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)

Compatible with BARD:

- Commercial players are compatible with BARD
- Refreshable braille display
- Braille note-taker
- Media player



Receive Materials through Mail

- Materials are sent based on reading levels and preferred genres or authors.
- Patrons can select specific titles by submitting requests through our online catalog or by contacting our library directly.

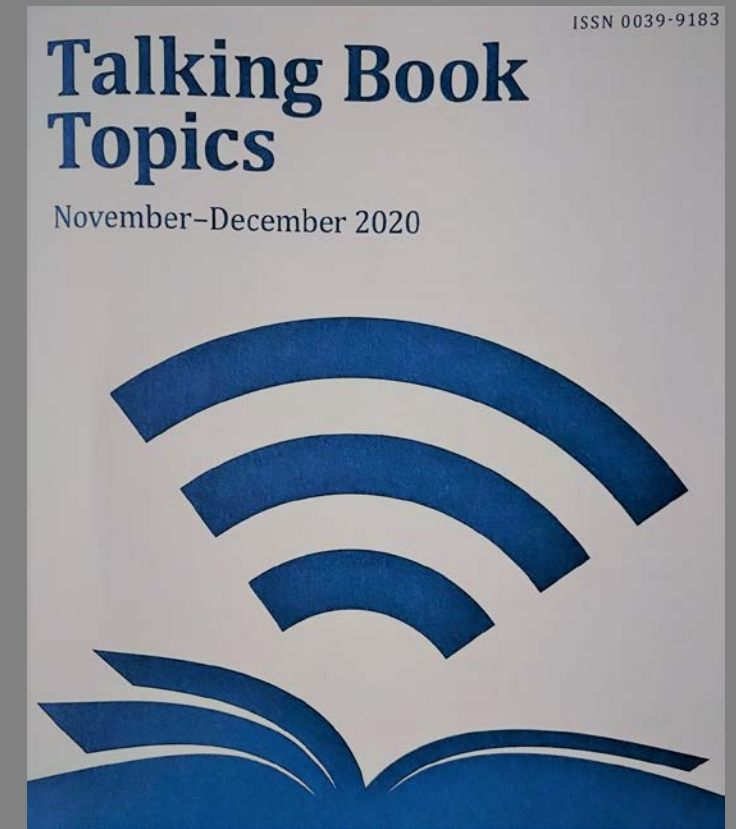
Books ship for free through the U.S. Postal Service



Learn about New Titles

The NLS produces two bimonthly publications that provide a small sampling of the new audio and braille titles added to our collection:

- Talking Book Topics: highlights audio books
- Braille Book Review: highlights braille books



NFB NEWSLINE

A free audio service for those who cannot read regular newsprint. Newsline offers access to newspapers, magazines, and other news resources.



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How can public libraries connect their community members to The Talking Books?

- Display Promotional materials
- Demo equipment
- Demo BARD account
- Online catalog log-in
- Promote through library websites and social media



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Thank you to our partner.



Questions / Comments

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