

Braille and Talking Book Program

for Those With a Physical Disability



Do you have difficulty holding the printed page because of a physical disability? The braille and talking book program gives you the independence to enjoy the gift of reading.

What Is the Braille and Talking Book Program?

The braille and talking book program is a free library service administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress. The program is provided through a nationwide network of cooperating libraries that lend reading materials to residents of the United States and its territories and U.S. citizens living abroad who are unable to read or use regular print materials because of a visual or physical disability.

To learn more, or to sign up, visit www.loc.gov/ThatAllMayRead.

Talking books and magazines are available online and on the go through the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service and BARD Mobile. BARD

Mobile is available for iOS and Android devices. Talking books also are available on cartridges that can be played using NLS-issued playback equipment. All materials are circulated by postage-free mail.

“For someone who may not be able to physically hold a book in their hands, there are special devices that allow them to access the same content that anybody else would. It’s basically like being able to live in the same world that everybody else is living in.”

– Bill, NLS patron since 1980

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