

Braille and Talking Book Program

for Students



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For students who are blind, have low vision, or have difficulty reading printed materials because of a physical disability, the braille and talking book program can be an incredible resource.

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.

NLS offers eligible students a variety of recreational reading materials, from preschool to young adult levels. Braille and talking books allow students to read many of the same books that their peers are reading. Whether they want to read the latest bestseller or that classic needed for a classroom assignment, their local network library can help; materials are sent and returned by postage-free mail. Participants in the program also may download braille and audiobooks through BARD (the Braille and Audio Reading Download online service) or through the BARD Mobile app for iOS and Android devices. For braille books, an iOS device with a Bluetooth connection to a braille display is necessary.

*“It’s huge to be able to have **access to the same books all your friends are reading**. To be able to talk about the same books others are reading, as a kid, is about being part of the community, being able to engage.”*

— Brian, NLS patron

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