

## **BARD Basics Handout**

The BARD website: <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/>

### **Material available for download from BARD**

Braille books and magazines

Audio books and magazines

Instructional music audio books

Braille music scores

International language braille and audio books

### **Ways to search and browse the BARD collection**

- Recently Added Books and Magazines—lists books and magazines added to BARD in the past 30 days
- Most Popular Books—lists the most downloaded books in the past 30 days
- Search the Collection—enter a search term to find books in the language selected from the drop-down menu
- Browse the collection by:
  - Author's last name
  - Book title
  - Subject
- Search or Browse Music Scores and Books
- Most Recent Magazines—lists the magazine issues recently added to BARD
- Magazines By Title—Select the magazine title from the drop-down menu to access all available issues
- NLS Catalog Quick Search—search the entire braille and talking book collection, includes links to download materials available on BARD

### **My BARD**

Wish List—titles available on BARD that you have flagged for future reading

Previous Downloads—titles you have downloaded

Subscriptions—manage book and magazine subscriptions

Account Settings—manage your BARD account

- Change password or email address
- Authorize a new player you have purchased
- Change language preferences
- Color settings
- Filter by braille, audio, or both

- Choose magnification theme
- Set maximum number of books to be displayed on one page
- Keep or remove magazine issues that have been on the wish list for more than a year
- Turn on or off alerts by email when new issues of subscribed books or magazines are available

## **Ways to access and read materials from BARD**

### Audio Books

- BARD website, unzip to cartridge, play on NLS player
- BARD Express, transfer to cartridge, play on NLS player
- BARD Mobile
  - Android, download and play
  - iOS, download and play
  - Fire Tablet, download and play

### Braille Books

- BARD website, download, read with eReader
- BARD Express, download, transfer to cartridge, read with eReader
- NLS Braille eReader, download and read
- BARD Mobile
  - Android, download and read with paired eReader
  - iOS, download and read with paired eReader

## **How to get help with BARD**

- Access the [BARD instructions and FAQs](#) from the BARD website under Additional Links heading
- Contact your local braille and talking book library
- Send an email to the BARD Support Team at [nlsdownload@loc.gov](mailto:nlsdownload@loc.gov)
- [Subscribe to the BARD Support Listserv](#)
- Access the BARD Mobile, BARD Express, or NLS eReader How to series of videos on YouTube
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