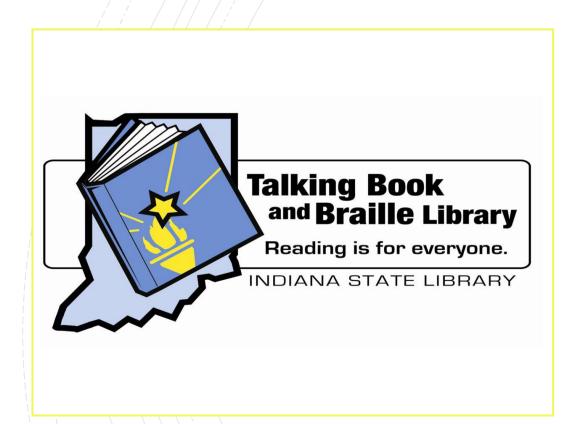


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Quick overview of talking books

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What is Talking Books?

The Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) provides free library service to residents of Indiana who cannot use standard printed materials due to a visual, physical, or reading disability.

This service includes large print books, braille books, and books on tape.

• We are able to provide these services free of charge because we are connected to the National Library Service (NLS) in Washington DC. They provide us with the machines and cartridges and braille.

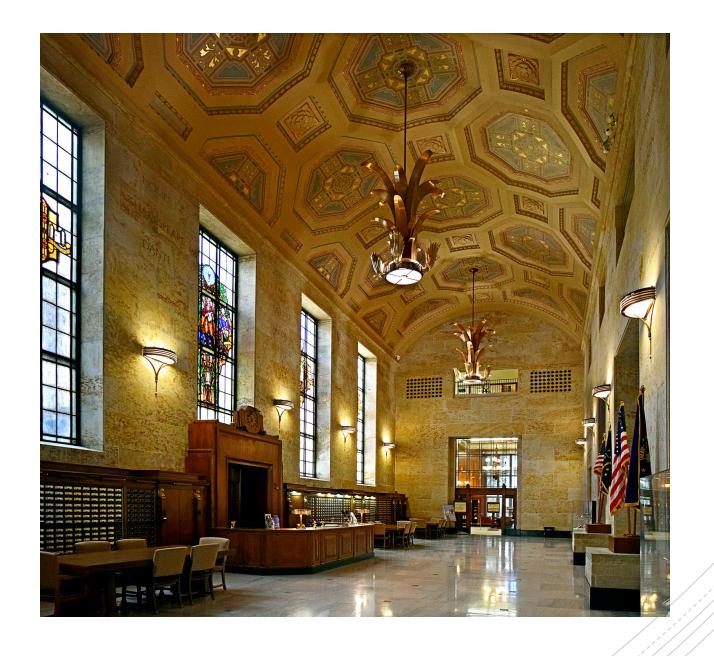
History

• The idea of a National Library Service for the Blind was first developed in 1897 by the Librarian of Congress. He created a Braille Reading Room containing 500 items, including books and music scores.

• In 1905, the Indiana State Library began mailing embossed books to blind residents throughout the state. At the time, the library's collection consisted of 300 volumes. Construction of the Indiana State Library in 1931.



Interior of the Indiana State Library



• In 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed the Pratt-Smoot Act, which established a library program for blind adults administered by the Library of Congress. The National Library Service was created because of the influx of blinded veterans that came back from WW1.

History

■ In 1934, thanks in part to the existing program we were already offering and the support around the state the program had, the Indiana State Library was selected to join the National Library Service as a regional library.

■ The National Library Service has expanded service to children (1952) and people with physical disabilities (1966). Talking books have moved from records to flexible discs to cassettes (1968) and now to digital books (2009) and downloads (2013).

Services We Offer

Patrons may borrow braille books, digital audio books (books on tape), large print books, audio magazines, and special playback equipment from the library; materials will be mailed directly to patrons' homes at no cost via the United States Postal Service.

Braille and audio books are also available to download from the BARD website or through the BARD Mobile App.



Talking BookMachine andCartridge



New! Braille E-Reader

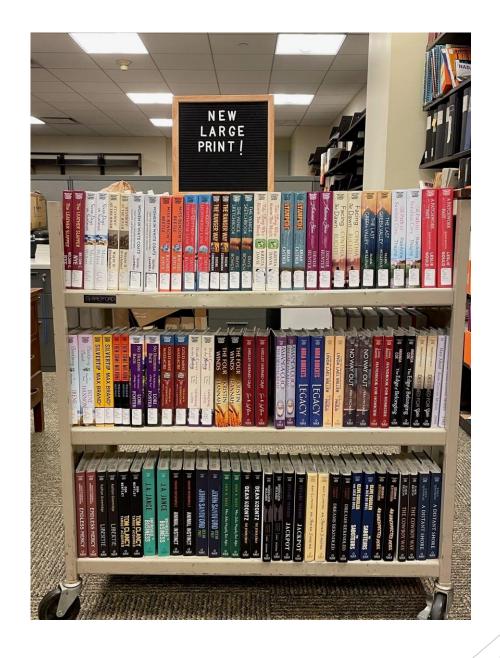
Want to see how it works?
 Google- zoomax NLS braille ereader

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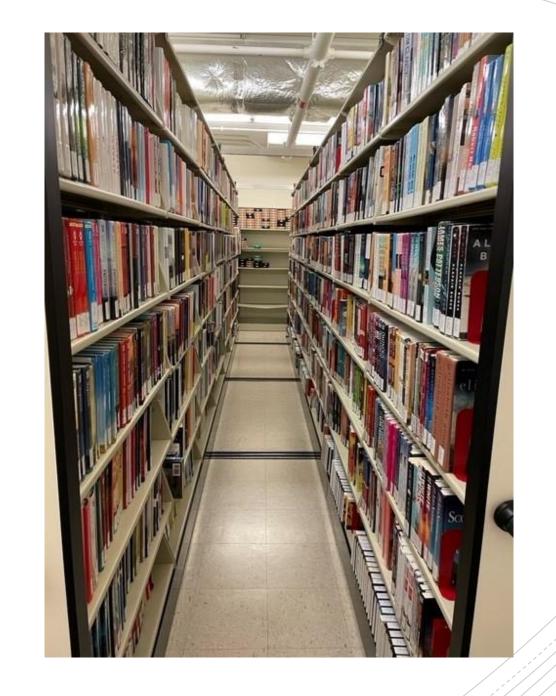
Indiana Talking Book and Braille Library Services include:

- Over 120,000 digital audio book titles to borrow or download
- Over 23,000 braille book titles
- Over 18,000 braille titles available for download through BARD
- 18,000 large print titles

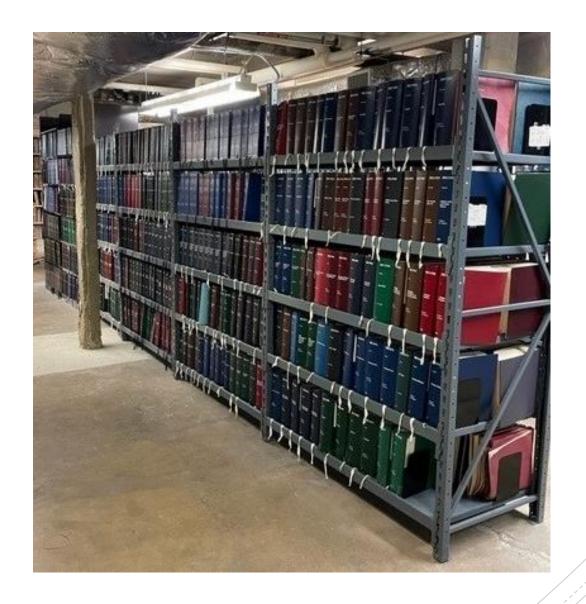
New
Large
Print



Large Print
Shelves



Braille Room



Services We Offer

Reader Advisory service. You can call and speak to any reader advisor or librarian if:

- You want to request books or magazines
- You want information about titles, subjects, or authors
- You want to read a particular book series in chronological order
- You have questions about downloading books from BARD
- You stop receiving materials
- You need instructions on how to use your player.
- Your player does not work properly
- Your name, address, phone number, or e-mail address changes

Services We Offer

BARD—The Braille and Audio Reading Download service:

- As a Talking Book patron you have access to over 100,000 downloadable audio books, magazines, music scores, and webbraille titles.
- To download books on a computer, you will need access to an internet connection, a valid email-address, and basic knowledge of downloading items from the internet, unzipping files, and transferring files to a flash drive. Patrons with a Windows computer can download a desktop application called BARD Express which simplifies the process.
- Books can be played on your NLS talking book player using a standard flash drive.
- You can also download the BARD Mobile app on any Apple or Android device and listen to BARD books directly from your device.







BARD main page

Recently added books and magazines - a list of books and magazines added in the last thirty days.

Most popular books - a list of the most downloaded books in the last thirty days.

FIND BOOKS

☐ Display only books produced by or specially acquired by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled.

Search the collection: English ∨ Go

Enter a search term to find books in the language selected from drop down menu. "Preferred Language" defaults to the language(s) selected under language preference settings. Results include those obtained from other countries via the Marrakesh Treaty and other means.

Browse the collection in preferred language(s).

List books alphabetically by author's last name, title, or subject. The lists include books in the preferred language(s) selected under account settings.

Browse by author's last name: Select a Letter > Go

Choose the first letter of author's last name to list books alphabetically in preferred language(s).

Browse by book title: Select a Letter > Go

Choose the first letter of the title to list books alphabetically in preferred language(s).

Browse by subject: Select a Subject

∨ Go

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Choose a subject to list books alphabetically in preferred language(s).

FIND MUSIC BOOKS AND SCORES

Music Collection - Music books and scores.

FIND MAGAZINES AND OTHER MATERIALS

Most recent issues - listed alphabetically by title

Magazines by title: Select a Magazine

All available issues

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Wish list	>
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Services We Offer

Magazine on Cartridge (MOC) Program

The Magazine on Cartridge Program is a magazine subscription program run through the National Library Service. All active patrons are eligible to receive magazines as a part of this program. There are currently around 40 digital magazines offered as part of this program.

You will receive one cartridge containing your magazine subscriptions, either weekly, monthly, or as new magazines are available.



Cartridgesbeing loadedwith audiobooks

Outgoing Mail



Other Services We Offer

Youth services: each summer, the library hosts a summer reading program for patrons of **ALL AGES.**

Indiana Insights: newsletter of the Indiana Talking Book & Braille Library and is published three times per year. It provides updates to patrons about new services available, changes in services, and upcoming events of interest.

The **Indiana Voices** program is a local recording program for books of interest to Indiana residents. Books about Indiana and by Indiana authors are recorded that otherwise would not be available to patrons through the program.

Bi-Monthly Book Talks are uploaded to YouTube. These focus on popular book club books and questions that accommodate discussions.

New! Adult Winter Reading: Win prizes while reading over the winter. To sign up, call or email. Runs November through January.

New! Community Read: Read a selected book with us and join us for a book discussion. Will take place in September.



Summer Reading 2024

- Now ALL Ages
- June 3rd to August 2nd
- Be a part of the Talking Books program and read our books and fill out a 'game board'.
- Weekly kits with activities, crafts, and tactile trinkets
- Prizes at the end!

Summer Reading Prizes (from 2022)



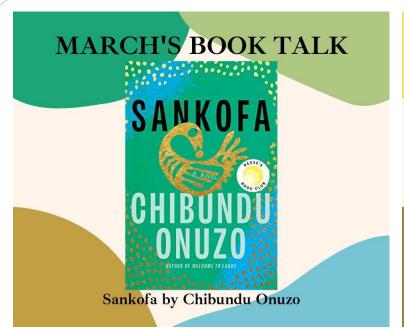
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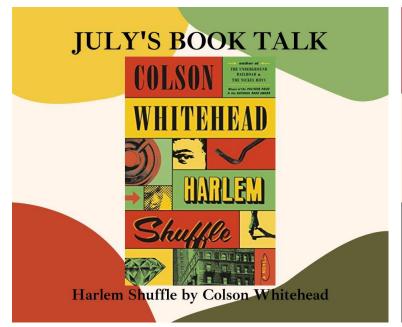
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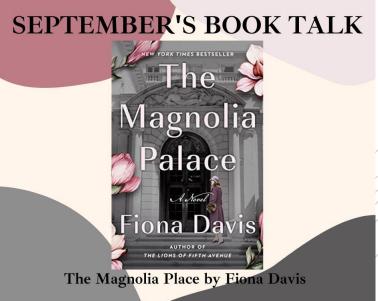


Upcoming Book Talks









Outreach



Types of Accounts

Individual

- Materials are sent to the patron's home
- They can choose what materials they want to receive (large print, audio, or braille)
- They can sign up for a BARD account

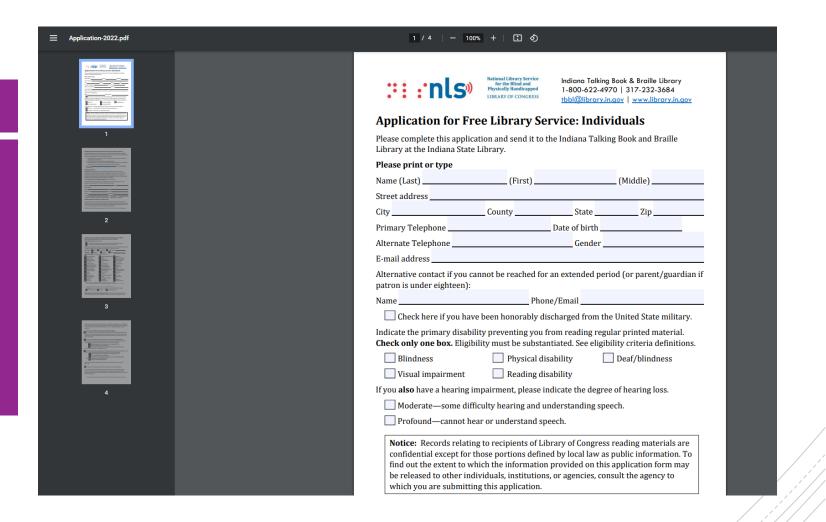
Institutional

- Materials are sent to the institution.
- They decide what materials they want (a certain number of players for audio, large print, braille)
- The materials are to be used within the institution, so they have less of a chance of being lost at an individuals' home
- Materials can be used by multiple people within the institution
- Libraries may sign up and receive large print books (up to 50 at a time) to circulate at their location.

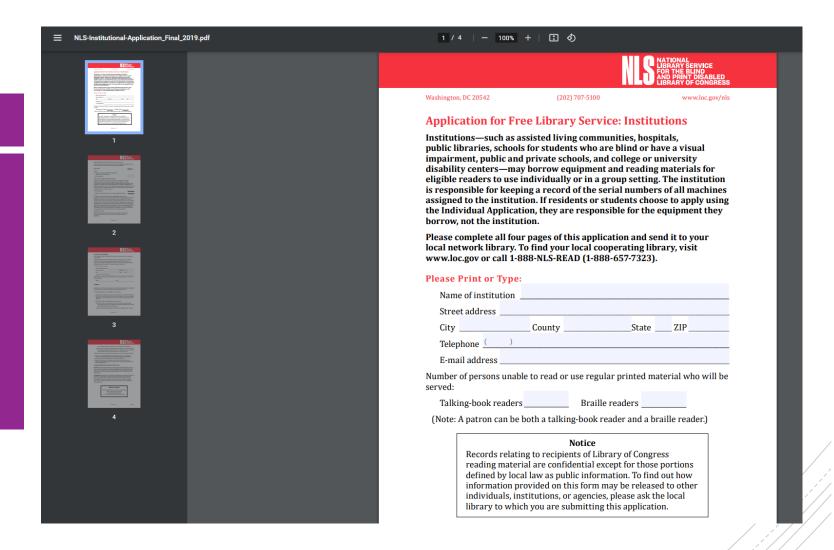
How We Can Serve You

- Fill out an application (hardcopy or online)
 - Choose which services you would like-large print books, audio books, BARD, magazines on cartridge.
 - Enter in any preferences you may have- authors or subjects
 - Have a certifying authority sign the second pageindividual only
- A reader's advisor will call you when the application is processed. They will answer any questions you might have.
- Start getting your talking books in the mail!

Individual Application



Institution Application

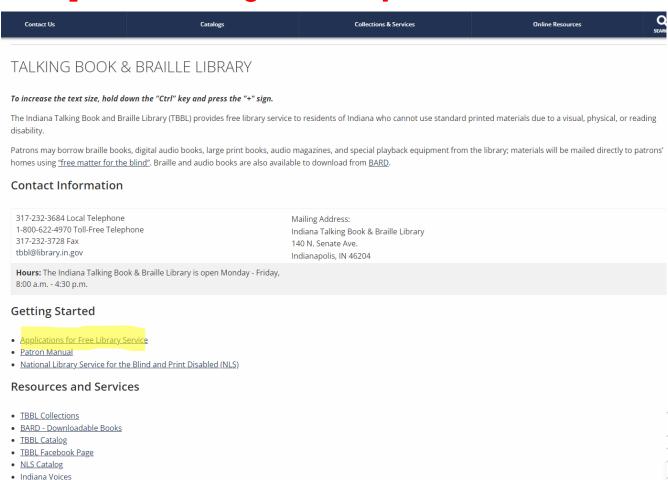


Application Location

Links for both applications are under the "Getting Started" heading on the talking book homepage:

https://www.in.gov/library/tbbl/

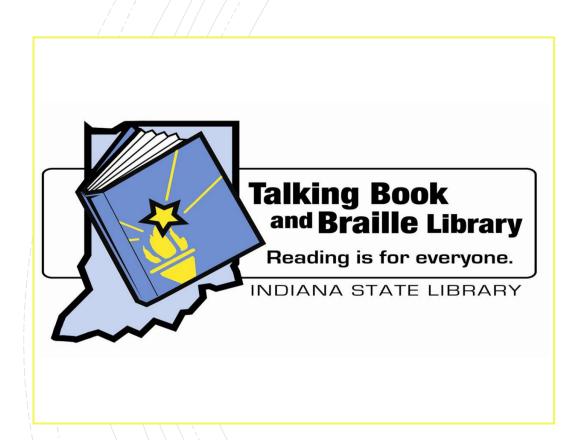
<u>Indiana Vision Expo</u>Summer Reading Program



What you can do:

- Option 1: Sign up for an institutional account
- Option 2: Encourage patrons to sign up for an individual account. You can sign the second page as a certifying authority.

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