

TALKING BOOK PROGRAM
Texas State Library and Archives Commission
1-800-252-9605 or 512-463-5458



The Talking Book Program offers a variety of ways for you to read. BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download service, is easy to use and gives you instant access to more than 120,000 audiobooks via your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Digital audio playback equipment and digital audiobooks are also available from the library, as well as Braille, electronic Braille (via BARD), and large print books. We look forward to helping you read the way you want to read.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

It is the responsibility of Talking Book Program users to:

1. Return equipment loaned to you when you are no longer using the recorded reading materials provided by the Texas Talking Book Program.
2. Promptly notify the library of any address or telephone number changes.
3. Take reasonable care of materials and equipment.
4. Borrow or download books and/or magazines at least once a year.
5. Return books by the end of their loan periods (60 days for digital books; 45 days for large print and braille.)

By submitting this application, I agree to follow these rules.

Signature of applicant/guardian X _____

Electronic typed signature accepted

How did you learn about the Talking Book Program? (check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media (specify below) |
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Please specify: _____

Please send this completed application and agreement to:
Talking Book Program, PO Box 12927, Austin TX 78711-2927
Fax to 512-936-0685 or email to tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Please indicate all qualifying disabilities for the applicant. An "eligible person" is an individual who, regardless of any other disability, meets one or more of the following conditions:

- Blindness An individual who is blind.
- Visual Disability An individual who has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read standard print books.
- Physical Disability An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.
- Reading Disability An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
- Deaf and Blind Hearing impairment is: moderate profound

TO BE COMPLETED BY CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, dyslexia specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian), registered nurse, therapist, professional staff of hospitals, institutions, doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, or psychologist. Certifying authorities are not permitted to certify relatives. **Please fill out the following information completely.**

I certify that the applicant named is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason(s) indicated above.

Signature: _____ Title: _____

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Name: _____ Organization: _____

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