

Contact Us

New York State Library
Talking Book and Braille Library

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222 Madison Avenue
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Email: tbbl@nysed.gov

Local phone: (518) 474-5935

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Residents in
New York City
and Long Island
should contact:

The New York Public Library

Andrew Heiskell Braille and
Talking Book Library
40 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011-4211

<https://www.nypl.org/locations/heiskell>

TBBL is part of a network of libraries supported by the National Library Service of the Library of Congress.

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Free Matter
For the Blind or
Handicapped

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Reading Resources for Those in Need

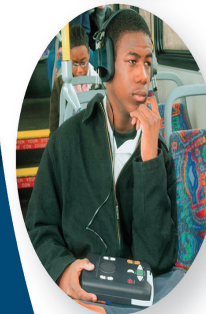
Your New York State Library
Offers Solutions



Talking
Book and
Braille
Library
(TBBL)



A free library
of braille and
audio materials
circulated to
eligible borrowers



NEW YORK STATE
**Talking Book &
Braille Library**

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Do you need assistance...

- ...getting to the library?
- ...holding up the book?
- ...seeing the words?
- ...turning the pages?
- ...finding braille material?
- ...knowing available services?

**WE OFFER READING
RESOURCES TO
NEW YORKERS WITH
VISUAL, PHYSICAL
AND READING
DISABILITIES**

Library Services & Resources

A free library of braille and audio materials circulated directly to the patron's door:

- Audio books and magazines
- Audio players and accessories
- Downloadable books and magazines
- Free app for iOS and Android mobile devices
- Braille books and magazines
- New and current titles
- Fiction and non-fiction materials
- Foreign language materials
- Titles for pre-K through young adult
- Free delivery and return of all materials



Frequently Asked Questions

Who Qualifies?

Eligible residents of New York State, with the exception of residents of the five New York City boroughs and Long Island, who:

- Have a visual impairment
- Are blind
- Have a physical condition that makes holding books and turning pages difficult
- Have a perceptual or reading disability

How Does Someone Apply for Services?

- Your application must be certified/signed by a professional
- The approval process takes approximately seven days
- New patrons receive a welcome packet in about two weeks
- The welcome packet includes information and instructions

Referral Services

Referrals to services for the visually, physically and reading disabled are available. Contact us for assistance:

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What is Available?

- Audio books & magazines
- Audio player & accessories
- Downloadable books & magazines
- Braille books, ebraille & magazines

How is Material Received?

- Free home delivery via USPS
- Download for listening on the app, supplied players or compatible player

What is the Cost?

- All services are free to patron
- Free use of books & magazines
- Free use of player
- Free delivery and return of materials

Free Services for Institutions

Institutions that serve individuals with visual, physical or reading disabilities that impair the individual's ability to read standard print may borrow from TBBL on behalf of their service community. Eligible institutions include schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, adult care, retirement homes, correctional facilities and libraries.

