

## Contact Us

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

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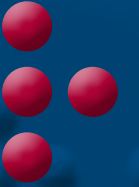
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Free Matter  
For the Blind or  
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# Reading Resources for Those in Need



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



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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.

