



## TALKING BOOK SERVICES FOR LIBRARY PATRONS

Library patrons who are having difficulty reading standard print books may be eligible for the services available from Talking Book services and the National Library Service. In the 55 counties of upstate NY, this service is provided by the **New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL)** located in Albany, NY\*. Individuals are eligible to register for service from TBBL if they have a visual impairment, a physical disability, or a diagnosed reading or learning disability. TBBL has thousands of fiction and non-fiction titles in audio format, and also has a large collection of children's and adult Braille books. Over 70 magazines are also available to eligible borrowers. Registered borrowers are loaned special playback equipment free of charge.

Borrowers may also take advantage of thousands of downloadable books through BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) service. Institutions may also register for Talking Book services and BARD. Please see the TBBL site located at [www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl) for more information.

### **WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TBBL?**

To learn more about Talking Book services or registration, please call TBBL at 1-800-342-3688. Reader Services staff will be happy to answer your questions, or you may leave us a message and one of our staff will return your call.

You may also contact us via e-mail at [tbbl@nysed.gov](mailto:tbbl@nysed.gov). Application forms and additional resources are also available on the TBBL website at [www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl). The TBBL collection is also searchable from this site by clicking on the Catalog link.

***\*\*\*If you would like a poster display and a packet of informational materials for your library or for a community event, please call or e-mail us to have these sent out to you. We look forward to hearing from you and to serving your library patrons.***

\*For services in New York City and Long Island:

New York City:

Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library  
New York Public Library  
40 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011-4211  
(212) 206-5400 or (212) 206-5425  
talkingbooks@nypl.org  
<http://www.nypl.org/locations/heiskell>

Suffolk and Nassau County:

Long Island Talking Book Advisory and Outreach Center  
627 North Sunrise Service Road  
PO Box 9000  
Bellport, NY 11713-9000  
(631) 286-1600 (Ask for Talking Books)

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