

Washington Talking Book & Braille Library



That All May Read



What is WTBBL?

What is the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library?

Only library in Washington State dedicated to providing library services to residents who cannot read or have difficulty reading conventional printed material due to blindness or a reading or a physical disability



What is the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library?



A regional library of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, part of the Library of Congress



Program of the Washington State Library, division of Office of Secretary of State



- 1931: Library of Congress established the National Library Service (NLS) - 19 regional libraries
- 1934: Talking books were introduced on special phonograph records
- 1967: Service extended to children and physically handicapped individuals
- Today: NLS - 55 regional libraries, 26 sub-regional libraries and 16 outreach centers

Who is eligible for service?

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Anyone unable to read or use regular print materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual or physical limitations. This includes those who are:

Blind

DeafBlind

Low Vision

Unable to read standard printed materials without special aids or devices other than regular glasses.

Examples:

- Macular Degeneration
- Cataracts
- Glaucoma
- Eye Surgery

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Physical Limitations

Inability to turn pages or comfortably hold a book for extended periods of time as a result of physical limitations. Examples:

- Arthritis • Stroke • Parkinson's Disease • Cerebral Palsy
- Temporary disabilities due to injury, illness, or surgery

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Physical Limitations

Reading Disability

Inability to read standard printed materials due to perceptual difficulties. Example:

- Dyslexia
- Dementia
- Traumatic Brain Injury

How do you sign up?



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Application for Free Library Service for Individuals

Name Date of Birth

C/O
(If applicable – including name of senior living community)

Address
Street (or P.O. Box) Apt./Room

City State ZIP Code

Phone Primary Language

Email Address

☐ Email me a username/password for the WTBBL online catalog.

☐ Please send me occasional emails including the library's quarterly newsletter, library events, recommended reads, and library service alerts.

☐ By law, preference in lending books and equipment is given to veterans. Please check this box if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

In compliance with RCW 42.56.310, application information is confidential and will be used only in relation to your library service.

Please give the name of a person to contact if you cannot be reached:

Name Relationship

Phone Email

Signing up for Service

Application

- Available online as a fillable PDF
- Shipping address information
- Reading preferences
- Get access the next business day

Certification of Eligibility

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following:

- Optometrist or Ophthalmologist
- Doctor of medicine or osteopathy
- Psychologist or therapist
- Registered nurse
- Educator, certified reading specialist, or superintendent
- Librarian
- Social worker, case worker, or counselor
- Rehabilitation teacher
- Other professional staff of hospitals, institutions, public or social welfare agencies

Please select at least one qualification for library service:

- ☐ **Blindness** Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- ☐ **Visual Impairment** Inability to read standard printed materials without special aids or devices other than regular glasses.
- ☐ **Physical Disability** Inability to turn pages or comfortably hold a book for extended periods of time as a result of physical limitations.
- ☐ **Deafness and Blindness**
- ☐ **Reading Disability** Inability to read standard printed materials due to perceptual difficulties.

To be completed by certifying authority (as listed above)

I certify that the named applicant requesting library service is unable to read or use regular printed material for the reason indicated on this form.

Certifier Signature*		Printed Name		Date
Title and Occupation				
Address		City	State	ZIP Code
Phone		Email		

*A typed signature may be used if filling out and submitting application electronically.

Signing up for Service

Who Can Certify?

- Doctor of Medicine or Osteopathy
- Registered Nurse, Certified Nursing Assistant
- Social Worker, Case Worker, or Counselor
- Activity Director, Life Enrichment Director
- Physical, Occupational, or Recreational Therapist
- Psychologist or Therapist
- Librarians
- Other Professional Staff of Hospitals, Institutions, Public or Social Welfare Agencies

How does the service work?

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Mail Service



Online Service

Audiobooks Books & Braille by Mail



Audiobooks Book by Mail



Mail Service: Duplication on Demand

Profile Service

- Author
- Series
- Subject
- Exclusions
- Number of books at a time

Custom Book Service

- Service Queue
- Cartridges automatically sent out
- Individual requests
- No due date

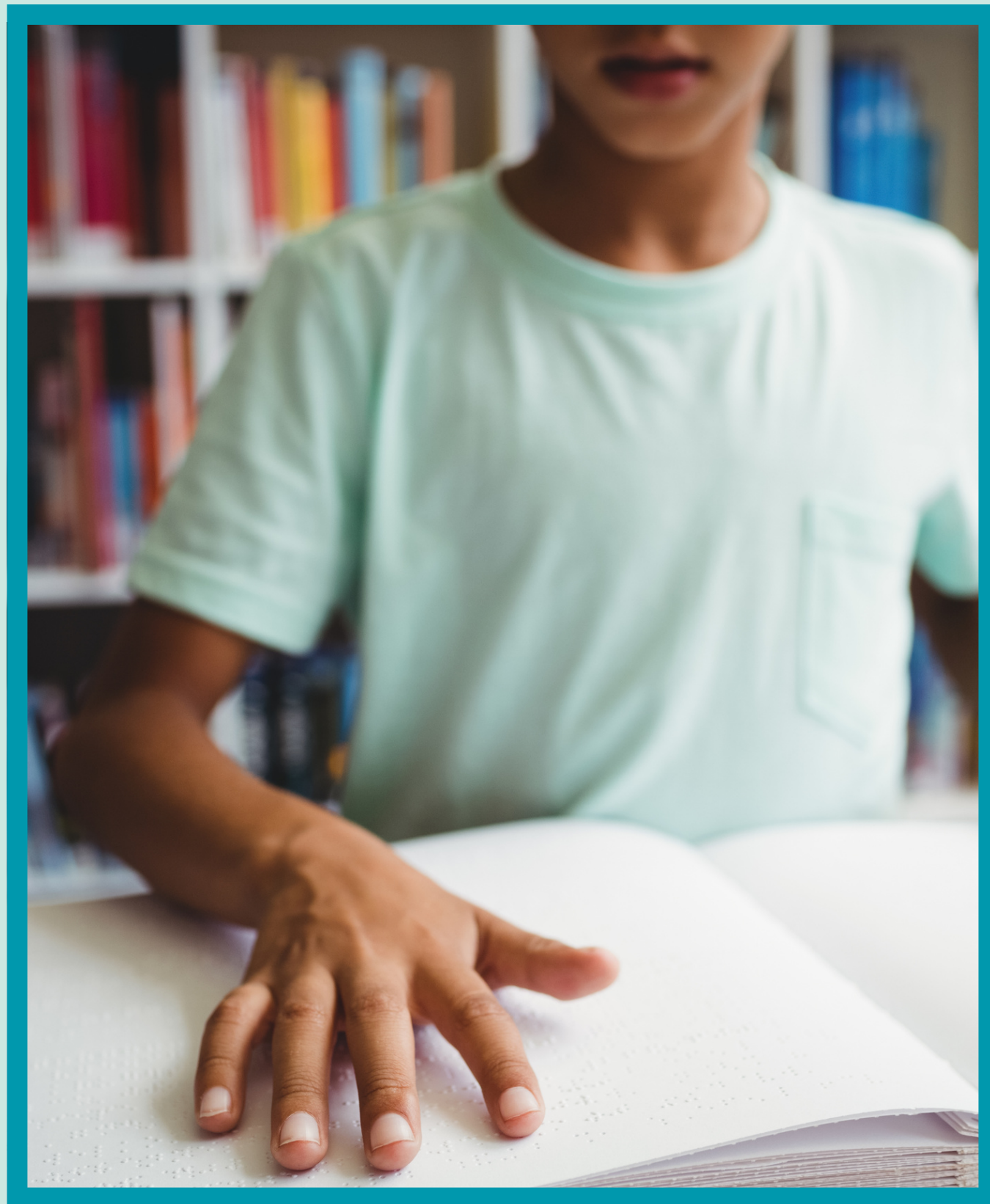
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	Author		Johnstone, William W.		yes	0	1		
	Author		Reichs, Kathy.	04/12/2021	no	0	1		
	Author		Geritsen, Tess.	01/19/2021	no	0	1		
	Author		Bass, Jefferson.	04/12/2021	no	0	1		
	Author		Jance, Judith A.	08/12/2021	no	0	1		
	Author		Estleman, Loren D.	06/07/2021	no	0	1		
	Author		Robb, J. D.	07/22/2021	no	0	1		
	Author		Patterson, James.	08/24/2021	no	0	1		
	Author		Connelly, Michael.	08/11/2021	no	0	1		
	BookClubCode	yvcb	Yakima Valley Book Club		no	1	1		
	HandicapCode	L	Legally Blind		no	1	1		
	Narrator	Major, F	Major, Fred		yes	0	1		
	Narrator		Blanchette, Camille.		yes	0	1		
	PatLang	ENG	English		no	1	1		
	ReadingLevel	A	Adult Level		no	1	1		
	Series	WSSBA	Woods. Stone Barrington mystery		yes	0	1	DB	
	Series	SWSTO	Shatner. Star Trek Odyssey		no	0	1	DB	
	Series	GE8PM	Gardner. Perry Mason (English)		no	0	1	DB	
	Series	HSPCM	Havill. Posadas County Mystery		no	0	1	DB	
	Series	JCWLM	Johnson. Walt Longmire Mysteries		no	0	1	DB	
	Series	JJ8JB	Jance. Joanna Brady Mystery		no	0	1	DB	
	Series	JWA	Johnstone. Ashes		yes	0	1	DB	
	Series	PJWMC	Patterson. Women's Murder Club Mys		no	0	1	DB	
	Series	STTK1	Star Trek: Original	08/19/2021	no	0	1	DB	
	Series	STTK2	Star Trek: The Next Generation	08/24/2021	no	0	1	DB	
	Series	STTK3	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine	08/24/2021	no	0	1	DB	
	Subject	YA	Young Adult book.		yes	0	1		
	Subject	JU	Juvenile book		yes	0	1		
	Subject	FI8	Erotic fiction	08/24/2021	no	0	1		
	Subject	FI2	Legal fiction	08/24/2021	no	0	1		
	Subject	WE	Westems	08/24/2021	no	0	1		

Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)

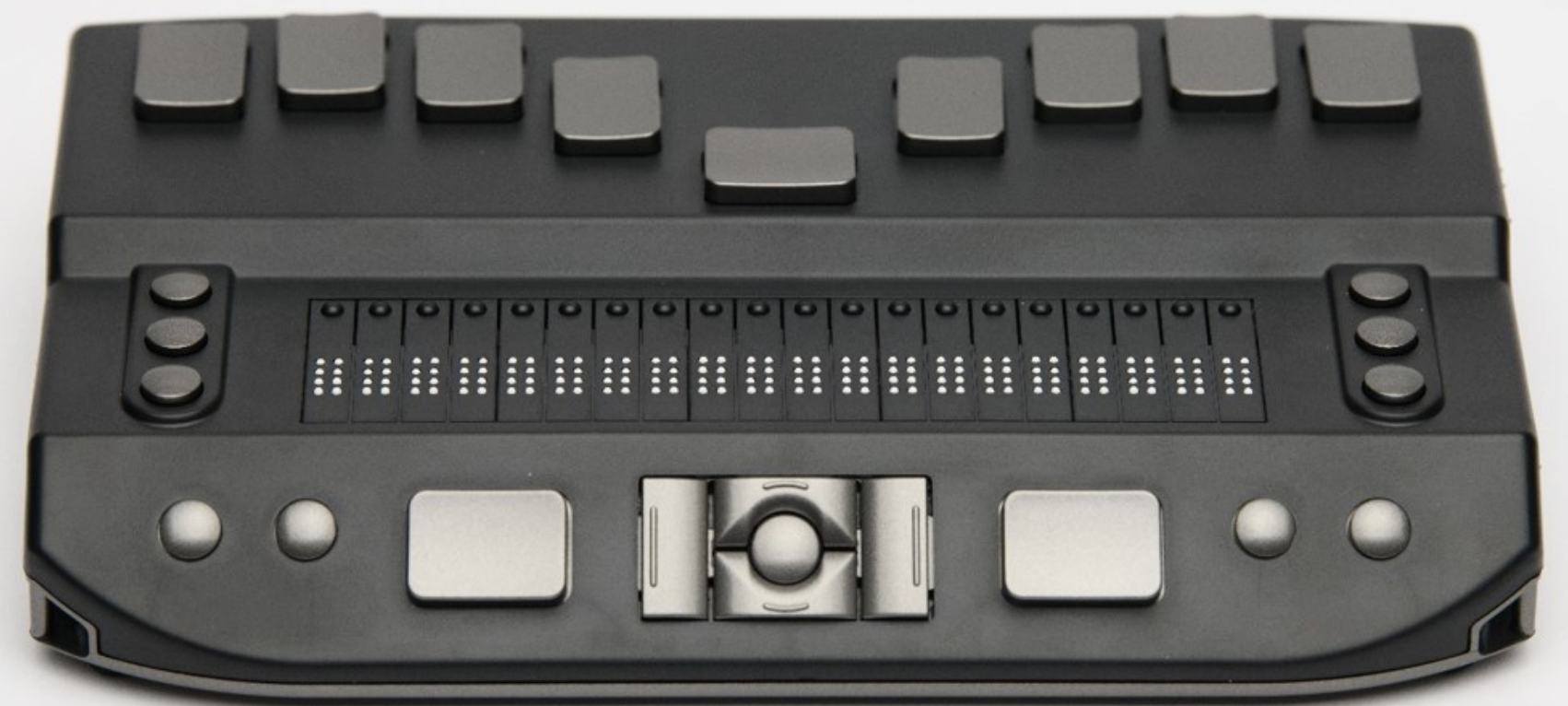
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- Over 200,000 audiobook titles
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Braille



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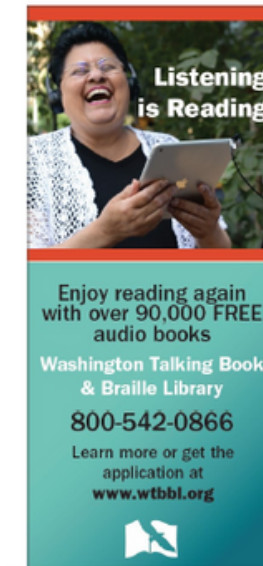
WTBBL Outreach Materials Available for Request



1 WTBBL BROCHURE
Tri-fold - 8.5" x 3.75"



2 WTBBL BROCHURE (Español)
Tri-fold - 8.5" x 3.75"



3 RACK CARD (Listening is Reading)
4" x 9"



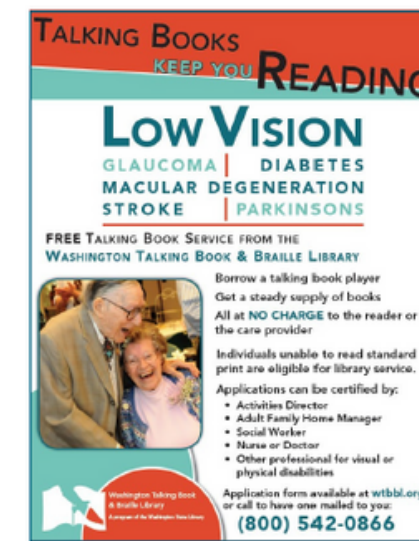
4 RACK CARD (Listening is Reading -Español)
4" x 9"



5 BOOKMARK (Talking Books keeps You Reading)
3.25" x 8"



6 BOOKMARK
2" x 8"



7 LOW VISION FLYER
8.5" x 11"

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Application for Free Library Service for Individuals

Name _____
C/O _____ (If Applicable)
Address _____ Street (or P.O. Box) Apt./Room _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
Telephone (____) _____
Email Address _____
☐ Email me a username/password for the WTBBL online catalog.
☐ By checking this box, you are indicating to us that you would like us to send you occasional emails notifying you of special events and other opportunities. We honor your privacy and will never sell or otherwise share your information.
Date of birth: _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-Binary
☐ By law, preference in lending books and equipment is given to veterans. Please check this box if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.
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Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

8 APPLICATION (English or Español)
8.5" x 11" Booklet



10 BOOKMARK (ISIDORE)
8.5" x 3.75"



11 BOOKMARK (TRAMELL)
8.5" x 3.75"

Thank You!

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Eligibility and Application

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