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.
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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
Who is eligible?

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

- Dyslexia
- Dementia
- Traumatic Brain Injury
How do you sign up?
Signing up for Service

Application

- Available online as a fillable PDF
- Shipping address information
- Reading preferences
- Get access the next business day
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?
How does the service work?

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
Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)

- National download site & mobile app
- Over 200,000 audiobook titles
- Electronic braille collection
- Audio & braille magazine collection
- Braille music materials collection
- No holds and books never expire
Braille

Braille eReader
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