

Talking Book Program and Your Library:

Partners in Service to Patrons with
Visual and Physical Disabilities



Disability Facts

- Over 590,000 Texans have a visual loss (AFB, 2010)
- 26% of Texas veterans have a disability (CDC, 2010)
- 21% of Texans age 18+ have a disability (CDC, 2010)



Vision Problems Increasing

- In 2010, 4.2 million Americans ages 40+ were blind or had a visual impairment
- Vision impairment and blindness increased 23% from 2000 – 2010
- **89%** increase in persons with diabetic retinopathy from 2000 – 2010 (7.7 million)
- Based on current trends, 13 million Americans will have a visual impairment or be blind by 2050.

(Prevent Blindness America, 2012)



Our service is not limited to the blind...

- Low Vision
- Physical disability
- Reading disability due to organic dysfunction
- Disabled Veterans
- Temporary disability



TBP and Texas Libraries

TBP supplements library collections with a full range of accessible library services for individuals with visual, physical or reading impairments.



Does your branch/library collection have a limited amount of...

- Large print books?
- Audio books?
- Downloadable E-Books?



TBP's Collection—90,000 titles



TBP Services

- Reader Services, Readers Advisory Librarians
- Free loan of equipment and reading material
- Download site and App
- Disability Information and Referral Center (DIRC)
- Outreach



The Digital Talking Book Machine (DTBM)



- 29 hours of battery life
- Great sound quality
- Books fit on one cartridge, no flipping
- Sleep switch
- Bookmarking
- Greater navigation
- USB ports



Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)

- Download to flash drives
- Store multiple books per flash drive
- No return for downloads
- Can be played in DTBM USB port



Public Libraries and TBP: Working Together That All May Read



Enhance Your Library's Services to Persons with Disabilities

What TBP can do for you:

- Provide orientation to our program
- Loan your library new digital players
- Provide access to our collection
- Send promotional display materials
- Create a DEMO BARD account for your library
- Provide referral service



Connect and Collaborate:

STEP ONE:

Register as a DEMO site with TBP!

We will loan your library:

- equipment
- books
- materials

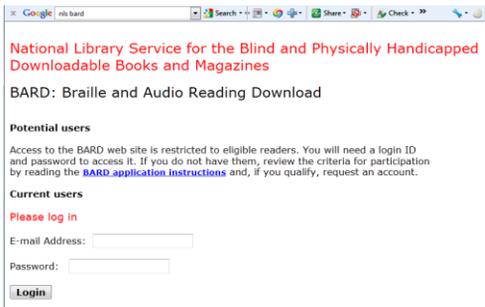


Connect and Collaborate:

STEP TWO:

Register for a free DEMO BARD library account with TBP!





BARD Mobile App



- IOS and Android platforms
- Must be TBP patron
- Must be registered for BARD
- BARD Mobile is free
- Play book on your device



Collaboration Benefits Your Library

- Expansion of service
- Help patrons with disabilities continue to enjoy books
- Professional development for staff, volunteers
- Publicity for becoming a DEMO site
- Increase library usage
- Serve local veterans



Spread the news...

- Many who could benefit don't know about the Talking Book Program
- You can make a difference!



Connect with your community...

- Send prepared press release to local media
- Create a promotional display with materials by your large print and audio books.
- Highlight the service on your library website



Key points to remember:

- Not just for the blind
- Formats: digital cartridge, large print and Braille
- Librarians can certify applications
- 90,000+ accessible books
- Downloadable media via BARD
- Register your library for players, books and a Demo BARD account
- Referral service, publicity materials and outreach services are available



Texas Talking Book Program:

- Resources and services
- Presentations
- Disability-related referrals
- In-service education
- Special requests

...we are here to help you!



Our patrons have their say...



"I have been listening to talking books since 1972. Your services changed my life. I went back to school, got a master's degree and am still working as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. In my spare time I listen to mystery novels and other non-fiction. Thanks to all of you." --TBP Patron



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