

# 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

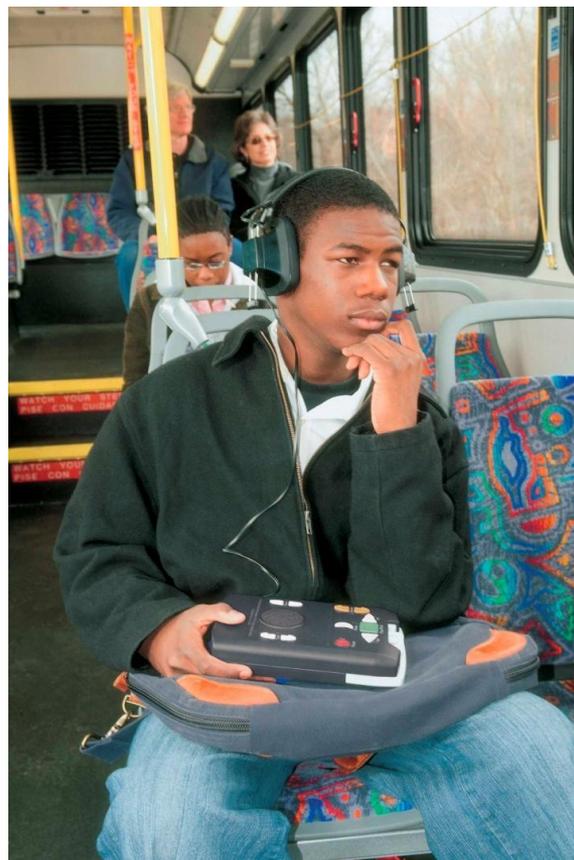
- In 2010, 4.2 million Americans ages 40+ were blind or had a visual impairment
- Vision impairment and blindness increased 23% from 2000 – 2010
- **89%** increase in persons with diabetic retinopathy from 2000 – 2010 (7.7 million)
- Based on current trends, 13 million Americans will have a visual impairment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



Horror Mystery Sports  
History Fiction Biographies



# 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!



# National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Downloadable Books and Magazines

## BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Download

### Potential users

Access to the BARD web site is restricted to eligible readers. You will need a login ID and password to access it. If you do not have them, review the criteria for participation by reading the [BARD application instructions](#) and, if you qualify, request an account.

### Current users

Please log in

E-mail Address:

Password:



# NLS BARD

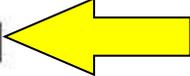
## Braille and Audio Reading Download Service

### BARD main page

#### FIND BOOKS

[Recently added books](#) - a list of books added in the last thirty days

[Most popular books](#) - a list of the most popular books in the last ninety days

**Search the collection:**   

Enter any search terms and then select the Go button.

**Browse by author's last names**

Lists books alphabetically by author's last name

**Browse by book title**

Lists books alphabetically by title

**Browse by subject**

Lists books alphabetically by subject

#### FIND MAGAZINES

These links provide ways to search for a magazine or browse the magazine collection

[Recently added magazine issues](#) - listed alphabetically

**Magazines by title:**

All available issues

- Digital Audio Books
- Digital Audio Magazines
- Digital Player Accessible
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Commercially Produced Players
- Requires Membership
- Searchable Catalog
- Books Added Continuously



### Anansi Boys

Gaiman, Neil. Read by Christopher Walker. Reading time 10 hours 28 minutes.  
Fantasy

Fat Charlie considers his father's behavior so embarrassing that even the way he dies in a karaoke bar seems undignified. Then the arrival of a previously unknown brother named Spider, who is so much like their father, turns Charlie's life upside down. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2005.

[Download Anansi Boys, DB61156](#)

### Coraline

Gaiman, Neil. Read by Lisette Lecat. Reading time 3 hours 58 minutes.  
Fantasy

While exploring her new home, Coraline goes through a doorway that shouldn't be there into a dangerous world where she has a disturbingly different set of parents. Since this other mother kidnaps Coraline's real parents, it is up to Coraline to rescue them and return to her world safely. For grades 4-7. 2002.

[Download Coraline, DB54845](#)



### Fragile Things: Short Fictions and Wonders

Gaiman, Neil. Read by Michael Kramer. Reading time 11 hours 54 minutes.  
Short Stories

Thirty-one fantasy, gothic, and science fiction tales published between 1990 and 2006. Includes the Hugo Award-winning "A Study in Emerald," several Locus Award winners, and "The Monarch of the Glen,"



# Connect and Collaborate:

## **STEP THREE:**

Allow patrons with BARD accounts access to library computers for downloading!



# 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

IOS Platform



Android Platform



# 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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