



The Florida Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library Services

More than it appears!

Florida Public Library Director's Meeting, December 6-7, 2023



Who We Are:

- Department of Education
- Division of Blind Services

Our Partners:



- National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS)
- National Federation for the Blind
- Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind
- Multiple non-profit service providers
 - dbs.fldoe.org/service-providers



Who We Serve:

People with:

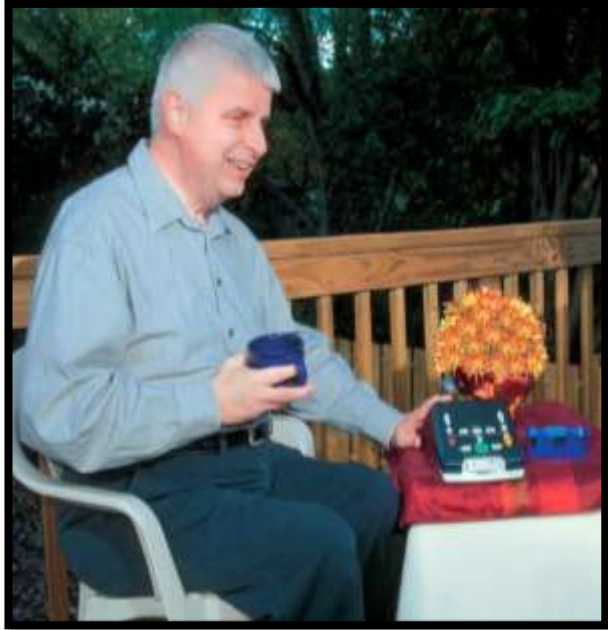
- Temporary or permanent low vision or blindness.
- A physical disability.
- A perceptual or reading disability that prevents them from using regular print materials.
- TBI's, Stroke, Parkinson's, ALS, MS, spinal cord injuries, Dyslexia and other forms of reading disabilities.

We also serve Floridians living abroad.

Veterans:

- Program created in 1931 to serve veterans blinded in WWI.
- Receive priority service.

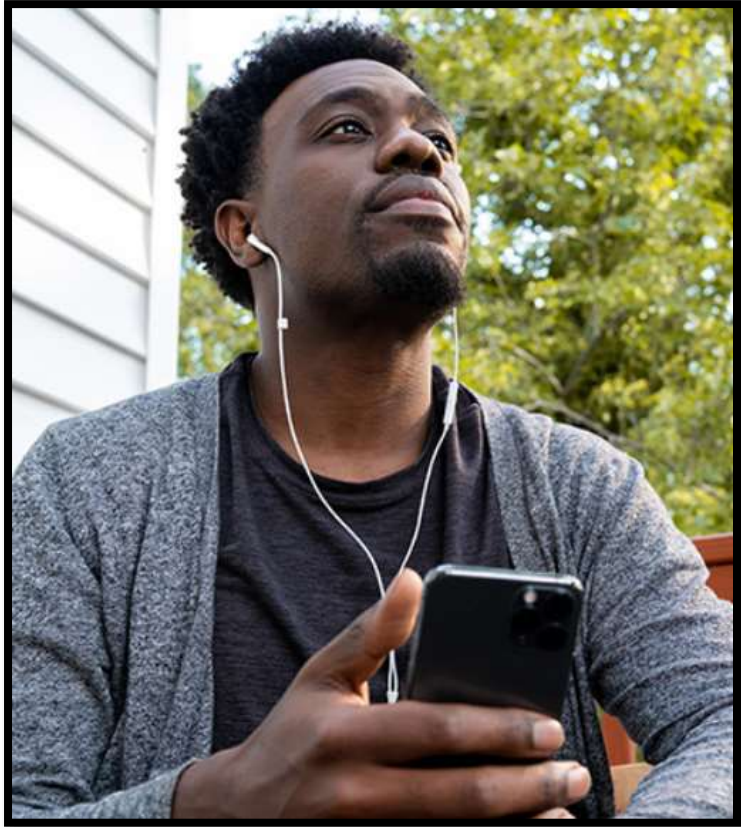




What We Provide:

- Multiple languages
- Braille
- Audio
- Descriptive DVDs
- Large print
- Music instructional materials





How We Deliver:

- Through personal wireless device
- Free NLS players
- Technology advances in progress





Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) Service:

- Books, magazines, catalog
- Flexibility and accessibility
 - 7 great reasons to use BARD
- Settings for notifications



Talking Book Service

Reading Never Sounded So Good!



NLS Catalog Quick Search



SEARCH
OPTIONS ▾

BARD

BARD main page

Recently added books and magazines - a list of books and magazines added in the last thirty days.

Most popular books - a list of the most downloaded books in the last thirty days.

Finding Your New Favorite Book:

- Multiple online ways to search
- Catalog resources like Talking Book Topics
- Our reader advisors!

iPhone



Android





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Application for Free Library Service: Individuals

Please complete this application and submit it to the Florida Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library at the address above. The application may be sent by email, fax, printed and mailed, or printed and hand delivered.

Please print or type

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signing People Up:

- Streamlined application process
- Librarians are **certifiers!**

Visit our website at dbs.fldoe.org/Library/apply.html

Certification:

- Type in all information.
- **We contact the patron** with any questions!

To be completed by Certifying Authority

Name Title

Organization Email

Address Phone

City State Zip

I certify that this applicant is eligible for NLS services.

Signature

Date

A typed or handwritten signature is acceptable after certifying data is completed.

Submit Application:

At the end of the application:

- An email is created pre-addressed to **OPAC_librarian@dbs.fldoe.org** with the application attached.
- You can also select to print the application or save as a PDF.

Email Application to Library

Print Application



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Thank You!

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