

NLS NATIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Free Braille and Talking Books

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), Library of Congress, administers a free library service for individuals who are unable to read or use regular print materials because of a visual, physical, or perceptual disability. Through a network of cooperating libraries, eligible residents of the United States and its territories and US citizens living abroad may borrow braille and talking books free of charge.

Am I Eligible for NLS?

Any resident of the United States or US citizen living abroad who is unable to read or use normal print materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual, physical, or perceptual disability may receive service through NLS. This includes individuals who cannot use standard printed materials because they have:

- a visual impairment, low vision or are blind
- physical limitations that make it difficult to hold a book or turn a page
- a perceptual or reading disability (like dyslexia) or a brain injury

What is available from NLS?

Bestsellers, biographies, fictional works, and how-to books—for readers from preschool to adults—are available in audio, braille, and print/braille formats. NLS also lends titles in Spanish and other languages, more than 75 audio and braille magazines, and the largest accessible collection of music instruction and appreciation materials of its kind in the world!

NLS offers free of charge:

- The BARD Mobile app and immediate downloads of digital materials in audio and braille
- Playback equipment and accessories to use for talking books and magazines on cartridges or downloaded through BARD online
- A national reference and referral service that provides information on issues related to blindness and disabilities
- Library services to US citizens who are blind or have a physical disability, and live abroad
- Training and certification in braille transcribing and proofreading

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