

# ARIZONA TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

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## **WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR OUR SERVICES?**

**Anyone Blind,**

**Visually Impaired,**

**Physically Disabled,**

**Or Unable to Read Standard Print**

**Due to a Print Disability**

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## WE PROVIDE AS A *FREE PUBLIC SERVICE*:

- Books and Magazines in Audio Formats and Braille
- Digital Access to Reading Materials through BARD
- Loan of Specialized Equipment
- Delivery by Mail – *No Postage Required*
- Newslines<sup>®</sup> - Newspapers Read Over the Telephone
- Descriptive Videos and DVDs –

Audio Descriptions of  
Visual Elements

# TBL Services Provide

- **Books and magazines in audio formats and Braille.**
- **Over 250,000 (multiple languages) titles in the TBL catalog.**
- **2,000 titles are added each year.**
- **Professional Librarians provide readers advisory services.**
- **Local interest titles added each year to the library's electronic catalog.**

# Are we Talking **GOOD** Books?

## **Of Course...**

- **Fiction and Non-Fiction**
- **Biographies**
- **Foreign Languages available**
- **Books are delivered to you in the mail.**

# Local Recordings at TBL

- The Talking Book Library relies on a dedicated group of volunteers to assist the library.
- Notably, several local magazines and books that are not recorded at the federal level are recorded by our volunteers.
- The studio at the Talking Book Library records 80-90 titles per year.

# Who picks the books?

## Good Question!

- As a patron, you are building a relationship with your own personal librarian.
- The Librarian, or Reader Advisor, can provide suggestions based on your reading likes and dislikes.
- The library can send you books based on subject and author preferences.

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# The Library also has Movies

**More than 1,000 descriptive videos and DVDs.**

- From Romances to Westerns
- From Action to Comedy
- A narrator describes the scenes between the actor's dialog.
- The whole family can enjoy a movie
  - Children's movies and animations included

## What's Now!

**The distribution of the newest generation of talking books from TBL is digital and multiple books on one cartridge.**

**Veterans have priority status for all new programs.**

**National Library Service for the Print Disabled has been producing digital masters of all books for several years.**

**New audio cartridges are currently circulated and the player is much easier to use than the cassette player.**

**Online use – BARD – of TBL is available for any portable device.**

**110,000 English digital book titles available in the physical collection and growing.**

# The NLS Digital Player with Cartridge



## Some Common Questions and Answers

- What do I get with this service?
  - The library starts all new patrons with two audio cartridges and several books loaded based upon their book interests from a phone interview.
  - The books are circulated for three months. A player is issued as well – headphones are available upon request.
  - All materials are free of charge and routed through the mail service.

# Some Common Questions and Answers

- What types of books are available?

The Talking Book Library is just like a regular public library except for that all of the books are in audio format—the library has fiction, non-fiction, westerns, mysteries, biographies, history, romances, best-sellers, and on and on and on...

## Some Common Questions and Answers

- How do I get books?

Books are provided through the mail at no cost. Patrons can call their Librarian or automatically receive books based on their subject preferences from the Librarian's phone interview.

- Can I order books online?

The Librarian can provide the patron with a user name and password and along with their email address, can access the online catalog.

# Some Common Questions and Answers

- Do I have to buy anything?

The player, the books, all associated materials, and your own librarian is included.

- ❖ Sorry, Librarians are not sent through the mail.

- ❖ Schedule a tour! We'd love have you.

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact:**

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