

READING IS FOR EVERYONE



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Kentucky Talking Book Library

KTBL provides free library service to Kentuckians with the following conditions:

- Blindness
- Low vision
- Physical disability—must affect the ability to hold a book and turn pages
- Reading disability, such as dyslexia
- Not eligible: illiteracy, intellectual & developmental disabilities, ESL

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



- 1931 Service began with braille books for blinded veterans
- 1935 Talking Books introduced on long-playing record
- 1952 Children
- 1962 Music scores & instruction
- 1966 Physical Disabilities
- 1968-2009 Cassette tape
- 2008 Digital cartridges
- 2008 BARD download website
- 2020 Braille eReaders

Why KTBL? Why not?!

- Free
- Playback equipment provided on loan
- Large collection of talking books, embossed braille, print/braille, electronic braille
- Access to materials not available from other sources. Ex: books on disabilities, cookbooks, children's books, regional interest.
- Service and equipment are designed for people with visual or physical disabilities
- Service is tailored to each individual—from full service to self service
- Catalogs and librarians can help with book selection
- Service does not end once a student graduates

KTBL Collection: Audio



- Fiction and non-fiction for preschool—senior citizens
- Digital cartridge
- Unabridged human narration
- @4000 new NLS or commercial titles/year
- 110,000 titles 1970s-present
- Kentucky books recorded at KTBL; local titles from other states
- Duplication on Demand—no physical collection; all titles available all the time; multiple books per cartridge

Duplication in Demand (DoD)

Before:



After:



KTBL Collections: Braille



- Fiction and non-fiction for preschool—seniors
- Embossed braille—only 1 copy per title from the past 6-7 years
- Print/braille—children’s picture books with a braille overlay
- Electronic braille—available on digital cartridge or by download
- eBraille—all titles available all the time

KTBL Collection: Other Materials

- Foreign language titles—36 languages
- Magazines— free subscriptions in braille or audio
- NLS Music Service—large print and braille music scores, braille and audio instructional materials
- NFB Newsline®--news and periodicals available by phone, online, app, smart speaker; 10 KY newspapers
- Not available: textbooks, dramatic works, music

Talking Books & Magazines by Mail



- Mailed by USPS “Free Matter for the Blind”
- Loan period—1 month
- Free loan of Digital Talking Book Player
- Also available: headphones, remote control, high volume player
- Circulation tailored to each patron
- Multiple books per cartridge
- To return: place cartridge in container, remove address card, drop in mailbox

Braille Books & Magazines by Mail:



- Mailed by USPS “Free Matter for the Blind” in vinyl cases with Velcro closure
- Loan period—1 month
- Circulation tailored to each patron
- To return: place volume in container, turn over address card, place in mail pickup
- eBraille mailed same as audio
- Magazines mailed directly from producer; no need to return

BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Download



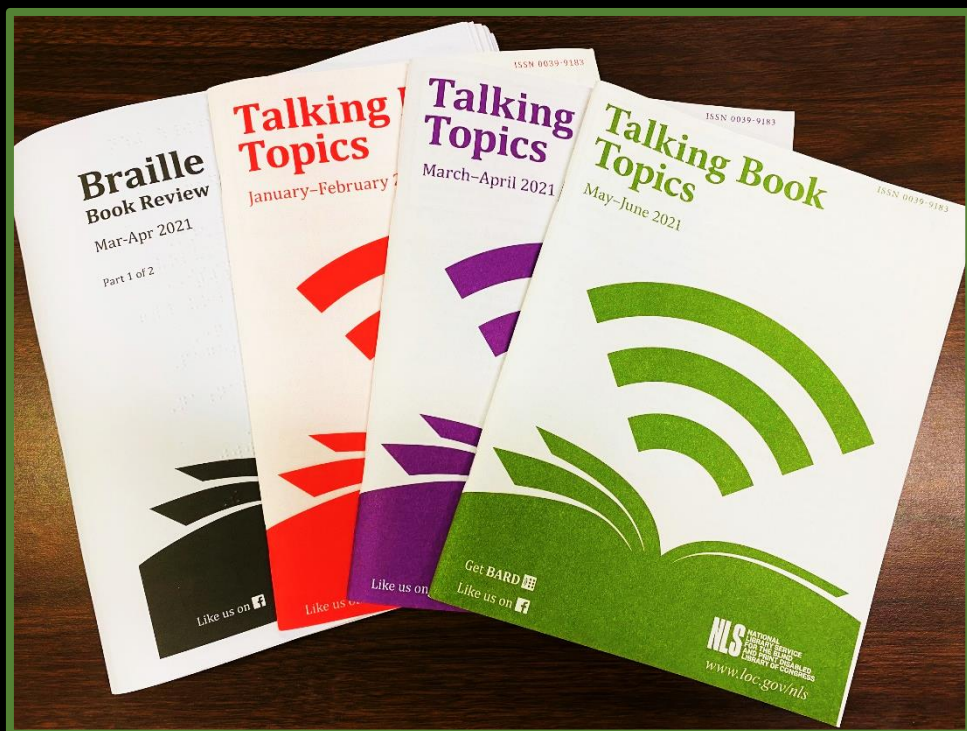
- Download braille and talking books 24/7 using your computer.
- No waiting and no due dates.
- Provide your own flash drive or blank NLS cartridge.
- Play audio on NLS digital talking book player or your own device.
- Read braille on the NLS eReader or your own device.
- BARD Express software for PCs makes it easier to search for, download, and transfer books to a cartridge.

BARD Mobile



- Use your own smartphone, tablet, Kindle Fire, or refreshable braille device.
- iOS or Android
- Find, download, and read anywhere.
- The easiest and most popular way to use BARD.
- Coming soon—sync books across all devices.

Book Selection



- Specific requests by title, series, author, subject
- NLS catalogs: Talking Book Topics or Braille Book Review
- Autoselect—computer picks based on a patron’s reading interests
- Online catalog
- BARD—Recently Added and Most Popular lists
- Patron Request list—the queue from which books are selected when patron is due for service.

Book descriptions include notes about sex, violence, strong language, appropriate grade levels, or unrated books.

Award-winning poet and author chronicles the formative moments of Kamala Harris, a daughter of immigrants who would grow up to be the first woman, first black person, and first South Asian American ever elected vice president of the United States. **For grades k-3.** 2020.

When Tilly receives word that her estranged mother has died, she returns to the one place where she felt most at home--Queenie Malone's Paradise Hotel in Brighton. There, Tilly discovers that her childhood interpretation of her mother's actions may be distorted. **Unrated. Commercial audiobook.** 2019.

Leo has always been told to stay away from Evey Paros and her family, but after his anxiety disorder causes a fight at school, he has no choice but to ask for her help. **Strong language and some descriptions of sex. For senior high and older readers.** 2020.

To apply: kdla.ky.gov

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL kdla.ky.gov/librarians/talkingbook/Pages/default.aspx. The page header features the logo of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and a navigation menu with categories: Librarians, Archivists, Researchers, State Employees, and Records Management. The main content area is titled "Kentucky Talking Book Library" and includes a descriptive paragraph about the service. A sidebar on the right contains a list of links, with "Kentucky Talking Book Library" circled in red. Below the main text, there are links for "Apply for free Kentucky Talking Book Library service:" and "Read or print a PDF of the KTBL brochure or flyer:". A graphic of a book with a Wi-Fi signal above it is partially visible at the bottom right.

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Kentucky Talking Book Library

The Kentucky Talking Book Library (KTBL) provides free library service to people who cannot read traditional print because they have a visual, physical, or reading disability. Audio and Braille materials are sent to and from users by postage-free mail, or can be downloaded from the internet. A special Talking Book player is provided on loan. KTBL has been in operation since 1969 and is part of a national network of libraries administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a branch of the Library of Congress.

Apply for free Kentucky Talking Book Library service:

- [Eligibility for service](#)
- [Application for individuals](#)
 - For any qualifying individual to apply for an account.
- [Application for institutions](#)
 - For an account to be managed by staff for up to 4 individuals at the same facility or school.
- [Application for professionals](#)
 - To be filled out by qualifying professionals on behalf of clients.

Read or print a PDF of the KTBL brochure or flyer:

- [KDLA Catalog](#)
- [Kentucky State Digital Archives](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)
- [Public Library Directory](#)
- [Job List](#)
- [Records Retention Schedules](#)
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Kentucky Talking Book Library

Individual application

- Include all patron contact information
- Include alternate contact information
- Must be certified by competent authority
- Can be used for students to receive service at school

Institutional application

- Demonstration account
- Service for up to 4 individuals sharing 1 account and equipment
- School account—each student must also have individual app
- Same app can be used for service at home initiated by parent or guardian
- All materials must stay at the institution and be returned at the end of the school year

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Professional application

- An online, fillable form for competent authority to complete and submit on behalf of clients, students, etc.
- For individuals only, not institutions
- You must fill out all fields of the Certification page or the application cannot be processed
- Submit via email

Watch for:



Letter



Email

Call KTBL:

- New patron interview with the applicant or someone on their behalf
- Explain how the service works
- Discuss reading interests
- Discuss circulation pattern—how many books and how often
- If no response after 3 attempts, app will be destroyed to protect privacy

To apply for BARD or BARD Mobile:



1. Librarian will email a link to the BARD website
2. Fill out and submit online BARD application
3. Receive temporary password by email
4. Log in to BARD website using your browser; change to permanent password
5. Establish secret questions/answers to allow for you to reset password when necessary
6. Install BARD Express on your PC
7. Install the BARD Mobile app on your device

Coming attractions:

- DA2—next generation talking book player
 - Based on Humanware Stratus
 - Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, text-to-speech
- Single-purpose smartphone
 - Voice activated
- Smart speaker
 - NLS will supply technology, not speaker device
- BARD integrated with circulation system
 - Apply once for both KTBL service and BARD
 - Librarians can add books to patron's BARD Wish List



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