# Reading Resources for Those in Need--

# Your New York State Library Offers Solutions

## Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL)

A free library of braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers

## New York State Library

nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl

### Do you need assistance…

…getting to the library?

…holding up the book?

…seeing the words?

…turning the pages?

…finding braille material?

…knowing available services?

We offer reading resources to New Yorkers with visual, physical, and reading disabilities

## Library Services & Resources

A free library of braille and audio materials circulated directly to the patron’s door:

* Audio books and magazines
* Audio players and accessories
* Downloadable books and magazines
* Free app for iOS and Android mobile devices
* Braille books and magazines
* New and current titles added constantly
* Fiction and non-fiction materials
* Some foreign language materials
* Titles for pre-K through young adult
* Free delivery and return of all materials

## Contact Us

New York State Talking Book and Braille Library

Cultural Education Center

222 Madison Avenue

Albany, NY 12230-0001

Web: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/>

Email: [tbbl@nysed.gov](mailto:tbbl@nysed.gov)

Local phone: (518) 474-5935

**Toll free:** (800) 342-3688

### Residents in New York City and Long Island should contact:

The New York Public Library

Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library

40 West 20th Street

New York, NY 10011-4211

<https://www.nypl.org/locations/heiskell>

TBBL is part of a network of libraries supported by the National Library Service of the Library of Congress.

The New York State Library is a part of the State Education Department, University of the State of New York.

## Referral Services

Referrals to services for the visually, physically and reading disabled are available. Contact us for assistance:

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## Free Services for Institutions

Institutions that serve individuals with visual, physical or reading disabilities that impair the individual’s ability to read standard print may borrow from TBBL on behalf of their service community. Eligible institutions include schools, colleges, hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, adult care, retirement homes, correctional facilities and libraries.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who Qualifies?

Eligible residents of New York State, except for residents of the five New York City boroughs and Long Island who:

* Have a visual impairment
* Are blind
* Have a physical condition that makes holding books and turning pages difficult
* Have a medically diagnosed reading disability

### How Does Someone Apply for Services?

* Your application must be certified/signed by a professional
* The approval process takes approximately seven days
* New patrons receive a welcome packet in about two weeks
* The welcome packet includes information and instructions

### What is Available?

* Audio books & magazines
* Audio player & accessories
* Downloadable books & magazines
* Braille books, ebraille & magazines

### How is Material Received?

* Free home delivery via USPS
* Download for listening on the app, supplied players or compatible player

### What is the Cost?

* All services are free to patron
* Free use of books & magazines
* Free use of player
* Free delivery and return of materials