



APPLICATION FOR TALKING BOOK SERVICES

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIBRARY

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North Dakota State Library - Talking Books

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Application for Free Library Service: Individuals

Please complete this application and submit to the North Dakota State Library. If you have questions about the application or the Talking Books program, please contact us.

The application may be sent by email, fax, printed and mailed or hand delivered.

Please print or type

Name (Last)		(First)	(Middle)
Street Address			
City	County	State	ZIP Code
Primary Telephone Number		Date of Birth	
Alternate Telephone Number		Email Address	
Designated contact if you cannot be reached or contact providing at home assistance			
Contact Name		Relationship	
Telephone Number		Email	

Acknowledgement:

By signing this application, I agree to take proper care of all materials or equipment lent to me. I agree to return all program materials and equipment to the North Dakota State Library upon discontinuation of services.

Applicant Signature:

Applicant Name	Date
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For applicants under 18 years of age:

As the parent/guardian of the applicant, I acknowledge that my child will receive services and equipment and that my child will have access to the entire NLS catalog of reading material. All materials and equipment (including digital talking-book cartridges, hard-copy braille, players, and accessories) must be returned when no longer needed.

Name of Parent/Guardian:		
Name (Last)	(First)	(Middle)
Relationship to patron		
Email		

If under 18, Parent/Guardian Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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NOTE: Personal information is confidential except for those portions defined by law as public information. To learn what information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, please consult the agency to which you are submitting this application.

Use of Government Property: NLS program equipment, materials, and products, both online and physical, are federal property. Users shall acknowledge the purpose for which these items were intended and accept responsibility for accessing these items. All materials and equipment (including digital talking book cartridges, hard copy braille, players, and accessories) must be returned when no longer needed.

Veterans: Persons who are blind or have a print disability who have been honorably discharged from the United States military receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and specialized materials (Public Law 89-522).

Check here if you were honorably discharged from the United States military

Eligibility of blind and other print-disabled persons for loan of library materials:

The following people are eligible for service: residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad, provided they meet one of the following criteria:

1. An individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books.
2. An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
3. An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

Please see www.loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility-for-nls-services for the full eligibility terminology.

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading printed material.

- Blindness Physical Disability Deaf/Blindness
 Visual Impairment Reading Disability

If you also have a hearing impairment, please indicate the degree of hearing loss:

- Moderate – Some difficulty hearing and understanding speech
 Profound – Cannot hear or understand speech

Certification requirement:

The last page of this application must be filled out by a certifying authority and returned with this application before services can commence. The list of who qualifies as a certifying authority has been expanded to help remove barriers for all individuals who are eligible for the program.

How did you learn about the NLS free library service? Check up to three:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Professional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Support Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Event/Expo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV Ad | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ad |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ad (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | (specify below) |

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How do I get books?

The North Dakota State Library, in partnership with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, provides books in audio and Braille formats. Audio books can be accessed using a DTBM (Digital Talking Book Machine) and through BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download). Braille materials are available in hardcopy and eBraille. Braille services for North Dakota residents are provided through a partnership with the Utah State Library. Additionally, the North Dakota State Library has over eight thousand books in large print available for Talking Books Patrons.

DTBM (Digital Talking Book Machine) DTBMs are standalone players that utilize a USB cartridge that can contain up to eight complete audio books. The machines have large buttons and Braille tags for easy usage and can run on AC or battery power.

BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) is a web-based, password-protected service that provides access to thousands of audio and braille books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS. The service is available as an application on a Windows or Mac computer or on an iOS or Android device. The mobile application, known as BARD Mobile, includes built-in playback capability so you can enjoy talking books anytime, anywhere.

Service delivery for library materials (check all that apply)

- I have a personal mobile device (iPhone, Android, iPad, or Kindle Fire) and Internet or cellular access. I want to download digital talking books and/or eBraille materials to read instantly with the free BARD Mobile application. Please provide your email address for BARD registration.
- I have a personal mobile device and would like to access the free BARD Mobile application, but I would also like materials sent to my home by USPS. Please select the types of materials you want mailed to your home. (Check all that apply.)
 - Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
 - Hardcopy braille books and magazines
 - Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
- I do NOT have a personal mobile device. I want my library to send books by USPS to my home. I would like materials in the following format. (Check all that apply)
 - Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
 - Hardcopy braille books and magazines
 - Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/ instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive

- I would like to have large print books mailed to my home

All physical materials are sent and returned USPS Free Matter for the Blind

Talking Books Certification

Name is applying for the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled Talking Books program, administered by the North Dakota State Library. Please fill out the information below and return it to the applicant.

Certifying Authority

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, or professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).

To be completed by Certifying Authority

Name	Organization	
Title	Address	
Telephone Number	City	
Email	State	ZIP Code

I certify that this applicant is eligible for NLS services and meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. An individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books.
2. An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
3. An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book.

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