

Braille and Talking Book Library (BTBL): Overview of Service

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity
Bureau of Services for Blind Persons



Basic Overview of BTBL Service

Audio and/or Braille books, magazines, and accessible music materials

- Via download with BARD
- Custom audio cartridges or hardcopy braille through the mail

Over 135,000 books in the collection and counting!

This service is completely FREE to all Michigan residents who qualify!



Eligibility

More people qualify than you might think...

- Visual Disability
- Physical Disability
- Reading Disability



Requires large print

Cerebral Palsy

Multiple sclerosis



Diabetes

Stroke

Dyslexia

Broken arms



Arthritis

Tremors

Parkinson's

Requires magnifier

Application Process

- [BTBL application](#) available online or in print upon request
- Recent Changes
 - Updated eligibility language
 - Easing of eligibility requirements for people with Reading Disabilities
 - Electronic signatures of certifying authorities now accepted.



Michigan Braille and Talking Book Library
(A Service of the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons, Labor and Economic Opportunity)

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Application for Free Library Service

Applicant Name

Street Address

City County State Zip

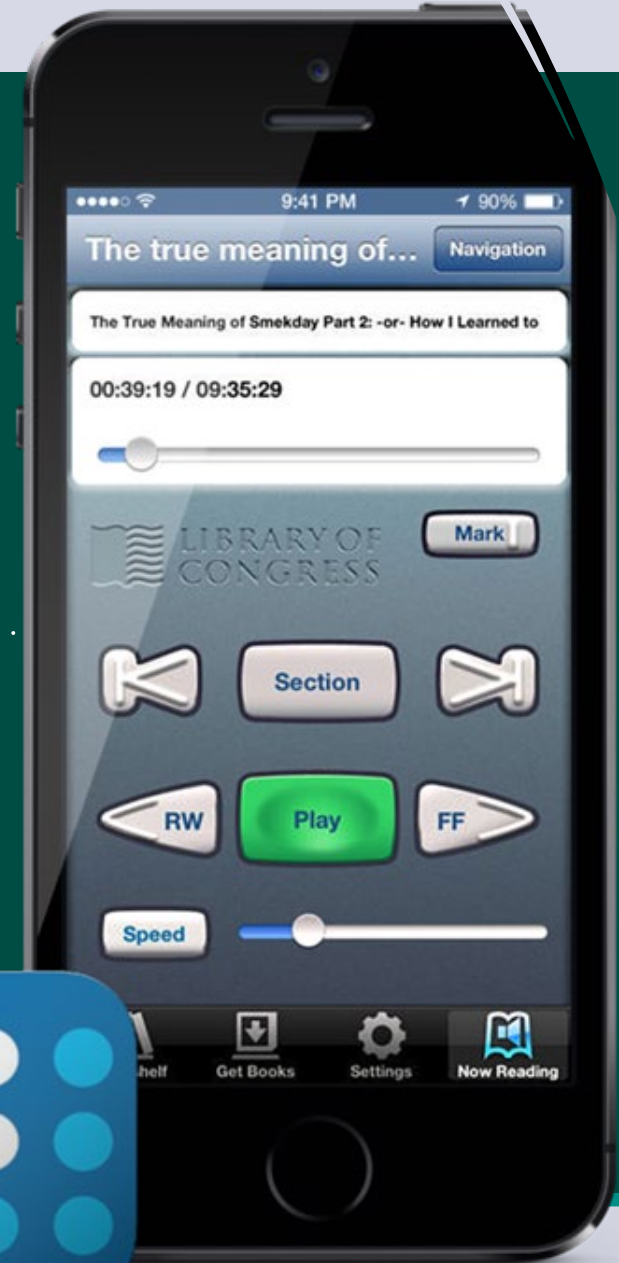
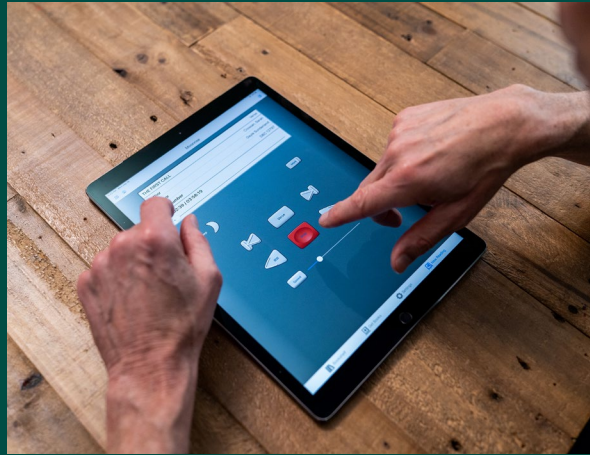
Primary Telephone Alt. Telephone

Birth Year Gender

Email Address

Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)

- Free BARD mobile App available in the Apple and Google Play stores for use on smartphones and tablets.
- 3rd party player compatible, such as Victor Stream.
- Librarians can put books on patron's BARD wish list for download!

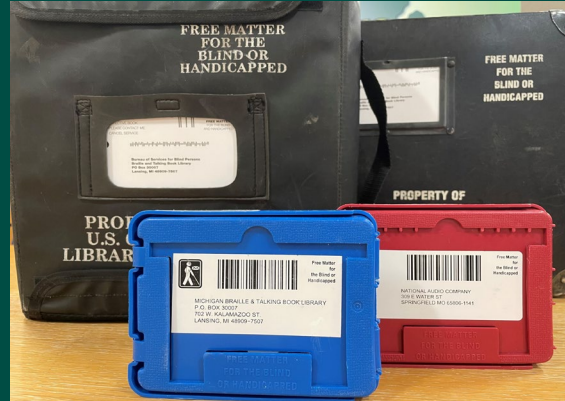


Mail Service

Braille and audio books mailed directly to the patron's home for free.

Download on Demand (DoD) audio book system:

- Custom cartridges, no waiting for the other patrons to return a copy
- Multiple books on a single cartridge complete with titles curated for each patron.



What's Available?

- Similar in collection to a public library:
 - Fiction – Adventure, mysteries, historical fiction, science fiction, etc.
 - Nonfiction – Biographies, history, science, religion, war, etc.
 - Print-braille
- Never wait on a hold list for popular books!
- Read as long as you'd like- no late fees!
- NLS collection v. Michigan content
- Clubs, DVDs, Summer Reading, etc.



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- 1 – BSPB BTBL (Lansing)
 - 2 – Washtenaw (Ann Arbor)
 - 3 – Great Lakes (Marquette)
 - 4 – Oakland (Rochester)
 - 5 – Genesee (Flint)
 - 6 – Kent Wyoming)
 - 7 – Grand Traverse (Traverse City)
 - 8 – St. Clair County (Port Huron)
 - 9 – Muskegon (Muskegon)
 - 10 – Macomb (Clinton Twp.)
 - 11 – Wayne County (Westland)
 - 12 – Detroit

Advisory and Outreach Centers (AOC)

- AOC contact information
- As the Regional Library in Michigan, BTBL out of Lansing can access all records and help with patron accounts throughout the entire state.



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Questions?

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