



THE LIBRARIAN'S GUIDE TO TALKING BOOKS



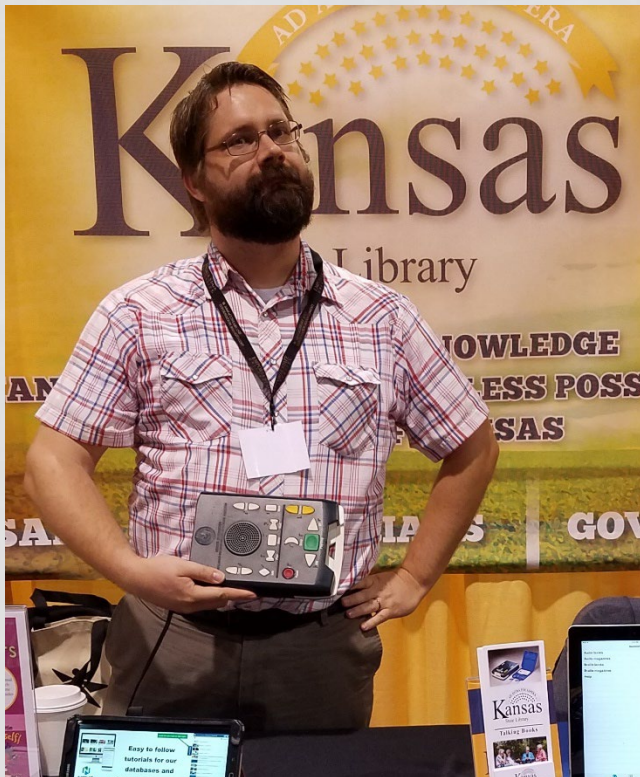
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STATE LIBRARY OF KANSAS

**CATALOGING
& REFERENCE**

**STATEWIDE
SERVICES**

TALKING BOOKS



LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

NLS

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

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Eligibility requirements for talking books services
- Which professionals can certify patron applications
- The services available to eligible participants
- The services available to public libraries through an institutional demonstration account

KEY TAKEAWAYS



FREE library services

Not just for the blind

ELIGIBILITY

Kansas residents who cannot read standard print due to visual or physical impairment(s) or reading disability.

Institutions/schools that serve eligible individuals.

APPLICATION & CERTIFICATION

Individuals/institutions must apply for service.

Application must be certified by a “competent authority”.

The image shows two overlapping application forms from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). The top form is titled "Application for Free Library Service: Individuals" and the bottom form is titled "Application for Free Library Service: Institutions". Both forms include contact information for NLS (Washington, DC 20542, (202) 707-5100, www.loc.gov/nls) and instructions on how to complete and submit the application. The individual form includes fields for name, address, telephone, and email, as well as checkboxes for various types of disabilities. The institution form includes fields for institution name, address, telephone, and email, and a section for indicating the number of persons unable to read or use regular printed material who will be served.

CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES

- Doctor
 - Ophthalmologist
 - Optometrist
 - Psychologist
 - Registered Nurse
 - Occupational Therapist
 - Social Worker
 - Case Worker
 - **Librarian**
- Professional staff of
 - Schools
 - Educator
 - Counselor
 - Rehabilitation teacher
 - Certified reading specialist
 - School psychologist
 - Hospitals
 - Public/private welfare agencies

SERVICES

- Accessible Reading Materials
- Music Materials
- Equipment
- Programs
- Customizable Service



ACCESSIBLE READING MATERIALS

TALKING BOOKS & MAGAZINES



- Talking Books
 - Over 120,000 titles
 - 35,000+ Juvenile & YA
 - Books in over 50 languages
- Magazines
 - 80+ in braille and audio
 - 9 specifically for kids

ACCESSIBLE READING MATERIALS

BRAILLE BOOKS



- Braille Books
 - State Library of Utah
 - NLS Braille on Demand
 - 5 books per month
 - Patrons can keep

ACCESSIBLE READING MATERIALS

BARD

- Download audio or braille books/magazines
- BARD Mobile App (iOS, Android, Kindle fire)
- BARD Website
- BARD Express (Windows program)

NLS MUSIC SECTION

- Braille & large print music scores; vocal & instrumental
- Recorded instructional materials; vocal & instrumental
- Music history & music appreciation





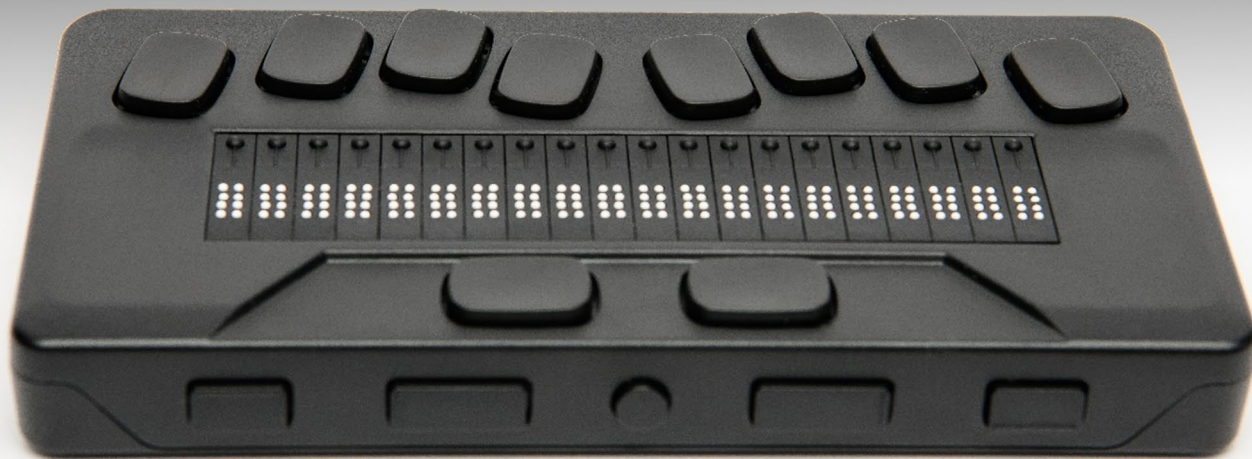
EQUIPMENT

DIGITAL TALKING BOOK MACHINE

EQUIPMENT - ACCESSORIES

- Digital Talking Book Machine Accessories
 - Headphones
 - USB Breath Switch
 - Remote Control





EQUIPMENT - BRAILLE

NLS BRAILLE READER

KTB PROGRAMS

Youth Reading Club

Year-round incentive based reading program.



Quarterly Book Club

March 8: BYO Book

June 14

September 13

December 13

KTB PROGRAMS

Summer Reading

June 1st – August 1st annually.

Themed reading lists & activities.

Weekly & grand prize drawings.

CUSTOMIZABLE SERVICE

- Formats
- Service style
 - Download
 - By Mail
 - Auto-select
 - On demand
- Reading preferences
 - Author
 - Subject
 - Series



LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION ACCOUNTS



DEMO ACCOUNT SERVICES

- Digital Talking Book Machine
- Book Cartridge
- BARD: Download access limited to titles that are not copyrighted



TALKING BOOKS WILL

- Provide promotional materials
- Provide training and support
- Contact libraries once a year to verify contact info and items on hand

WE ASK THAT LIBRARIES

- Demonstrate the service to potential users
- Promote Talking Books in your communities
- Certify applications
- Inform KTB of outreach opportunities in your area



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QUESTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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