

Expanding Possibilities with the Talking Book Program

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“Reading is reading, regardless of how you do it. Some read with their eyes, some read with their hands, some read with their ears. Which ever way, it’s reading all the same.”

– Tori T. Tortoise

The Talking Book Program (TBP)



My Other Library is TBP!

FREE



BRAILLE Alphabet

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
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TBP Eligibility

- Blindness
- Visual disability
- Physical disability
- Reading disability
(i.e., dyslexia)



Digital Talking Book Machine (DTBM) and Refreshable Braille Display

- Books play on cartridges with no moving parts
- Touch buttons control the functions of the machine



BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Download



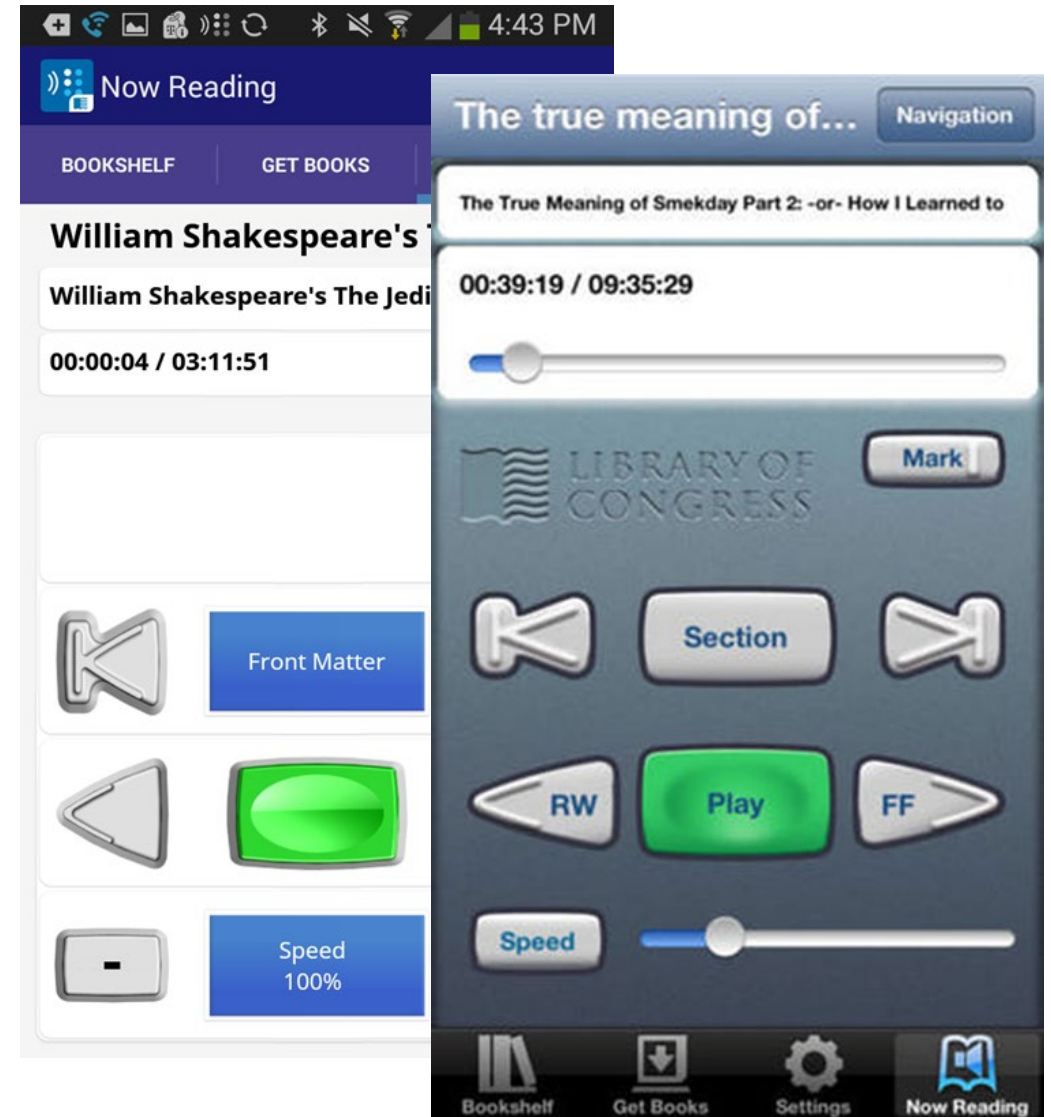
**No Wait
No Limit
No Due Date
No Overdue Notices**

**Just browse,
download & go.**

BARD – Mobile App

Free portable library!

- Available on iOS and Android platforms
- Free
- Must be a TBP patron and registered for BARD





"It's huge to have access to the same books all of my friends are reading. To be able to talk about the same books others are reading, as a kid, is about being part of the community, being able to engage."

~ Juan Carlos, student patron



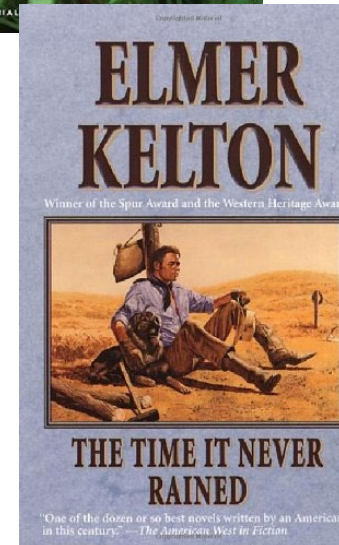
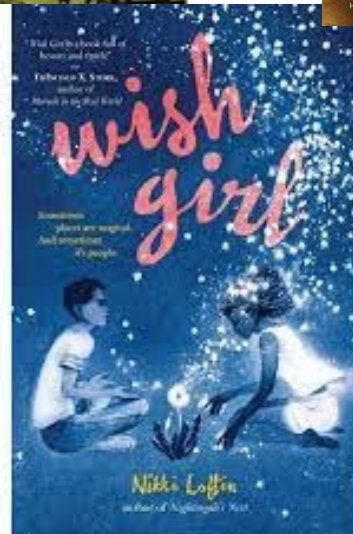
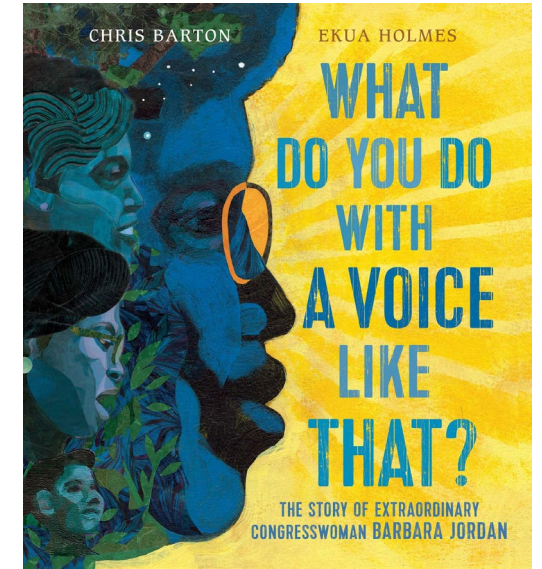
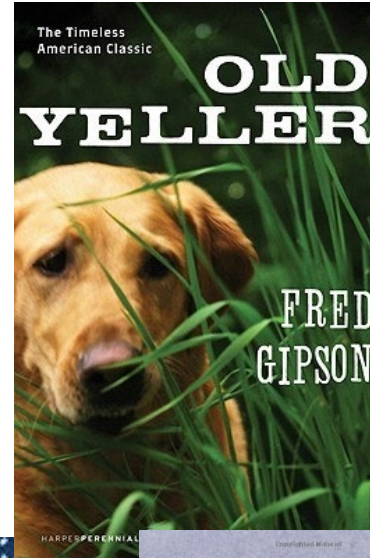
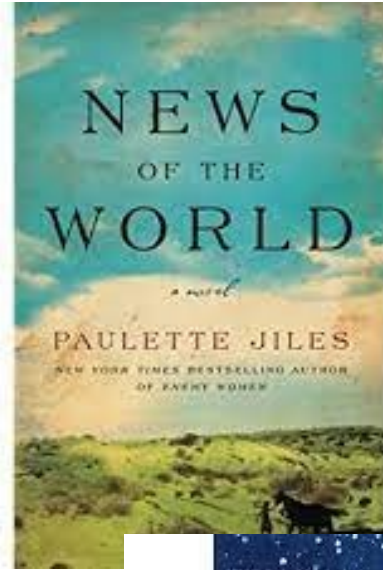
"I go through about five books a week, I heard about this project through the VA and I think it really helps a lot of folks in my position stay connected to the books and stories they love."

~ Johnny, veteran patron



TBP Reading Materials

- Fiction
- Non-fiction
- Westerns
- Romance
- Religious
- Classics
- Best Sellers
- Music Books and Scores



How to Sign Up

- Fill out an application
- Get it signed by a certifying authority
- Available in English and Spanish



Reader Services

tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov

1-800-252-9605



- Set-up accounts
- BARD and machine assistance
- Help selecting books

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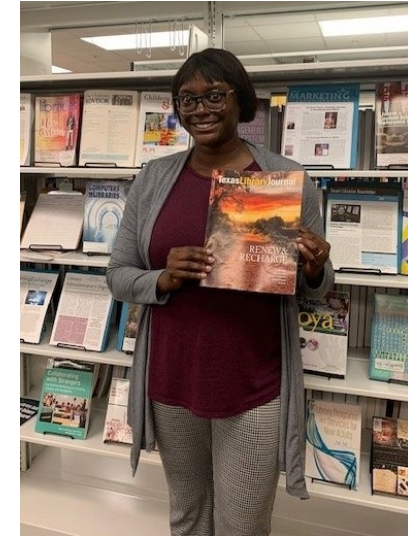
- Youth Services Newsletter
- Monthly reading lists
- Upcoming events
- Helpful BARD information
- Summer Reading Program

tsl.texas.gov/tbp/youthservices



TBP Departments

- Circulation and Machine Lending
 - Collections and Automation
 - Volunteer Recording Studio
- Digital Literacy Training and Outreach



Disability Information & Referral Center (DIRC)

- Free reference service to those who need info about disability services
- **Available to the general public:**
You don't have to be registered with TBP to contact the DIRC



“The disability community is the only minority group that anyone can join at any time.”

– The ARC



Other Resources

- **National Federation of the Blind Newsline:** www.nfbnewslineonline.org
- **Learning Ally:** <https://learningally.org>
- **Bookshare:** www.bookshare.org
- **American Printing House for the Blind (APH):** www.aph.org
- **National Braille Press:** www.nbp.org



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