

## Talking Book Program

The Talking Book Program (TBP) provides digital audio, large print, and braille books and magazines to Texans who cannot read standard print due to a qualifying visual, physical, or reading disability.

### TBP provides

- Thousands of titles in a variety of categories
- Digital audio players on loan
- Personalized service from reader consultants and librarians
- Free return postage

## You can receive books and magazines

- By mail on digital audio cartridge, in large print, or braille
- By download to a USB flash drive or digital cartridge using the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)
- By using the BARD Mobile app on smartphones or tablets



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Program**



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BARD Mobile app

## Support Services

The Disability Information and Referral Center (DIRC) provides information about disabilities and health-related topics. You do not have to be a member of the Talking Book Program to use DIRC services.

Staff are available to answer questions and provide resources about various disabilities, technology, independent living, and more.

## Outreach and Training

TBP also provides training for technology and other aspects of its program and services.

## Eligibility

- An individual who is blind
- An individual who has a visual impairment and is unable to read standard print books
- An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes to read a print book
- An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability

## How to apply

If you meet one or more of the eligibilities, complete an application and have it certified by an approved authority. More information can be found on our website or by calling or emailing us.

*TBP has served Texans with disabilities since 1931 and is a regional library for the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, a division of the Library of Congress.*



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