

BARD

BRAILLE AND AUDIO READING DOWNLOAD



Talking Book Program

Texas State Library and Archives Commission

What is BARD?

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Free on-line service.

Eligible patrons can download:

- Audio books
- Braille books (NEW!)
- Magazines.

What is BARD?

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- Made available by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
- Accessed through the Talking Book Program (in Texas)

What is BARD?

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- Over 27,000 audio books
- Over 10,000 Braille books (new!)
- Over 45 magazines

Who is eligible?

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People with:

- Blindness
- Visual disability
- Physical disability
- Reading disability

Who is eligible?

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Patron must first be active in
the Talking Book Program
before applying for BARD

TBP Application:

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/application/index.html#app>

How can individuals apply to BARD?

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Find BARD application on-line

nlsbard.loc.gov/TX1A/ApplicationInstructions.html

Applicant must:

- Be an active patron of TBP
- Have access to high speed internet
- Have basic computer skills (downloading/unzipping)
- Have a storage device
- Have a Digital Talking Book Machine

Searching BARD

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Browse by

- Author's last name
- Book Title
- Subject

OR... Search by keyword

Searching BARD

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Browse Lists:

- Recently Added Books
- Most Popular Books
- Foreign Language Collection
- Browse Magazines by title

Storage Devices

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When downloading use:

- Flash Drive: Most are compatible.



- Digital Cartridge: Designed for our machine.



Downloading from BARD

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3 steps:

1. Download
2. Unzip/Extract
3. Transfer

Process may vary according to operating system/browser/assistive technology

FIND BOOKS

[Recently added books](#) - a list of books added in the last thirty days

[Most popular books](#) - a list of the most popular books in the last ninety days

Search the collection:

Enter any search terms and then select the Go button.

Browse by author's last names

Lists books alphabetically by author's last name

Browse by book title

BARD books containing keywords: **Green Eggs**

4 records will be displayed: 2 in the Title, 0 in the Author, 0 in the Subject, 2 in the Annotation, 0 in the Book Number and 0 in the Narrator

Displaying items 1 through 4
[Start over](#)

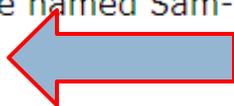
In the title (2 books)

Green Eggs and Ham

Seuss, Dr. Read by John Horton. Reading time 5 minutes.
Humor

Nonsense rhyme about a delightful creature named Sam-I-Am, and his efforts to get another to eat **green eggs** and ham. For preschool-grade 2.

[Download Green Eggs and Ham, DB34056](#)



Huevos Verdes con Jamon (Green Eggs and Ham)

Seuss, Dr. Read by Maria Fernanda Lloreda. Reading time 7 minutes.
Spanish titles

Sam-I-Am very much wants a friend to try **green eggs** and ham. But would he? Could he? For preschool-grade 2.
Spanish language. 1992.

[Download Huevos Verdes con Jamon \(Green Eggs and Ham\), DB72997](#)

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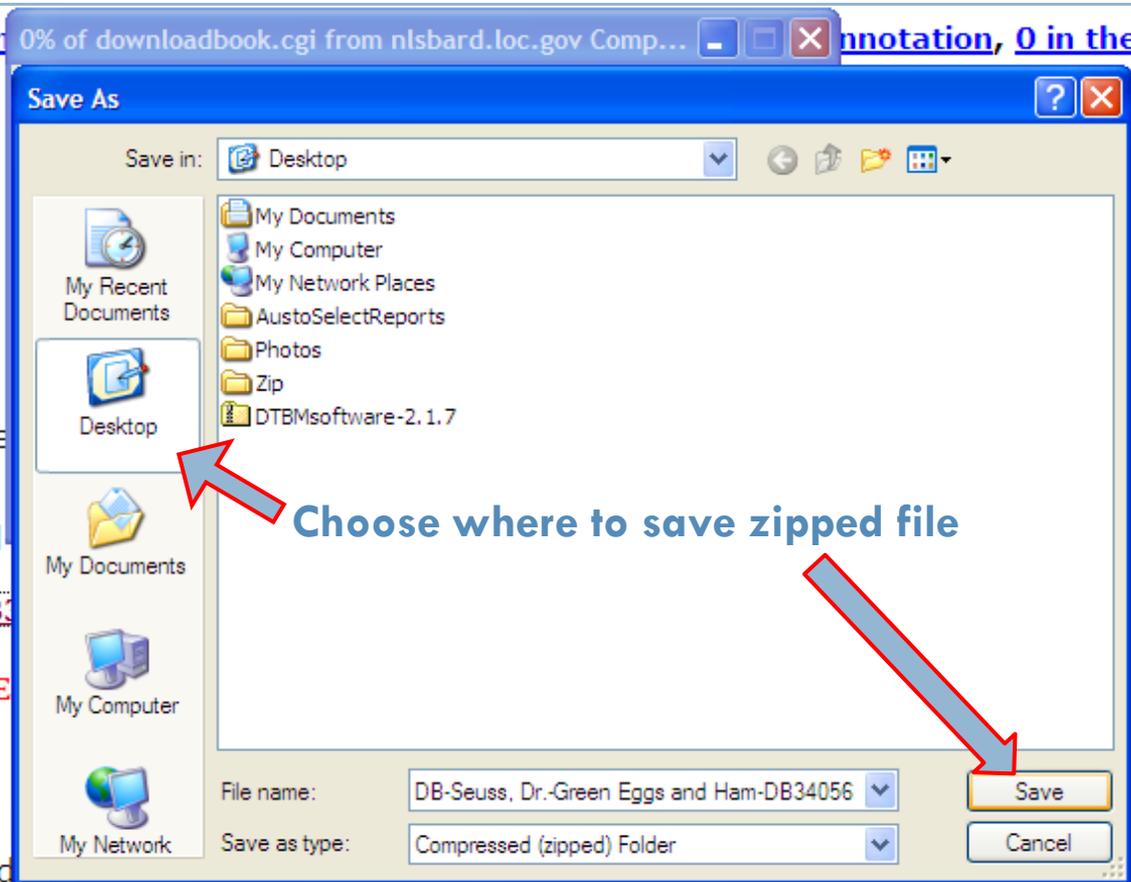
Nonsense rhyme about a delightful
ham. For preschool-grade 2.

Download Green Eggs and Ham, DB3

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Seuss, Dr. Read by Maria Fernanda
Spanish titles

Sam-I-Am very much wants a friend



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BARD books containing

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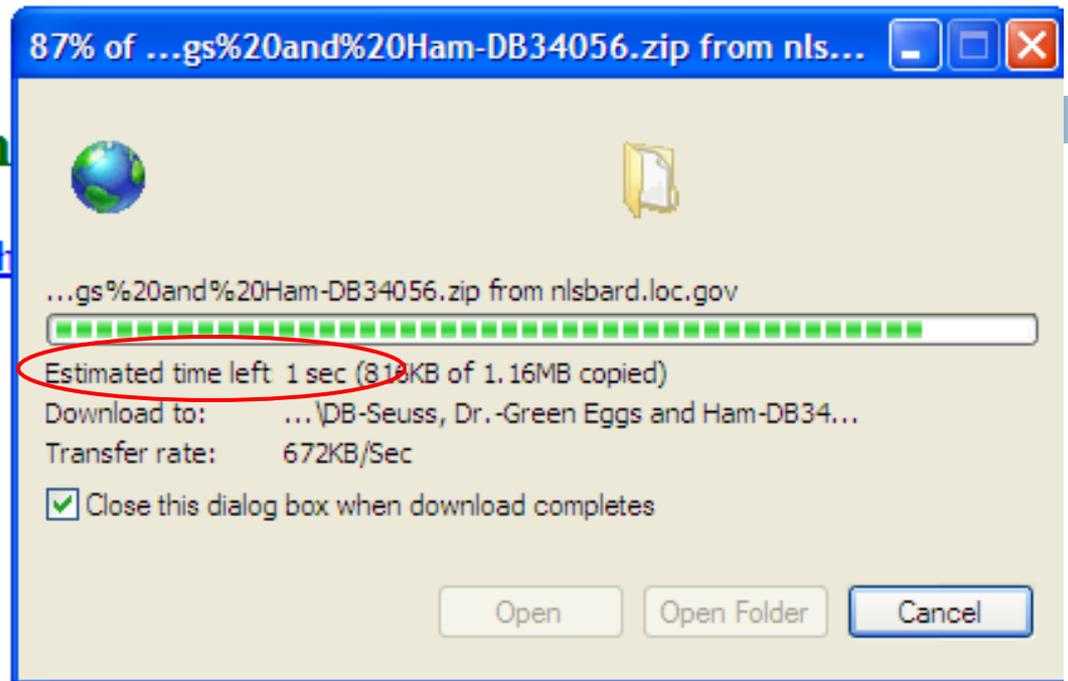
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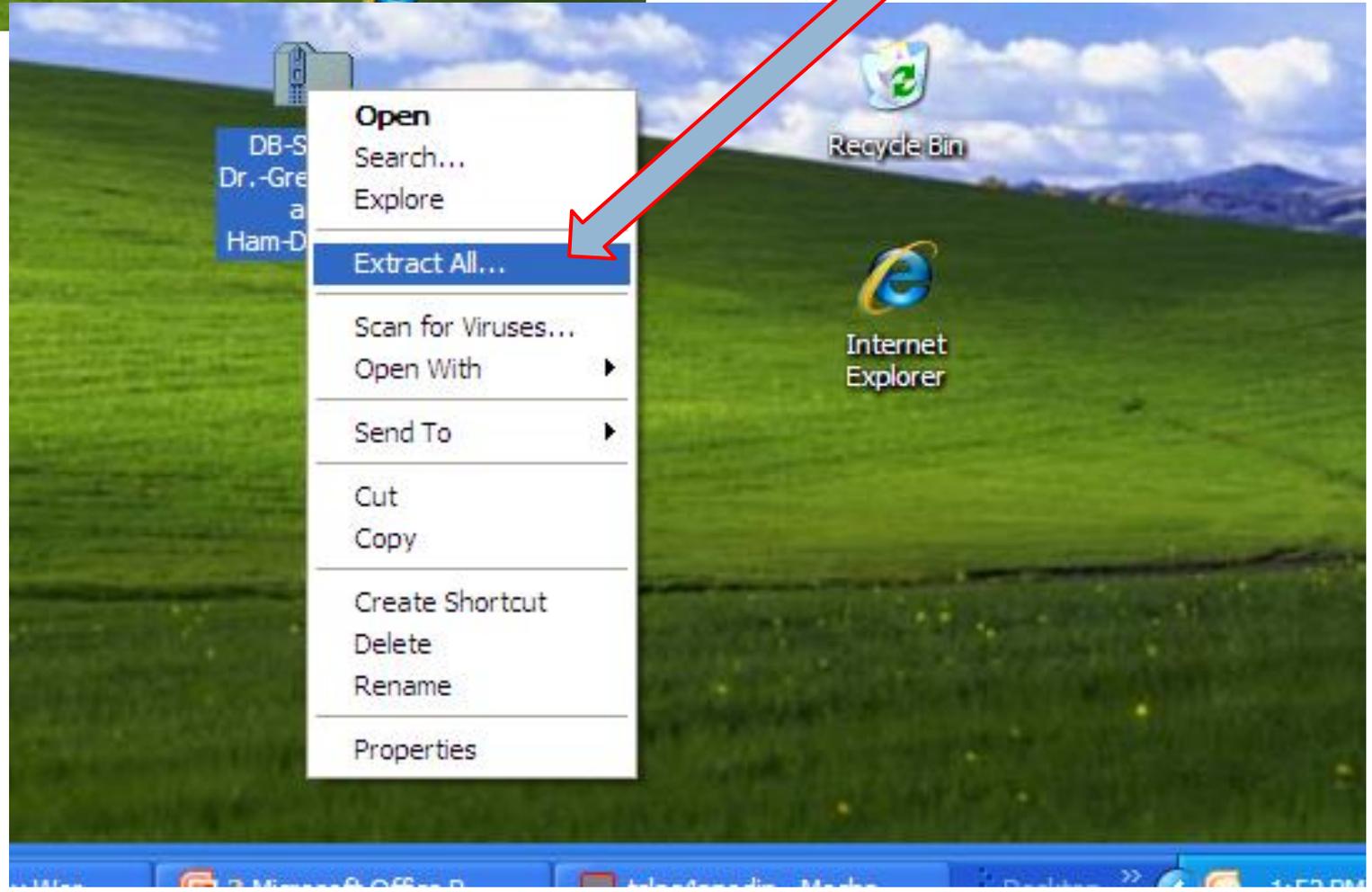
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- Right-click on zipped file
- Select 'Extract All' from menu



Extraction Wizard



Welcome to the Compressed (zipped) Folders Extraction Wizard

The extraction wizard helps you copy files
from inside a ZIP archive.

To continue, click Next.

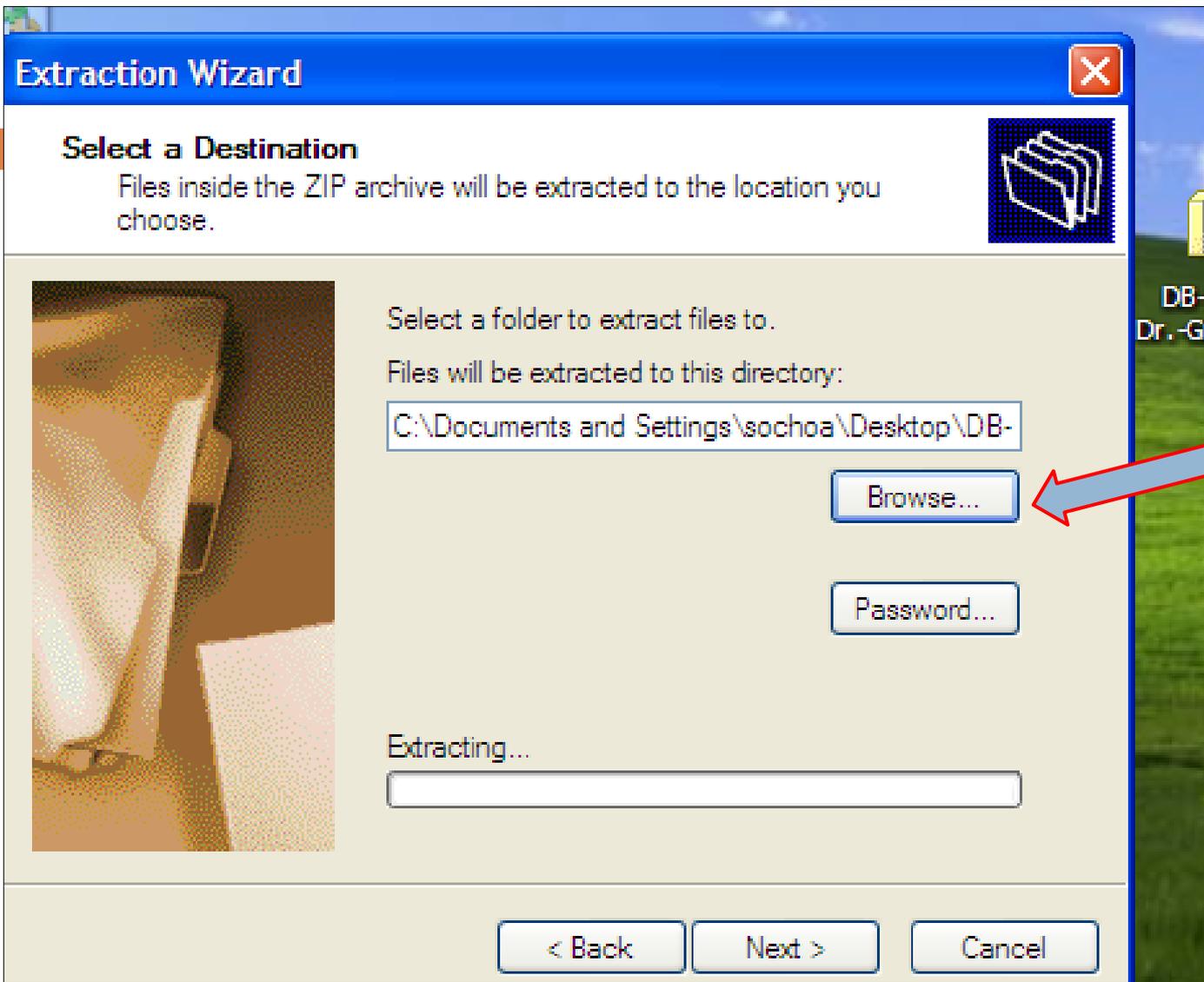
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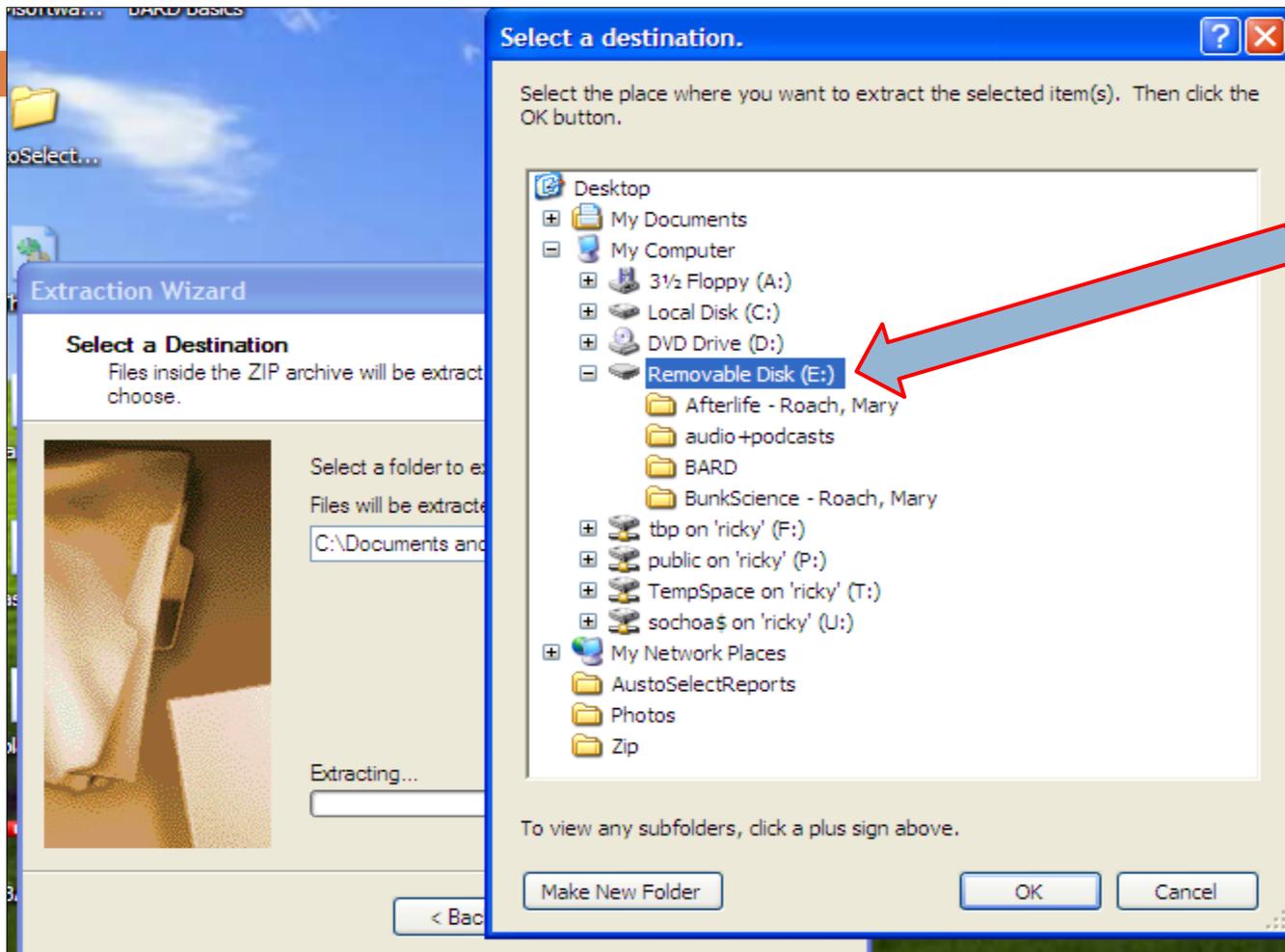
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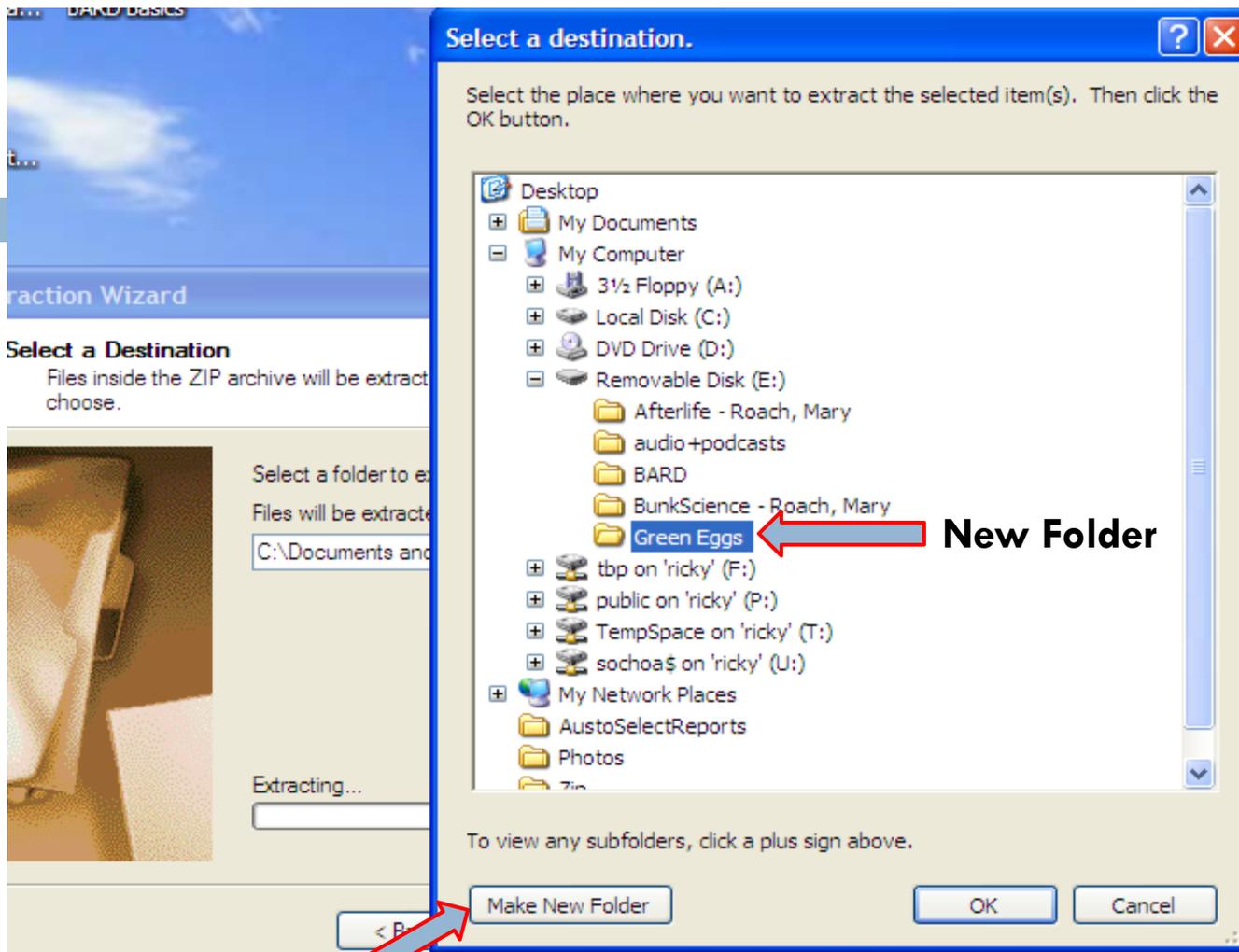
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Dr.-Green E...



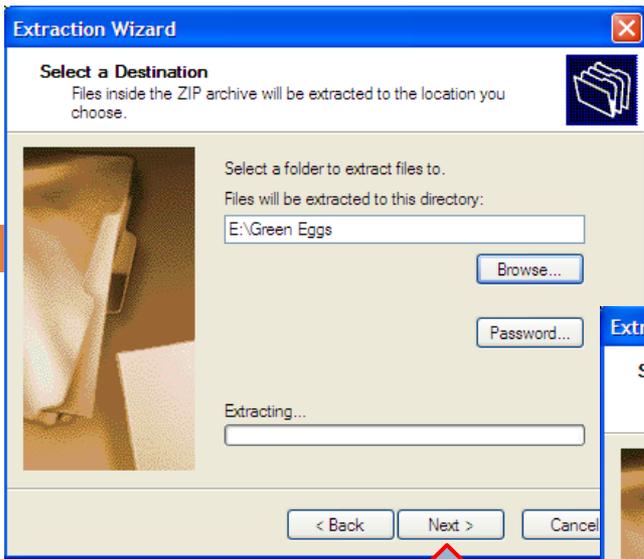
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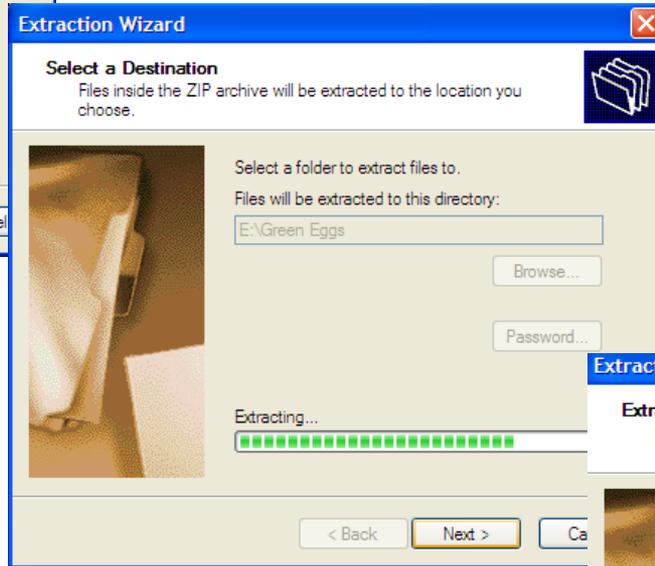
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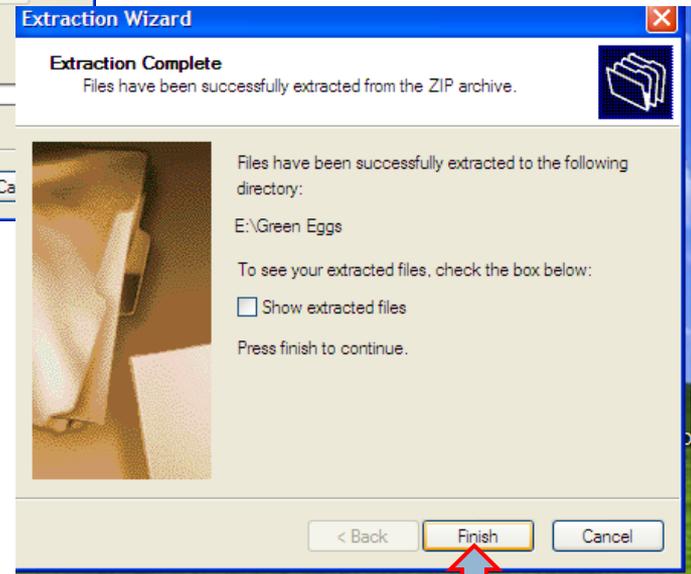
Recommended: Create a **new folder** in your storage device for the book you are about to unzip



Click next



File is unzipping/extracting



File has been transferred to storage device. Just click 'Finish'.

Talking Book Machines

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DIGITAL TALKING BOOK MACHINE (DTBM)



TBP loans it to patron

Talking Book Machines

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Commercially available machines

- ▣ **APH** (American Printing House for the Blind)
- ▣ **HIMS**
- ▣ **HUMANWARE**
- ▣ **Others** (PLEXTALK, Apex, Milestone, LevelStar)
- ▣ **Coming soon:** Apps for Android/Apple devices

BARD's perks

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- ❑ No limit on simultaneous users
- ❑ No limit on number of downloads
- ❑ Files do not expire (No due dates!)
- ❑ Web-based (nothing to install)

LIBRARIES

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How can
libraries get
involved?

- PUBLIC
- ACADEMIC
- SPECIAL

LIBRARIES

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□ Do you have patrons that may qualify for our service?

Help eligible individuals

apply to

the Talking Book Program:

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/application/index.html#app>

LIBRARIES – Demo Sites

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OR...

□ Libraries can apply to TBP as demo sites:

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/application/demositepolicy.html>

- Give demonstrations of our equipment and materials
- You get: 1 DTBM, 2 books in digital cartridge format
- Apply for demo-site BARD account (download 4 books)
- All materials are for demonstration purposes only

SCHOOLS

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How can schools
get involved?

- K-12
- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE

SCHOOLS- Students & Faculty

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Do you have students or faculty that
may qualify for our service?

Help individuals apply to TBP:

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/application/index.html#app>

SCHOOLS

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Or...

Apply to TBP as a school:

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/schoolguide.html>

- ❑ MUST have at least one eligible student
- ❑ Account lasts for 1 school year and is renewable
- ❑ TBP does not offer textbooks
- ❑ Recorded books not accompanied by print edition

SCHOOLS – Demo sites

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OR...

- Schools can also apply to TBP as demo sites:

<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/application/demositepolicy.html>

Handouts

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We are happy to send you BARD handouts on request

Braille & Audio Reading Download

Three easy steps:

1. **Download** your book from BARD
2. **Unzip / extract**
3. **Transfer** to flash drive

How to Get Started with BARD:

1. Register for TBP:
www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/application/

To qualify, a person must have a visual, physical, or organic reading disability that prevents him or her from reading standard print. Institutional and demonstration accounts are also available.

2. Register for **BARD** (must be a patron of TBP):
<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/TX1A/ApplicationInstructions.html>
3. Log in to **BARD**:
<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/TX1A>

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Preserving yesterday, informing today, inspiring tomorrow.



Flash Drives: The New Bookshelf



Talking Book Program (TBP) members can use **Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)** to save books

onto USB flash drives for use with the Digital Talking Book Machine.

Flash drives let you:

- Download books whenever you want
- Get as many books as you want
- Keep books as long as you want
- Store multiple books on one flash drive
- Carry your favorite books in a portable format

For more information, visit our website at www.texastalkingbooks.org, or call TBP toll-free statewide at 1-800-252-9605, or 512-463-5458 in Austin.

Questions?

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