

Arizona Talking Book Library (ATBL)

Reaching students with dyslexia and other reading disabilities

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Talking Book Library

A National and State program

- **Library of Congress**
{est. 1800}
- **The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS)**
{est. 1931}
- Each state and U.S. territory has its own **Talking Book Library** program



Library of Congress, Main Reading Room, Humanities and Social Sciences Division, Thomas Jefferson Building.



Arizona Talking Book Library

{est. 1970}

Secretary of State

Arizona State Library, Archives
and Public Records

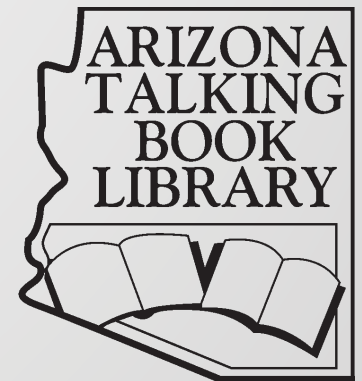
Based in Phoenix and serves
the state of Arizona



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*Preserving
Arizona*
ACCESS

*Arizona State Library,
Archives, & Public Records*

A division of the Secretary of State



WHO'S ELIGIBLE?



Any person who is blind, visually impaired, or physically limited

Those with reading disabilities, such as **dyslexia**, are now eligible for this program

Any **organization** that supports individuals with need of service

What we offer...

Audiobooks

- Digital book machine and cartridges
- Braille and Audio Reading Download mobile (**BARD**) app



Source: <https://www.marylandlibraries.org>

What we offer...

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Braille

- Hard copy/embossed (shipped from Utah)
- **Braille eReader** by HumanWare



Source: Who Invented the Braille System? - Kids Discover



Source: Braille eReader – Turning the Pages (iowalibrary.blog)

Our service

- The service is **100% FREE!**
- All matter that goes through the mail is “**Free Matter for the Blind**” {est. 1904}
- Each patron has a librarian for a customized/personalized experience
- Long check out periods/no holds/keep downloaded books permanently!



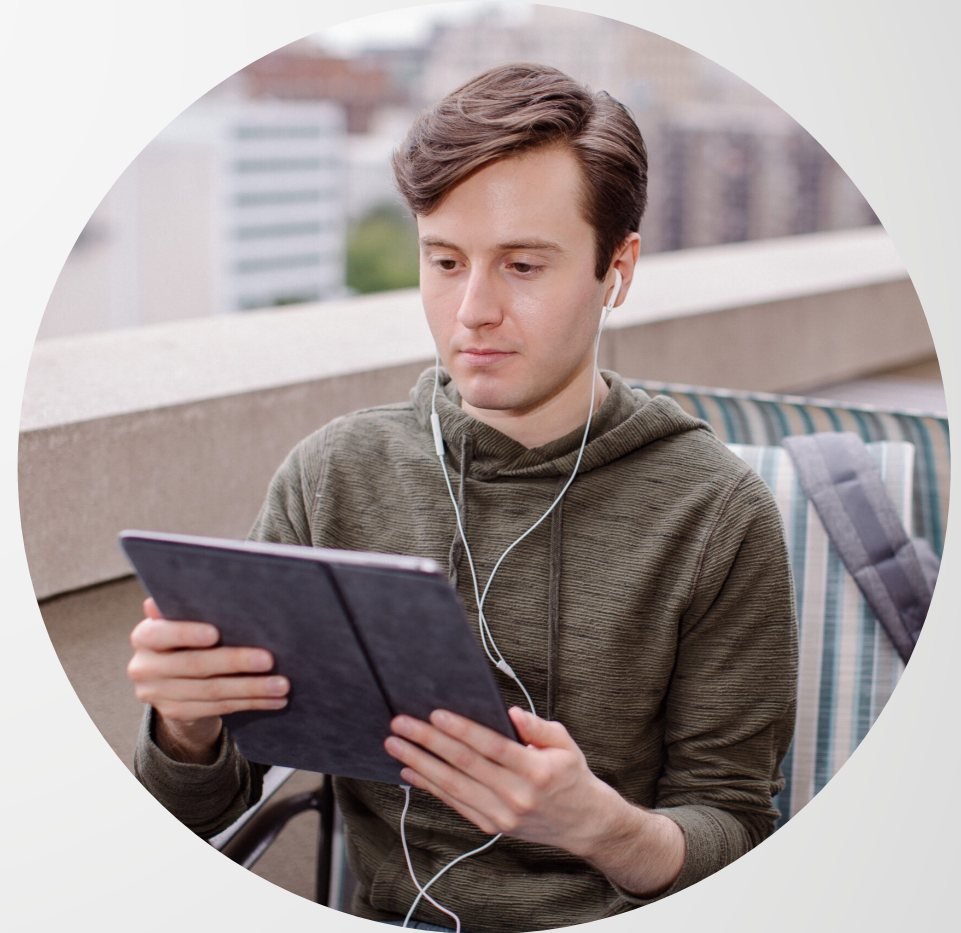
*Source:
usps.com*

Library collection

We are similar to a public library—over 300,000 items

We do not provide textbooks—but have **literature, classics, & popular books** that may be a part of a classroom curriculum. Also, just for leisure!!

We complement Learning Ally, Bookshare, etc.



BARD Access - National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) | Library of Congress (loc.gov)

Librarians can now certify!!

- As of **February 2021**, per **Act of Congress**: Reading specialists, **educators, librarians**, and therapists can certify the eligibility of applicants with reading disabilities such as dyslexia.
- Previously, ***only medical professionals*** could certify.

Identifying candidates



Up to **20%** of the U.S. population is thought to have **dyslexia**, the most common learning disability

Students who have an IEP that includes a **reading disability**

Spread the word with colleagues: **teachers, reading specialists, school psychologists, therapists, etc.**

Referring to our program



APPLICATIONS ARE
ON THE **NLS** OR
**ARIZONA TALKING
BOOK LIBRARY**
WEBSITES

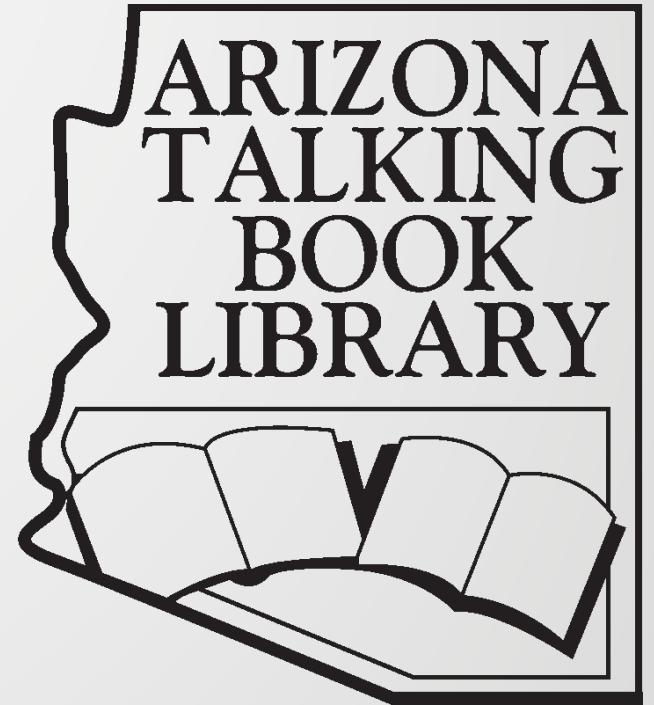


YOU CAN SIGN OFF !!
(AS THE CERTIFYING
AUTHORITY)



EMAIL, MAIL, FAX

**Any
Questions?**



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THANK YOU TO the **AzLA Annual
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TO PRESENT

