

What is BARD? How do I sign up?

BARD, the **Braille and Audio Reading Download** website, is a web-based service that provides instant access to tens of thousands of NLS braille and audio books, magazines, and music scores.

You'll find there are **many advantages** to using BARD:

- ✓ BARD is easy to use—and help is just a phone call or email away.
- ✓ You can get books and magazines—including the latest bestsellers—anytime you want them. And there's nothing to return!
- ✓ You can choose from more than 100,000 books and 6,000 magazine issues—and more are added every day.
- ✓ The BARD Mobile app allows you to keep up with everything you've read recently, find out what's new on BARD, and see the most popular downloads.
- ✓ BARD provides you information about book series automatically when you search the collection by a specific keyword.
- ✓ You can find your next great read by using the BARD search engine—which allows you to search in 100 subject categories—or by contacting your network library reader advisors, who can help with suggestions and recommendations.

Anyone signed up for service through an NLS braille and talking-book library can register for BARD. **It's easy to get started.** Just fill out a brief BARD application and submit it to your library. They will provide you with unique sign-on information.

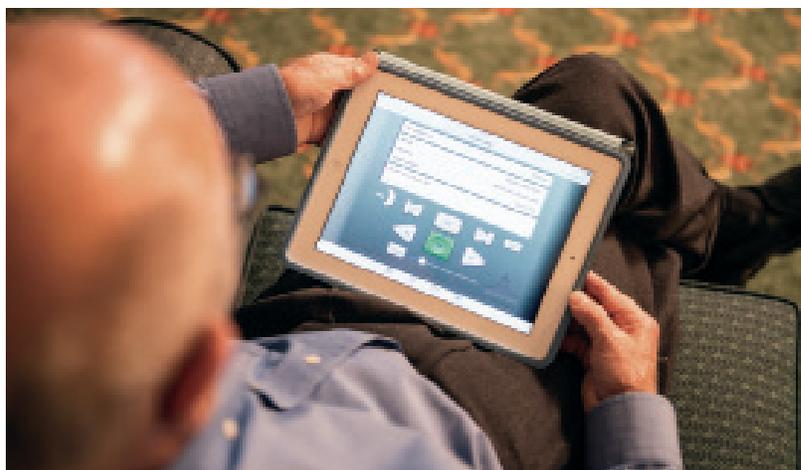
Audio books and magazines downloaded from BARD can be read using the BARD Mobile app on a personal iOS or Android device (including Amazon Fire tablets). You can get the BARD Mobile app through the App Store (iOS devices), the Google Play Store (Android devices), and Amazon Appstore (Amazon Fire tablets).

Braille readers can also download eBraille books via BARD Mobile and read them with a personal refreshable braille display that has a Bluetooth connection.

BARD Express provides NLS patrons with another easy way to access BARD. It's a free, downloadable software application for Windows-based PCs that simplifies searching for and downloading audio and braille materials from BARD. Once downloaded, you can transfer audio titles to a cartridge or external USB flash drive for playback on an NLS talking-book player or authorized commercial player, or read braille titles on a refreshable braille display.

Need help?

Your library will be happy to assist with any questions, or you can email **NLSDownload@loc.gov** to reach our BARD help desk.



Find your network library: Call **888-NLS-READ (888-657-7323)** and follow the prompts to your state, or visit our website at **www.loc.gov/nls** and click the "Find Your Library" link in the upper right corner.

Get a BARD application:

<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/support/applicationinstructions/NLS>

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www.loc.gov/nls/braille-audio-reading-materials/bard-access