

That All May Read: Accessible Library Service from the Library of Congress



National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled

A division of the Library of Congress, NLS works with a network of cooperating libraries to provide free reading materials in accessible formats for people with print disabilities.

- What is a print disability?
- What is an accessible format?
- What is a network library?

Could NLS help your patrons?

- Do you have patrons struggling to read large-print titles?
 - ✓ We can help!
- Do you have patrons who have a hard time using reading apps?
 - ✓ We can help!
- Do you have a parent seeking content for their child with dyslexia or another reading disability?
 - ✓ We can help!

What does NLS offer?

- Large, diverse, and exciting collection of audio and braille titles for students of all ages
- Multiple access formats – machines, apps
- Fun and engaging programming for kids, including popular Summer Reading Program
- BARD download – no returns, no expiration
- High-quality braille, human-voice narration
- Work collaboratively with in-state network librarians
- Spanish titles and other international languages

What can your patrons read?

- Latest bestsellers
- Classics
- Required reading for students
- Unique content
- Library of Congress materials made accessible
- Graphic novels
- International languages
- Content of local interest
- Music collection

How do patrons access books?

Audiobooks

- BARD and BARD Mobile app
- Physical cartridge
- Digital talking-book machine

Braille books

- Hardcopy braille
- Electronic braille
- Braille eReader
- Braille on Demand

How can we work together?

Let's partner on programming!

Professional development opportunities

- Network library staff at in-service day
- Tour your state's network library
- Have NLS materials (applications, brochures, bookmarks, etc.) available in your library

How can you get started?

- Give us a call! – 888-657-7323
- Search online and find your local network library – www.loc.gov/nls or www.loc.gov/thataillmayread
- Accessible OPAC
- En Español – loc.gov/nls/es

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