



**WISCONSIN TALKING BOOK
AND BRAILLE LIBRARY**

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What is WTBBL?

- * **A FREE audio and braille book library for anyone who cannot read standard print or has difficulty handling a physical book**
- * **The Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library is located in Milwaukee, but services the whole state of Wisconsin**
- * **WTBBL is a sub-regional branch of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS; soon-to-be the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled) which was founded in 1931 as a part of the Library of Congress by Congress**

Who is eligible?

- * **Anyone with vision impairments (such as macular degeneration), blindness, physical limitation's (MS, diabetes, Parkinson's, Cerebral Palsy etc.) and organic reading disabilities**
- * **To become a patron an application must be certified by a professional (doctor, nurse, social worker, activity director, Librarian etc.)**
- * **In the case of a reading disability a doctor must be the certifying authority**
- * **At this time the library is not available to who are illiterate or learning English as a second Language**

What Happens next?

- * After your application is received and your account is set up, you will receive a welcome packet with information about the Library**
- * You will also receive a digital talking book player (unless you specify that you wish to use BARD only to download books)**
- * You may choose to have books selected for you from topics you enjoy or you may order books from the print or online catalogue**
- * You can also do both**

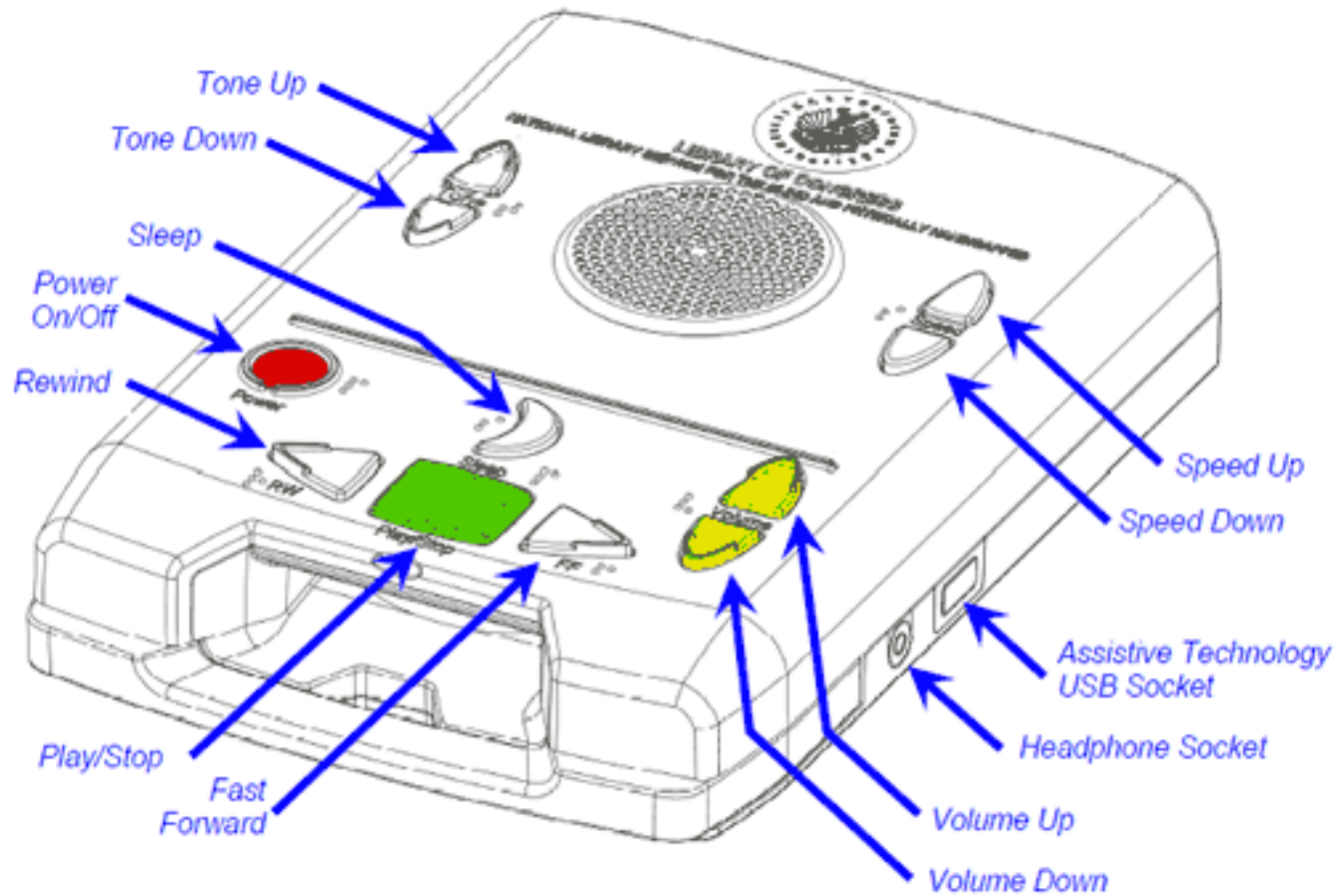
How to Order Books

- * **Call us! We can look up books or authors for you (414)-286-3025 or 1-800-242-8822**
- * **Email us WTBBL@milwaukee.gov**
- * **Send us the order form that comes with each Talking Book Topics Catalogue (the NLS catalogue comes out every two months with the newest books only; we have many more than what is included)**
- * **Mark the number that matches the book that you would like to receive**

How to order books continued...

- * **Order books through the Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)**
<https://webopac.klas.com/wi1aopac/>
- * **You will need to call us to receive your user name and password**
- * **Then you can logon and select the books you would like added to your request list**
- * **The catalogue will allow you to put books on “Rush” if you would like them to be send out as soon as possible**

THE BASIC DIGITAL PLAYER





How long can I keep it?

- * **Books can be checked out for two months and renewed one time for a total of four months**
- * **There are no overdue charges for late or lost books, although patron do receive reminder letters when they have kept their books for too long**
- * **Weekly magazines on cartridges are checked out for 3 weeks and cannot be renewed**
- * **Monthly magazines are checked out for 7 weeks**
- * **3 Audio described DVD may be checked out one time for a month and cannot be renewed**
- * **Machines can be kept for the duration of service**

How do I send it back?

- * **All material is sent via the USPS at no cost to the patron**
- * **When mailing books back, the card on the outside of the cartridge is flipped over and placed in the mailbox (WTBBL address facing out)**
- * **Order forms may be placed in unsealed envelopes with the words 'FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND OR HANDICAPPED' in the place of a stamp**

More Information

- * **Additional materials that can also be ordered on the standard application:**
 - * **Headphones**
 - * **flash drive adaptor**
 - * **pillow speaker**

- * **Special Players: breath switch controlled player; Extra loud player for those with hearing loss (both must be applied for separately)**

What if I move to Florida?

- * If a patron moves out of state, they may transfer their talking book account to their new state (there is a talking book library in every state)**
- * The patron just needs to call us with their new address and to tell us which state to transfer their account too**
- * They may take their player with them or return it, depending on their preference**

BARD

- * **BARD (Braille Audio Reading Download) is an online service that patron may also sign up for**
- * **To sign up you must have an email and create a password**
- * **Patrons can download digital talking books directly to their tablets, smartphones or flash drives to listen to books**
- * **Most books are available (such as new and popular titles that have just been added to the collection) to download for immediate reading through BARD**
- * **<https://nlsbard.loc.gov/>**

BARD Mobile App



- Audio books 3 items >
- Audio magazines 0 items >
- Braille books 0 items >
- Braille magazines 0 items >
- Help 1 item >

Wish list >

Recently added to BARD >

Previous downloads >

Most popular books >

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BARD main page

Recently added books and magazines - a list of books and magazines added in the last thirty days.

Most popular books - a list of the most downloaded books in the last thirty days.

FIND BOOKS

Search the collection:

Go

Enter any search terms and then select the

Magazines on Digital Cartridge

- * **WTBBL offers a variety of magazine subscriptions, available on Digital Cartridges, for Download (on BARD) and in Braille (digital and hardcopies)**
- * **These include local magazines like the Milwaukee Magazine and national magazines, such as the Atlantic and People**
- * **If patrons are interested, a list is available for them to choose from**

NFB-Newsline

- * **Audio news service available via phone or web for WTBBL patrons**
- * **Provides access to over 300 local and national current newspapers**
- * **Papers include: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Janesville Gazette, New York Times, the Washington Post and many more**

Additional Services

- * **Braille sports schedules- Milwaukee Brewers, football, basketball**
- * **NFB Newsline**
- * **Currency Reader**
- * **Audio-described DVD's**
- * **Quarterly Newsletter**
- * **Kids and young adult summer reading**
- * **Available speaker for low vision groups for information about the library**