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To start using our services, visit any NYPL location to pick up a talking books application, call us on 212-206-5400 and we'll mail you one, or download the form: nypl.org/talkingbooks

Individuals who have one or more of the following are eligible for membership:

- Low vision or blindness that makes it difficult to read text, even large print
- A physical disability that makes it hard to use a standard book
- A reading disability



The New York Public Library Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library

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MON, WED, FRI, SAT: 10 AM–5 PM
TUES, THURS: 12–7 PM
SUN: Closed

Serving residents of New York City and Long Island, NYPL's Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library is part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. NYPL is a mix of neighborhood libraries and research centers in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island. Learn more about accommodations for people with disabilities at the Library: nypl.org/accessibility



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Reading for Everyone



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Free Books, Workshops & More

The Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library is the only library in New York City created to serve people with print disabilities. We offer indoor and outdoor reading areas, a children's room, assistive technology devices, and more.

Accessible Events

- Storytimes and youth programs
- Accessible exhibitions, cultural programs, art classes, and concerts
- Resource fairs and support groups
- Creative writing workshops, book clubs, and braille study groups

Assistive Technology Coaching

- One-on-one coaching at all levels in English, Spanish, and more
- Classes on better online accessibility, including email, gaming, social media, downloading audiobooks, and more
- Group workshops on topics including screenreaders, using smartphones nonvisually, helpful apps, coding, robotics, and tactile creation

Braille & Talking Books

Our expanding collection includes more than 150,000 narrated talking books for all ages, from bestsellers to classic literature, poetry, and nonfiction, as well as 20,000 braille and digital braille books and magazines.

We also offer:

- Free, easy-to-use talking book players with speed and tone controls
- BARD app: Download e-audiobooks directly to your mobile device
- BARD online: Instant downloads to keep and play on your book player
- Early tactile and braille literacy kits

Easy Borrowing

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More Resources

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- **Newsline:** Listen to local and national newspapers, magazines, and TV listings 24 hours a day by phone or email.
- **Audio magazine subscriptions:** Access more than 60 magazines, including *National Geographic*, *The New Yorker*, and *Seventeen*.
- **Braille on demand:** Request your favorite braille books to keep!

