Free audiobooks for people with reading disabilities

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) at the Library of Congress offers a free library service for individuals who are unable to read or use regular print materials because of a reading disability.

Young people, students, and readers of all ages who have a perceptual or reading disability—like dyslexia—can access services through a network of cooperating libraries across the country. Readers will receive high-quality audiobooks in digital format that can be downloaded to a personal device or sent to their homes free of charge. In addition, some libraries offer additional student resources and children’s programming.

Who is eligible?

Any resident of the United States or US citizen living abroad who is unable to read or use regular print materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual, physical, perceptual, or reading disability.

- Bestsellers, biographies, and classics from Sendak to Shakespeare—for readers from preschool to premed—available in human-narrated audio. Materials from this extensive collection can be downloaded via the BARD app or accessed through playback equipment loaned to patrons.
- Titles in Spanish, French, and other languages
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- Reader advisor services for patrons through local network libraries

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