



Great Lakes Talking Books
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TALKING POINTS

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Our braille and talking book program is a free library service administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), Library of Congress. Our program is part of a nationwide network of cooperating libraries that lend reading materials to residents who are unable to read or use regular print materials because of a visual or physical disability.



Service Area

We serve residents in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Alpena and Crawford County in the Lower Peninsula.

Eligibility

A person is eligible for our program if they:

- are unable to read standard print due low-vision,
- are unable to focus the eyes,
- are unable to hold a book or turn the pages,
- are blind,
- are physically disabled, or
- have a perceptual or reading disability.

Ages Served

We serve residents of all ages; we have books and magazines for Juvenile, Young Adult, and Adult readers.

Cost

The talking book program is free.

Apply for the service today!
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Download and print our application at greatlaketalkingbooks.org

Service Options

Option 1 – Download books using a mobile app (BARD Mobile)

Option 2 – Receive books and listening equipment by postage-free mail.

Languages

We have materials in English, Spanish, and many languages.

Collection

The NLS Catalog contains more than 281,000 books, including 207,000 digital talking (audio) books and more than 74,000 braille books and braille music scores.

Extras

- Music Scores and Books by mail. The NLS music collection (braille, audio, large print) is the largest of its kind in the world, with approximately 25,000 titles.
- Described Videos by mail (Over 1,000 titles available)
- Juvenile Board Books in Braille
- The Digital Talking Book Machine plays MP3's from USB drives.
- Bibles

Referral to Third Party Resources

- Student patrons are connected to textbooks via Learning Ally and Bookshare.
- We connect folks to NFB Newslines, phone access to news, newspapers, international newspapers, weather, tv listings, job postings, and more.

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