



## Application for Free Library Service: Individuals

Please complete this application, then mail or hand deliver to:

**Talking Books and Braille Center**

100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Or email to [TalkingBooks@sfpl.org](mailto:TalkingBooks@sfpl.org). Questions? Call us at (415) 557-4253.

### Please print or type

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative contact if you cannot be reached for an extended period:

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

- Check here if you were honorably discharged from the United States military.  
By law, preference in the lending of books and equipment is given to veterans.  
(Public Law 89-522).

Indicate the primary disability preventing you from reading printed material.

- Blindness                       Physical Disability                       Deaf-Blindness  
 Visual Impairment                       Reading Disability

If you also have a hearing impairment, please indicate the degree of hearing loss:

- Moderate** – Some difficulty hearing and understanding speech  
 **Profound** – Cannot hear or understand speech

**NOTE:** Personal information is confidential except for those portions defined by law as public information. To learn what information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions or agencies, please consult the agency to which you are submitting this application.

## Eligibility of blind and other print-disabled persons for loan of library materials

The following people are eligible for service: residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions and the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad, provided they meet one of the following criteria:

1. An individual who is blind or has a visual impairment that makes them unable to comfortably read print books.
2. An individual who has a perceptual or reading disability.
3. An individual who has a physical disability that makes it hard to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes as needed to read a print book. (For the full eligibility terminology, go to [loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility](http://loc.gov/nls/about/eligibility).)

### Certifying Authority

Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist or professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent or librarian).

### To be completed by Certifying Authority

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that this applicant is eligible for NLS services.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*A typed or handwritten signature is acceptable after certifying data is completed.*

**How did you learn about the NLS free library service?** Check up to three.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Affairs/Defense Health Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Health Care Professional        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Rehabilitation Center      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend/Family                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Library                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Support Group                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Event/Expo                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV Ad                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio Ad                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Ad (specify _____)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/Social Media (specify _____) |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify _____)                 |

**BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download)** is a web-based, password-protected service that provides access to thousands of audio and braille books, magazines and music scores available from NLS. The service is available as an application on a Windows or Mac computer or on an iOS or Android device. The mobile application, known as BARD Mobile, includes built-in playback capability so you can enjoy talking books anytime, anywhere.

**Service delivery for library materials** (Check 1, 2 or Both)

- I have a personal mobile device (iPhone, Android, iPad or Kindle Fire) and Internet or cellular access. I want to download digital talking books and/or eBraille materials to read instantly with the free BARD Mobile application. Please provide your email address for **BARD registration**: \_\_\_\_\_
  - I either do not have a personal mobile device or I have one but prefer not to use it for talking books. I want my library to **send books to my home by USPS.**
- Both**  I have a personal mobile device **and** would like to access the free **BARD** Mobile application, and I would also like **books sent to my home by USPS.**

I would like materials in the following format. (Check all that apply)

- Digital talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive
- Hard copy braille books and magazines
- Music appreciation/braille or large-print scores/instructional talking books and magazines on cartridge/flash drive (the NLS Music program does not provide recorded music for recreational listening.)

## Reading Preferences (Optional):

Complete the following if you want library materials sent by home delivery, USPS Free Matter for the Blind.

**MAIL SERVICE PREFERENCE** Select **one** type of mail service:

- Only send me books I request.** I will send the library book requests from *Talking Book Topics* or other sources.
- In addition to books I request,** please send me books selected from the following **interest categories:**

### FICTION

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mystery                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Black interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cozy mysteries   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General fiction                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Award winner    | <input type="checkbox"/> Occult fiction   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical fiction              | <input type="checkbox"/> Science fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Short stories    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romance                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Western stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Spy stories      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family stories                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairy tales & Folklore          | <input type="checkbox"/> Classics        | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQIA interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Interest Low<br>Vocabulary | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Gothic fiction  |   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspense        |   |

### NON-FICTION

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biography             | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion              | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Humor                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Poetry                | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United States History | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> World History         | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Drink, Cooking        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel & Geography    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage & Screen               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine & Health     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science               | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature & the<br>Environment  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music & Musician      | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening             | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQIA interest             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Animals               | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion: _____<br>(specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black interest        | <input type="checkbox"/> War                   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California History    | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine & Health     |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bestsellers           | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics & Government |   |

**Please list favorite authors:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Interests:** \_\_\_\_\_

## SELECT FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS

### Language(s):

- English                       Spanish                       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reading level:

- Adult                       Young Adult                       Children (specify grade range)
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Format for the TBBC newsletter (choose one):

- Large print                       Audio                       Braille
- Do not send                       Email (provide address)
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Magazines and other services:

- |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NFB-NEWSLINE® service</b><br>(audio versions of newspapers and magazines through a touch-tone telephone or mobile app.)<br><b>Note:</b> Provided by another organization. We can help you apply. | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Talking Book Topics</b> in large print           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DVDs with audio description</b><br>via mail  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Talking Book Topics</b> in audio                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Braille Book Review</b> in braille   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading machines (SARA)                             |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Large magnifier (CCTV)                              |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult braille books from Sacramento                 |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Attending <b>programs</b> hosted by the TBBC        |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer magnification or screen reading technology |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |



- In 2019, the Talking Books & Braille Center was awarded the Subregional Library of the Year by NLS. In 2018, the San Francisco Public Library was named Library of the Year by the American Library Association.
- The San Francisco Public Library system is dedicated to free and equal access to information, knowledge, independent learning and the joys of reading for our diverse community. Please call us at (415) 557-4253 and let us know how to we can help you.

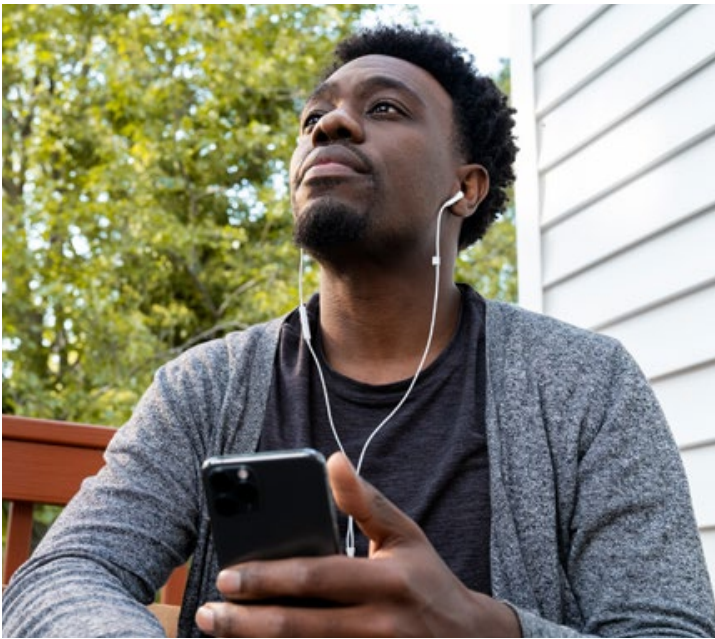


NLS narrator Chuck Young records a book in the NLS studio, 2018.



NLS narrator Laura Giannarelli records a book in the NLS studio, 2020.





### FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Talking Books and Braille Center

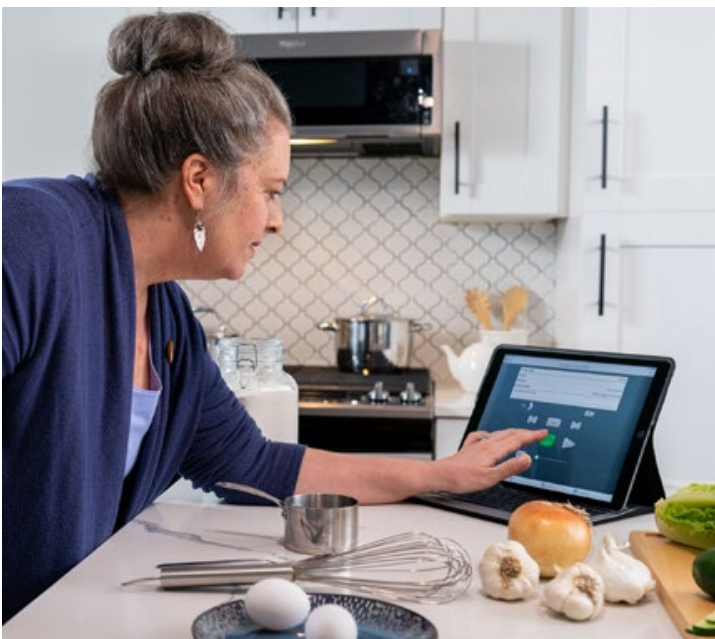
[sfpl.org/talking-books](https://sfpl.org/talking-books)

Our online catalog

[sfplbbc.klas.com](https://sfplbbc.klas.com)

San Francisco Public Library's eResources

[sfpl.org/books-and-media/ebook-collections](https://sfpl.org/books-and-media/ebook-collections)





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