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## Adult Reading Programs

Hundreds of talking book patrons take advantage of adult reading programs provided by the Illinois Network of Talking Book and Braille Libraries. Last year, approximately 750 patrons throughout Illinois took part in the adult summer and winter reading programs. Participants have made many positive comments about the programs, calling them “a delightful experience,” “a wonderful idea” and “a fun contest!”

Each program centers on a specific theme, and members make selections from an extensive reading list supporting the program’s theme. Popular themes have included: *Reading is Art-Rageous: Exploring the world of art*; *Read Green, Live Green: Celebrating and protecting our natural environment*; and *Laugh Out Loud at Your Library: Discovering the joy of laughter through reading*.

Contact your local Talking Book Center to take part in the next adult reading program.

The TBBS newsletter is available in braille, in large print, on cassette or via e-mail by calling 800-665-5576, opt. 5, or e-mailing [isltbbs@ilsos.net](mailto:isltbbs@ilsos.net). The newsletter also is available at [www.ilbph.org](http://www.ilbph.org) (click TBBS NewsLink).



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The announcement of products and services in this newsletter should not be considered an endorsement or recommendation by the Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service. Products and services are listed free of charge for the benefit of our readers. TBBS is not responsible for the reliability of products or services mentioned in the newsletter.

## TBBS Advisory Committee

The Talking Book and Braille Advisory Committee assists the Illinois State Library in the improvement of library services offered through TBBS. The committee meets quarterly by conference call. Committee members serve three-year terms and represent all regions of the state as well as the ages, interests and concerns of TBBS users. Three positions are currently open for service terms that begin January 2012. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please call Camille Caffarelli at 815-444-8830.

## Audio Bibles for talking book machine

Audio Bibles for the Blind provides free audio Bibles in formats compatible with National Library Service digital talking book machines. The complete King James, New King James and International Children's Bibles are available as well as selected scripture readings and sermons, some in foreign languages.

Your Talking Book Center can submit an application to Audio Bibles for the Blind on your behalf. The application must include your name, mailing address, e-mail address (if you plan to download a bible) and the nature of your print impairment. You must designate which version of the Bible you want and the model of talking book machine you have — standard-DS1 or advanced-DA1. An audio Bible may be requested in the following formats:

- On a USB flash drive. **Because of limited resources, USBs are not always available and you may have to wait.**
- On a MP3/CD, which may be copied to your computer, a 2GB USB flash drive or a 2GB blank NLS cartridge.
- On a cassette if you still use the NLS cassette book machine.
- Downloaded on your computer. Audio Bibles will setup your account and e-mail instructions.
- Mail a blank 2GB USB flash drive or 2GB blank cartridge "Free Matter for the Blind" to: Audio Bibles for the Blind, P.O. Box 621, Bradenton, FL 34206. Be sure to include your return address and which model of digital player you have.

## BARD Talk Web site

BARD Talk at [www.bardtalk.com](http://www.bardtalk.com) is dedicated to assisting patrons of the National Library Service with the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) program. The Web site contains an extensive list of frequently asked questions about how to use BARD, the digital talking book machine and its accessories. The FAQs also cover how to use Learning Ally (formerly Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic) and MP3 materials with the digital machine. Some very informative tutorials with step-by-step instructions also are included.

## **Address changes**

Avoid glitches in receiving books and materials by contacting your Talking Book Center to update your permanent address. Also contact your library if you need to add an alternate address to your record. Your books can be sent to this temporary address when you are away from your primary residence for a few months, either at a second home, on vacation, visiting relatives or attending school. Just tell your library the dates you will be gone and when to switch your service back to your permanent address.

## **Help promote TBBS**

The Illinois Network of Talking Book and Braille Libraries currently serves more than 28,000 people with print disabilities. More than 150,000 additional individuals and institutions are eligible for the service but do not know about it. TBBS libraries serve anyone who is blind or visually impaired, who has a physical condition that makes it difficult to hold a book or turn pages, or who has a medically diagnosed reading disability such as dyslexia.

Please tell your friends, family members, neighbors and health-care providers about how much you appreciate your TBBS library. Applications for the program may be obtained from your Talking Book Center or downloaded from the TBBS Web site at [www.ilbph.org](http://www.ilbph.org).

Thanks for helping promote the Talking Book and Braille Service, and enabling those who cannot use regular print reconnect with the joy of reading.

## **Institutions can register for BARD**

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) service is now available for TBBS institutional accounts. This is welcome news for nursing homes, hospitals, rehabilitation agencies, public libraries, schools, disability centers and other institutions wanting to assist eligible clients and patrons in downloading talking books. National Library Service regulations must be followed by all institutions using BARD.

BARD access will be granted to public libraries as demonstration-only accounts. Public librarians may help eligible individuals or family members learn to use BARD with the demonstration account. Eligible individuals may sign up for BARD directly and use public libraries as their e-mail and download access source, but they must be served through an individual account, not an organizational account.

For more information, please call your Talking Book Center.

**TBBS Snapshot:  
Top 10 Authors for FY 2011**

1. Nora Roberts
2. James Patterson
3. Danielle Steel
4. William W. Johnstone
5. Debbie Macomber
6. Fern Michaels
7. Louis L'Amour
8. Lauraine Snelling
9. Linda Lael Miller
10. Max Brand

**Toll-Free Numbers**

Illinois State Library  
Talking Book and Braille Service  
800-665-5576, opt. 5

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Chicago Public Library  
Talking Book Center  
800-757-4654

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Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center  
800-426-0709

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Voices of Vision Talking Book Center  
800-227-0625

In conjunction with the Illinois State Library and local Talking Book Centers, TBBS provides a full range of library services specializing in braille and Talking Books. The goal of TBBS is to enrich the quality of life for all residents of Illinois who are eligible for the program. To submit an idea or article TBBS NewsLink, please call 800-665-5576, opt. 5, or e-mail [dhurley@ilsos.net](mailto:dhurley@ilsos.net).

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