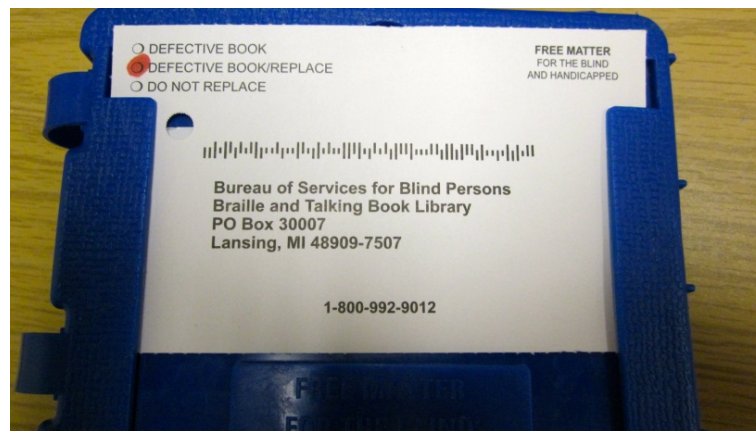


BRAILLE AND TALKING BOOK LIBRARY

Overview of BTBL Services and
What Public Libraries Can Do

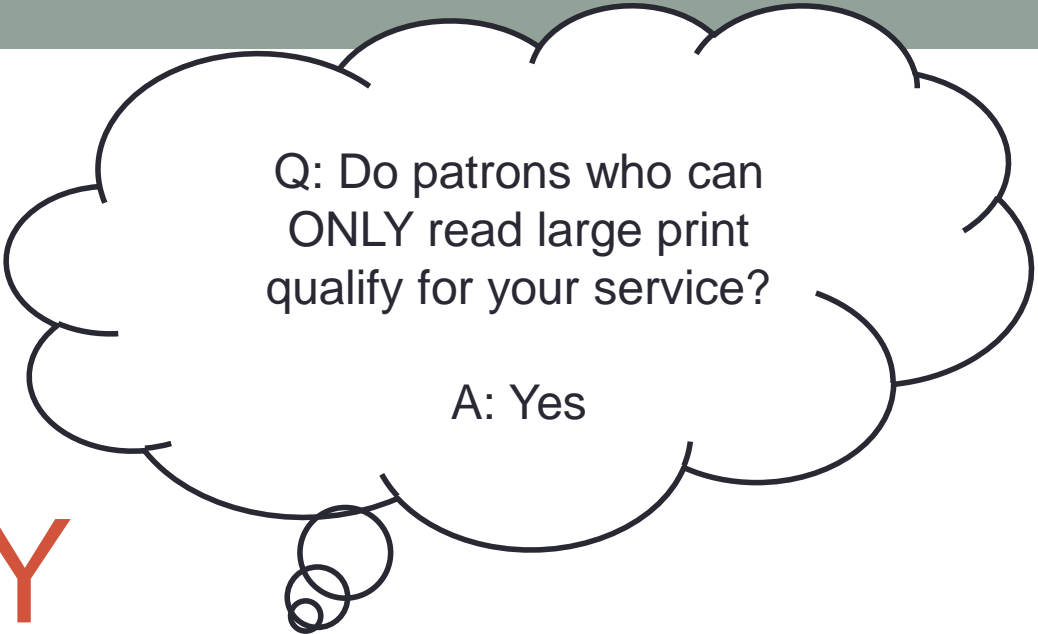
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BASIC OVERVIEW

- We serve people who are unable to use standard print material due to visual, physical, or reading disability
- We provide equipment, talking books, and braille books from the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
- The service is free to those who qualify and materials ship via USPS Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

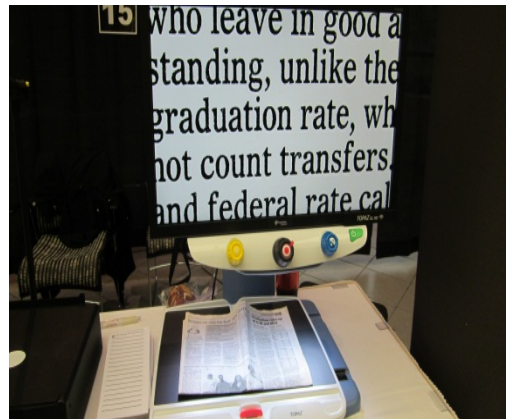


Q: Do patrons who can ONLY read large print qualify for your service?

A: Yes

ELIGIBILITY

- **Blind:** Visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses or the widest diameter of visual field subtending an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- **Visual Disability:** Unable to read standard printed materials without special aids other than regular glasses.
- **Physical Disability:** Unable to hold a book or turn the pages as a result of weakened muscle or nerve control due to strokes, arthritis, multiple sclerosis, polio, or other physical conditions that impair the use of arms or hands.
- **Deaf-Blind:** Severe auditory impairment in combination with legal blindness.
- **Reading Disability:** Organic dysfunction, such as dyslexia, of sufficient severity to prevent reading. **Doctor of medicine or osteopathy (MD or DO) must certify.**



SERVICES OFFERED

All locations offer the basic NLS provided materials:

- Braille and Digital Talking Books
- Magazines (both formats)
- Print-Braille (books with both print and braille text)

Select locations may also offer additional services:

- Described videos
- Adaptive technology centers: Jaws, ZoomText, refreshable braille display, brailers, CCTV, etc.
- Local programming: Book clubs and special interest groups
- Local recording studio (Lansing)

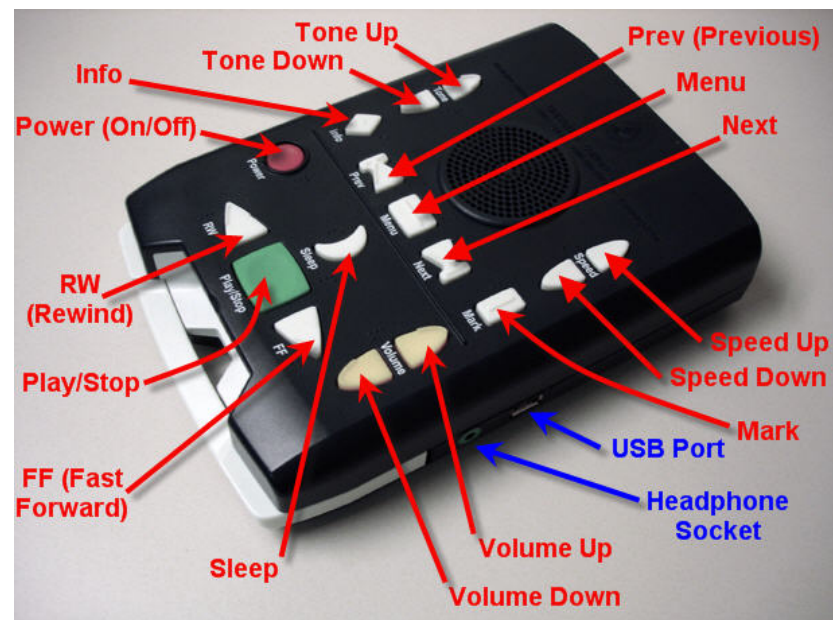
Digital Talking Book Machine

DTB Player Features:

- Rechargeable battery and electrical cord
- Easy to use tactile buttons with braille
- Variable speed and tone controls
- Advanced player includes bookmarking and additional navigation

Accessories Available:

- Headphones
- Amplifier for hearing-impaired
- Pillow speaker
- USB adaptor



WEBSITE, APPLICATION, & OPAC

<http://www.michigan.gov/btbl>

BTBL Application (1st link)

(Note: Subregionals have their own applications with slight differences.)

BTBL Online Catalog (3rd link) also:

<http://michigan.gov/ordertalkingbooks/>



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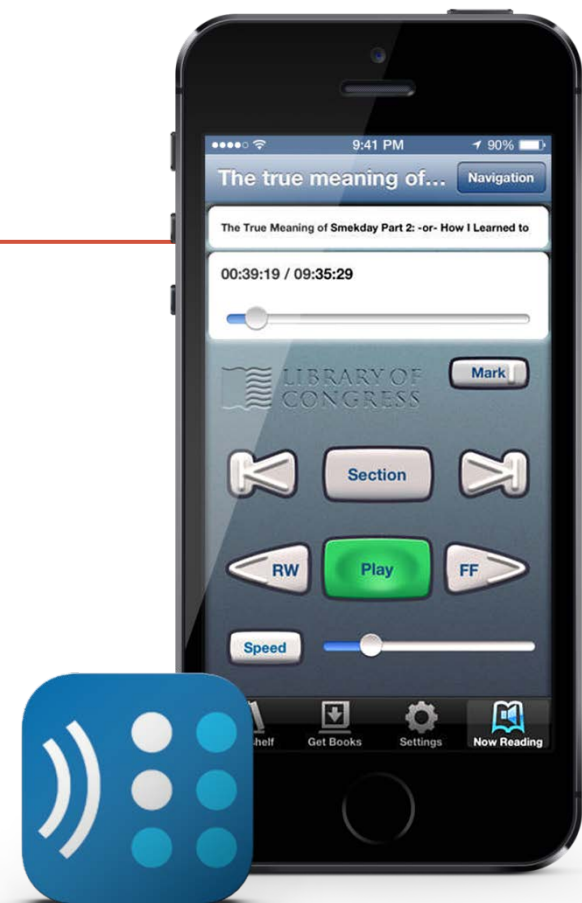
- BSBP Braille and Talking Book Library**
- For Information
Call Toll-free
1-800-992-9012
Lansing Area Residents
Call: 517-373-5614
- 702 W. Kalamazoo Street
P.O. Box 30007
Lansing, MI 48909
- Visit us at: www.michigan.gov/btbl
- Application for Free Library Service**
- Audio books and Braille books are available to those who are unable to read standard printed materials as a result of blindness, visual disability,



BARD

Braille & Audio Reading Download

- <http://www.loc.gov/nls/bardnls>
- 52,000+ digital talking books, refreshable braille, and magazines
- Download from Internet to a flash drive
- Free BARD Mobile app works on all iPads, iPhones (3GS and later), and iPod touch (versions 4 and 5).



Public Libraries: What You Can Do

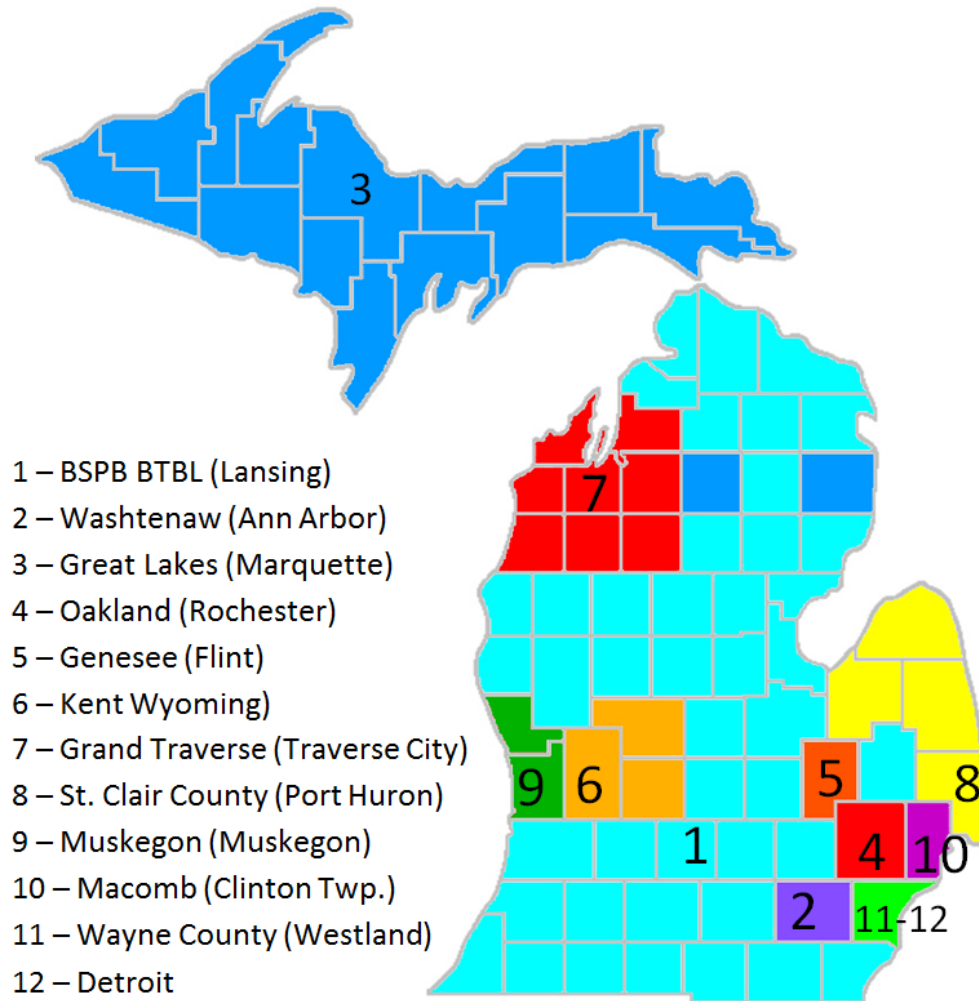
What is a Demo Site?

- Identify potential BTBL patrons
- Educate patrons about our free service
- Demonstrate the talking book player
- Assist patrons with application
- Librarians can sign as Certifying Authority

We provide:

- Posters, brochures, and display materials
- Patron applications
- Digital machine and digital talking book
- BARD access (limited)
- Additional training available

Regional/Subregional Libraries & Advisory Outreach Centers (AOCs)



Questions?

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