

# North Dakota State Library Talking Books Department

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Let's get started by accessing the Talking Books Department page on the State Library 's Website

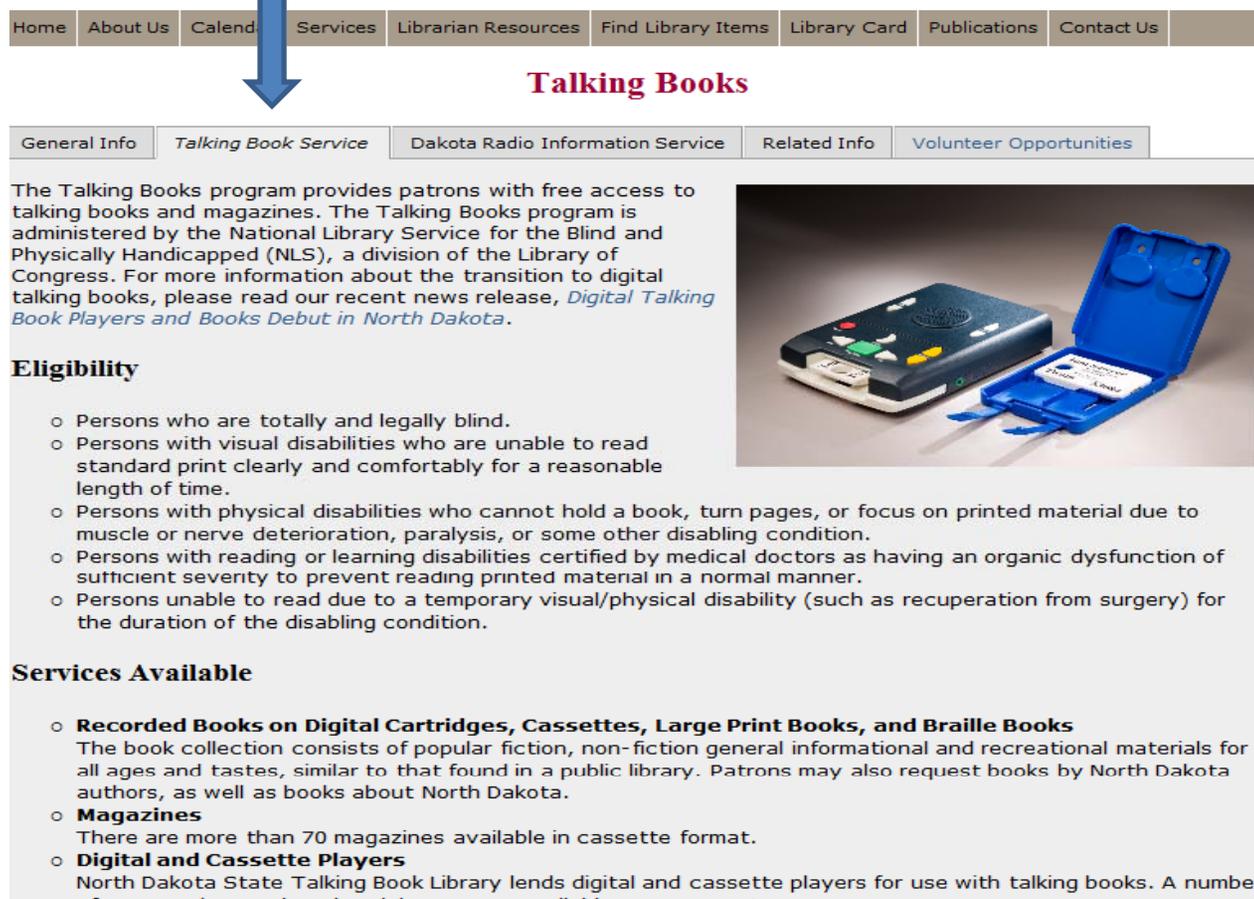
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Go to the North Dakota State Library website, click on “Services” and access the Talking Books section.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the North Dakota State Library website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://library.nd.gov/>. The website header includes the text "North Dakota nd.gov Official Portal for North Dakota State Government" and "North Dakota LIBRARY". The main navigation menu is visible, with "Services" and "Talking Books" highlighted. A blue arrow points to the "Services" menu item, and another blue arrow points to the "Talking Books" menu item. The "Talking Books" menu item is currently selected, and its sub-menu is visible, listing various services: Cataloging, Field Services, Government Documents, Grants, Interlibrary Loan, Public Services, State Library Collections, Summer Reading Programs, Talking Books, and Training. The "Talking Books" sub-menu item is highlighted with a blue background. The website also features a search bar, a "What's New" section, and a "Follow Us on Twitter" section.

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## Talking Books

General Info **Talking Book Service** Dakota Radio Information Service Related Info Volunteer Opportunities

The Talking Books program provides patrons with free access to talking books and magazines. The Talking Books program is administered by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress. For more information about the transition to digital talking books, please read our recent news release, [Digital Talking Book Players and Books Debut in North Dakota](#).



### Eligibility

- Persons who are totally and legally blind.
- Persons with visual disabilities who are unable to read standard print clearly and comfortably for a reasonable length of time.
- Persons with physical disabilities who cannot hold a book, turn pages, or focus on printed material due to muscle or nerve deterioration, paralysis, or some other disabling condition.
- Persons with reading or learning disabilities certified by medical doctors as having an organic dysfunction of sufficient severity to prevent reading printed material in a normal manner.
- Persons unable to read due to a temporary visual/physical disability (such as recuperation from surgery) for the duration of the disabling condition.

### Services Available

- **Recorded Books on Digital Cartridges, Cassettes, Large Print Books, and Braille Books**  
The book collection consists of popular fiction, non-fiction general informational and recreational materials for all ages and tastes, similar to that found in a public library. Patrons may also request books by North Dakota authors, as well as books about North Dakota.
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- **Digital and Cassette Players**  
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- **Free mailing**  
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#### Current users

Please log in

E-mail Address:

Password:

Login

Log onto BARD's main page using your e-mail address and password. If this is your first time logging into BARD, you will need to change the temporary password provided to you by the NLS to a personal password.

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