

Talking Book Services

The North Dakota Talking Books service provides eligible North Dakotans with free access to talking books, magazines, Braille books, and the accompanying equipment. North Dakota Talking Book Service has a wide array of genres, numerous magazine titles, and a large collection of North Dakota-related items. There's something for everyone!

The Talking Books staff strives to provide personalized customer service to all patrons. Using flexible loan options and reader advisory skills to match patron likes and dislikes with the items they receive, the Talking Books staff can meet the demands of every reader.

Connect with us!



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Visiting the Library

Liberty Memorial Building
604 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

More Information

www.library.nd.gov

Information Services

701-328-4622
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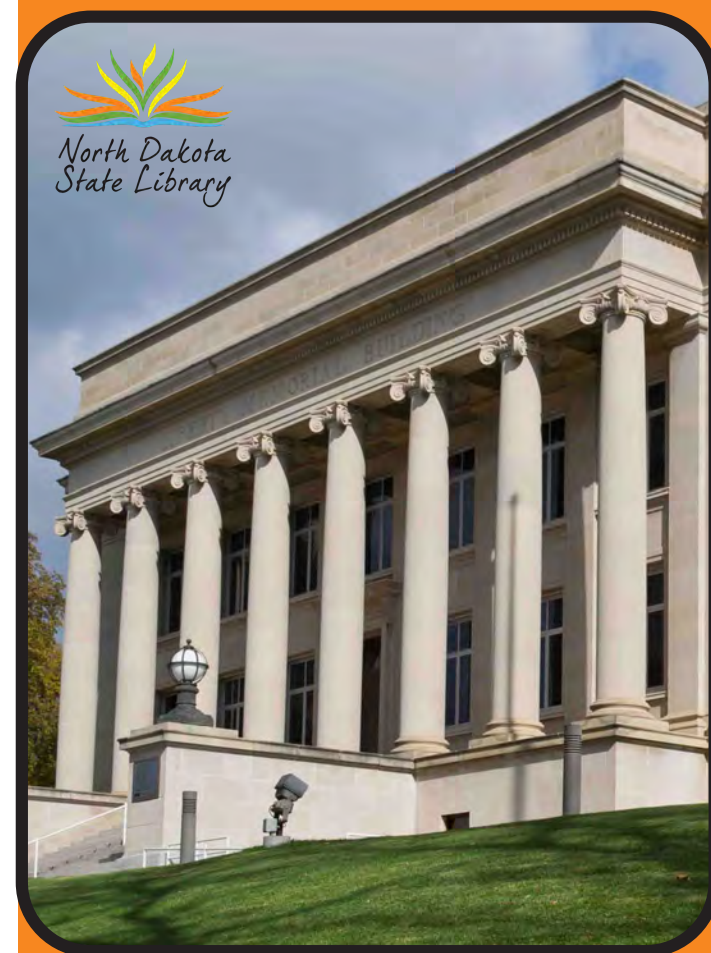
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If you would like to apply for the Talking Book program, please complete and print the Talking Book Service Application form found at <http://library.nd.gov/talkingbooks.html>.

Discovery Newsletter

The North Dakota Talking Book service publishes a newsletter for Talking Book patrons and others who want to know what's happening in the department. The *Discovery* newsletter is available in print and digital form. If you are interested in receiving this newsletter, please contact the Talking Book Dept. at tbooks@nd.gov or 1-800-472-2104.

Testimonials

"You make my life so much more liveable." - Patron.

"My talking books help get me through all the cold winter days." - Patron.

"Life would be less bright without the talking books. I am grateful." - Patron.

"These are indeed a great blessing to me!" - Patron

Eligibility

- Persons who are totally or 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.
- Eligibility must be certified by one of the following: doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, a social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian).
- Persons unable to read due to a temporary visual/physical disability (such as recuperation from surgery) for the duration of the disabling condition.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is there a charge?

These services are provided at no charge by the North Dakota State Library and the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled.

Will I have to pay for postage?

All materials, including players, talking books, and accessories are mailed to you at no charge. You may also return all materials at no charge via the United States Postal Service "Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped" privilege.

Are downloadable books available?

Yes. ND Talking Books and the National Library Service offer a service that allows patrons to download books to a computer, where they may be transferred to a cartridge or USB media and played on digital talking book players. Digital books or audio books are also available through the BARD Mobile App, which can be found in your device's app store.