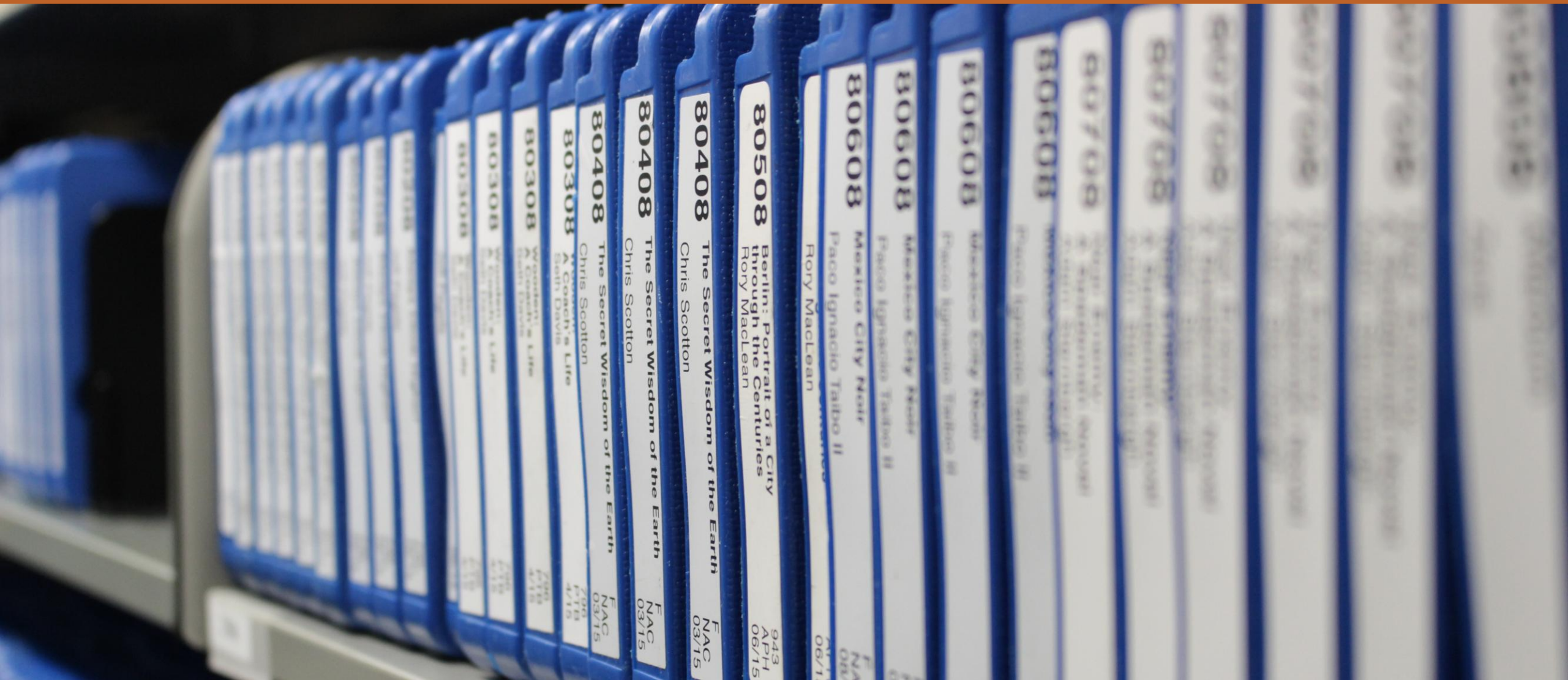




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Talking Book and Braille Library





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Reading in the Dark

*De-mystifying Oregon's free
library for the print disabled.*



First, a couple of questions...

1. Does your library have outreach services to homebound patrons?
2. How many patrons in outreach/homebound can you serve at one time?
3. How many of these patrons do you serve per day?
4. How many materials do you loan to outreach/homebound each day?
5. Do you hand select materials or does your ILS do it automatically?



Talking Books: Who We Are

- **Free** audio and Braille book library service for any and all print-disabled residents of the state of Oregon.
- Part of a **nation-wide network of libraries** partnering with the National Library Service, a division of the Library of Congress.
- This library has been in Oregon since 1932, and **at the State Library since 1969**.



Who We Serve (5,200/1,000 per day)

- **Print-Disabled**

- People who cannot read standard-sized print (read 12pt font) for long periods of time comfortably.
 - Legally Blind
 - Visually Impaired
 - Physically Handicapped
 - Reading Disabled

- **Any Age**

- We have users from 1-104.

- **Anywhere in Oregon**

- Portland to Ashland, and Coos Bay to Baker City.



How We Do It (by mail)

- **Free Matter**

- All circulating items can be mailed to our users for free, and our users can mail them back to us for free.
- There is no limit to the number of items we can send Free Matter, so there are no limits to the number of people we can serve and the number of books we can send out.



What We Have

- **Audio**
 - 80,000 titles
 - 60 magazines
- **Braille**
 - 24,000 titles
 - 49 magazines
- **Download on Demand**
 - Audio books, magazines, Braille books
- **Descriptive videos, news by phone, voter's guide**



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Digital Player on Extended Loan





How We Select Books

- **Preferences**

- Our ILS automatically selects books for our users based on their subject and author preferences.
- Users tell us what types of books they like, what they don't like, and how many books they want at one time.

- **Requests**

- Users, family members, care givers, and others can submit requests via phone, mail, email, and through our online catalog.

- **Limits**

- Each user's account has a set number of book slots determined by their reading habits.
- Once all the slots are filled, our ILS will halt shipments of new books until a slot opens up when a book is returned.



Download on Demand

BARD: Braille and Audio ReadinDownload

- Gives users FREE access to download any book or magazine in the collection
- Simultaneous loans
 - every patron could have every book checked out at the same time
- There are no download limits
 - some users really test this...

BARD Mobile

- Android
 - Phones
 - tablets
- Kindle Fire
- iOS
 - iPad
 - iPhone
 - iPod touch





How to Register

- **Fill out an application**
 - We can mail out a copy.
 - You can download and print off a copy from our website.
- **Submit the application**
 - Mail
 - Fax
 - Scan/Email



Application for Library Service

OREGON
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Oregon State Library

APPLICATION FOR FREE LIBRARY AND
NFB-NEWSLINE® SERVICE

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (M.I.) _____

Care Of (If applicable) _____

Street Address _____ Apt/Sp # _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Date of Birth _____ Female _____ Male _____

Alternate Contact (Name/Relation) _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

☐ Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the United States military

How did you hear about Talking Books? _____

What book formats are you interested in? _____ Audio _____ Braille

How would you like to get books?

____ Select books for me based on my reading preferences marked on page 2.

____ Only send me the specific titles I ask for (skip to page 3).

____ I will download the books I want; no books through the mail (skip to page 3).

____ I only want NFB-Newsline®; no books.

Please submit your completed application by mail, fax, or scan/email

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Certification of Eligibility Page 4

Please have a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, nurse, care giver, therapist, librarian, teacher, activity director, or other professional staff of a hospital, care facility, or social welfare agency sign at the bottom of this page to certify your eligibility (see #5: Reading Disability for exception). Qualified library users must be residents of the United States or United States citizens living abroad.

____ 1. **Legally Blind**—persons whose visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting glasses, or whose widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.

____ 2. **Visually Disabled**—persons who need aids other than regular glasses for reading standard printed materials. Common examples include (but are not limited to): macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic retinopathy, etc.

____ 3. **Physically Disabled**—persons unable to read or unable to use standard printed material as a result of physical limitations. Common examples include (but are not limited to): multiple sclerosis, stroke, Parkinson's, paraplegia, etc.

____ 4. **Deaf-Blindness**

____ 5. **Reading Disabled**—persons having a reading disability (i.e. neurological dyslexia) resulting from an organic dysfunction and of sufficient severity to prevent them from reading printed matter in a normal manner. **Please Note: in category 5 only - Reading Disabled - eligibility must be certified by a doctor of medicine (MD) or osteopathy (DO).**

NOTE: Section below to be completed by certifying authority. Family member or self-certification NOT accepted

I certify that the applicant is unable to read or use standard printed material for the reason indicated above.

Certifier's Printed Name and Title/Occupation

Certifier's Signature

Telephone

Street

City

State

ZIP



Points to Remember

- Talking Books is **not just** for totally blind people.
- It really is **free**. No joke. No catch. No risk.
- **80,000** audio titles, with new titles being added every month.
- Every audio book can be **downloaded** via BARD or BARD Mobile.



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