

Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service overview

Contact info:

In Lincoln, call 402-471-4038.

Outside Lancaster County, call 800-742-7691

Web site: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/tbbs/>

Contact us for information, application forms to use the service, or any questions you might have.

Background

The Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service began in 1952. It is part of a nationwide network of cooperating libraries headed by the National Library Service (NLS), a division of the Library of Congress. The National Library Service was established in 1931 when the Pratt-Smoot Act became law. Initially the program was intended only for blind adults. The service was opened to blind children in 1952. Eventually, it was recognized that blindness is only one of many disabilities that impair the ability to read regular or standard print materials, and in 1966 the program was expanded to accommodate persons with other physical disabilities.

Who Qualifies for Talking Book and Braille Service?

Any resident of Nebraska who cannot see to read regular print or hold a book or turn its pages qualifies for Talking Book and Braille Services.

Readers Are Eligible for Talking Book and Braille Service If:

They cannot see well enough to read regular or standard print;

They cannot hold a book or turn pages;

They cannot handle books or see to read due to medication or while recovering from an accident or surgery;

They cannot read print due to a reading disability.

Books, magazines, and playback equipment are sent to patrons free of charge by mail as Free Matter for the Blind.