

“That ALL May Read”

For children and adults who cannot read standard print due to:

- Legal Blindness
- Visual Disability
- Physical Disability
- Learning Disability*

**Due to organic dysfunction*

TBC provides free access to:

- Audio books
- Downloadable books
- Large Print books
- Braille books

Established in 1972, the TBC is a joint effort of the Alaska State Library & the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

CONTACT US!

We are open for calls and email Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

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Serving Alaskans who cannot read standard print

How do I start service?

1. Get an application.
Application forms are available on our website or can be sent to you in the mail.
2. Fill out your application and make sure that your health care provider has signed it to certify your eligibility.
3. Send your application (by mail, fax, email) to TBC to be processed.
4. The TBC will process your application. You will receive a talking book player and books (based on your reading preferences) in the mail.

How does service work?

- Once your application is processed you will begin to receive books.
- When you finish reading a book, you can mail it back to TBC with the self-addressed mailing card. There is never any postage due for mailing talking books.
- Books are on loan for one month. There are never any fines for overdue books.
- When your books are returned to TBC, staff select and mail the same number of books to your home.

How do I choose books?

- Call or email TBC staff to request a specific book or author
- You will receive a large print catalog in the mail called *Talking Book Topics*. This has a listing of all the newest books available.
- The National Library Service has an online catalog — <http://nlscatalog.loc.gov>.
- Download books on your computer. **BARD** (Braille & Audio Reading Downloads) allows you to choose from thousands of books and magazines to download at any time.

