

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Christie Briggs, Supervisor, Montana Talking Book Library
Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

Date: May 19, 2011

Re: Draft BARD Institution Policy

The Commission is asked to review the following State Library policy. Action will be requested at the August Commission meeting.

Montana Talking Book Library(MTBL) BARD Policy - Review

The Montana Talking Book Library, in conjunction with the National Library Service (NLS), now provides a Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) website that enables eligible readers to download any of the thousands of titles recorded by NLS for its readership. MTBL can now provide BARD to institutions meeting eligibility requirements. NLS requires that MTBL have a policy to provide for eligibility criteria for institutions who wish to use the BARD service. Please let us know if you have any questions.