

MSL Learn Webinar Series - August 29, 2023

Montana State Library Talking Books

Free service for Montana residents who are unable to use standard print materials due to visual, physical, and/or reading disabilities







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National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Eligibility

Blindness

(20/200 or less in better eye with correcting glasses)

<u>Low Vision</u> (cannot read standard print with correcting glasses)

<u>Physical</u> <u>Disability</u>

(cannot read or use standard print due to a physical limitation)

Reading Disability

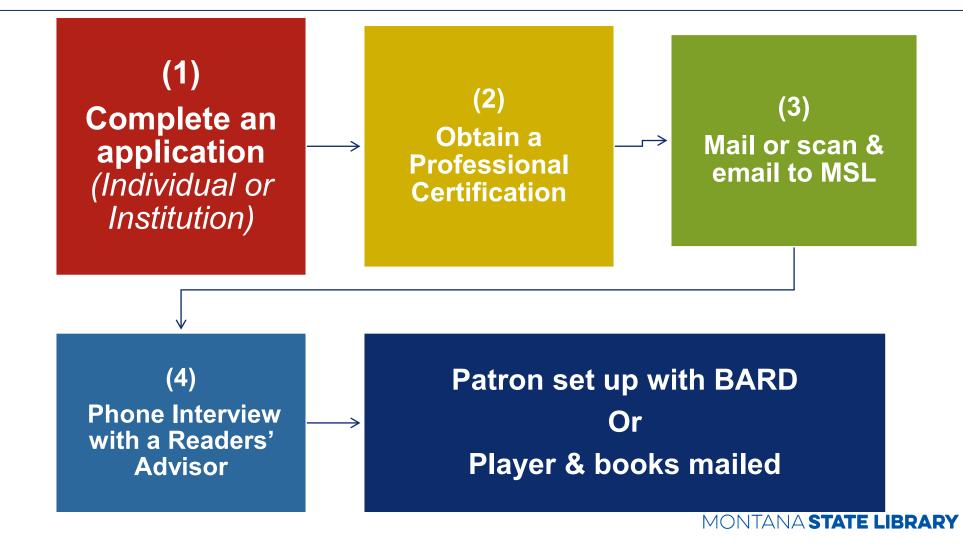
(cannot read standard print due to an organic dysfunction)

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Certifying Authority

- Eligibility must be certified by one of the following:
 - doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, ophthalmologist, optometrist, psychologist, registered nurse, therapist, or professional staff of hospitals, institutions
 - staff of public or welfare agencies (such as an educator, social worker, case worker, counselor, rehabilitation teacher, certified reading specialist, school psychologist, superintendent, or librarian)

Signing up with Montana Talking Books



Delivery of Materials

- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)
 - App for mobile device
 - Provides instant access to thousands of titles
 - Audio and braille books, magazines, music scores

Books through USPS

- Digital talking books on cartridge
- Playback equipment
- Hardcopy braille books and magazines

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Public Library Accounts

- BARD demonstration-only
 - -Access to entire BARD catalog
 - Download only non-copyrighted titles
- Fill out and submit Institution application
- Patrons may use libraries as email and download access source

A Few More Things

- Free Matter for the Blind
- Refreshable Braille e-reader
- NFB-Newsline
- Marrakesh treaty
- Recording Studio
 - Thunderous recording

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Talking Book Player and Book Cartridge



Thank you!

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