

Adaptive Technology

The Braille and Talking Book Library offers devices such as reading machines, closed-circuit televisions (CCTVs), and speech output technologies for use in the library.



For more information

Braille and Talking Book Library
PO Box 30007
702 W Kalamazoo St
Lansing, MI 48909-7507

btbl@michigan.gov
www.michigan.gov/btbl
1-800-992-9012

Open for calls:
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Open for walk-in service:
Monday through Friday
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The library is closed on all
recognized state holidays.

The Braille and Talking Book
Library is part of the Bureau of
Services for Blind Persons
under the Michigan Department
of Licensing and Regulatory
Affairs.



That All May Read

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The Michigan BTBL provides free library service to Michigan residents that are unable to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability. Special format audio books and braille materials are mailed to eligible patrons free of charge.

Who is eligible?

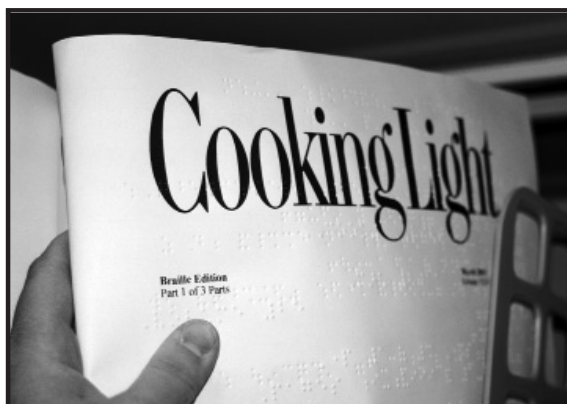
Michigan residents who cannot read standard print due to:

- Legal blindness or a visual impairment
- A physical impairment which impedes holding a book or turning pages
- A physically based reading disability.

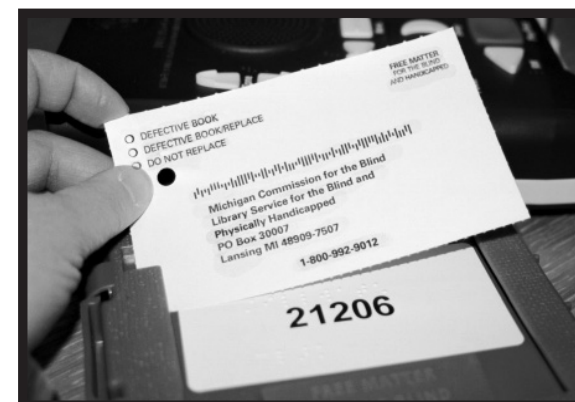
Schools with eligible students and institutions with eligible clients or residents may use the library's service.

Who is eligible?

A wide variety of books and magazines in audio or braille format are available. Popular fiction and non-fiction materials are available including best sellers, mysteries, how-to books and other types of materials found in a public library. Braille books are also available, including print braille books. BTBL also carries talking book versions of magazines and foreign language materials.



How does it work?



A specialized digital player is issued for use as long as it's needed. Talking books are sent to patrons in plastic mailing containers with a reversible address card that slides out. Patrons simply flip the card over to return the talking book to the library free of charge.

Patrons can also choose to download books from the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) website. Simply download the book to a computer, save it to a USB thumb drive then listen to it on the provided player.