

TALKING BOOK SERVICES MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION

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Who can use
Talking Books?

Who Do We Serve?



- Blind
- Blind-Deaf
- Visually Impaired
- Physically Impaired
- Print Disability
- Organic Reading Disability

What are
Talking Books?



Talking Book Services



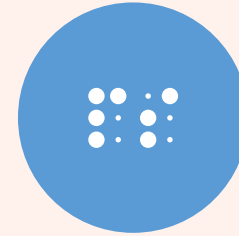
DIGITAL AUDIO
BOOKS



DOWNLOADABLE
BOOKS (BARD)



LARGE PRINT
DIRECT



BRAILLE BOOKS
AND MAGAZINES



SENSORY STORY
KITS

TBS Equipment



Free Matter for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

- From the United States Postal Services web site:
- Q: Who is eligible to mail items free of postage due to a physical impairment?
- A: Persons who are blind or who cannot read or use conventionally printed matter due to a physical impairment...as follows:
- **Certified participants in the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.**
- Blind persons that fit one of the following criteria:
 - Visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or
 - Widest diameter of visual field subtends angular distance no greater than 20 degrees.
- Other persons with physical impairments certified by a competent authority as meeting one or more of the following conditions:
 - Having a visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, that prevents the reading of standard printed material.
 - Being unable to read or to use standard printed material because of physical limitations.
 - Having a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction that is severe enough to prevent their reading printed material in a normal manner.
 - Meeting the requirements of eligibility resulting from a degenerative, variable disease that renders them unable to read or use conventional printed material because of impaired eyesight or other physical factors. These persons are eligible during the time in which they are certified by a competent authority as unable to read or use conventional materials.
- Persons must be:
 - Residents of the United States, including its territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, or
 - American citizens domiciled abroad.

Outreach for Adults

- Available for presentations for Rotary, Lion's, and other service clubs
- Outreach elsewhere (health fairs, library staff training days, other conferences)



Outreach for Children

- Schools
 - Available for school outreach
 - Can demonstrate braille books and alphabet
 - Demonstrate audiobooks and special player
- Public Libraries
 - Summer Reading Program



Books for All Ages

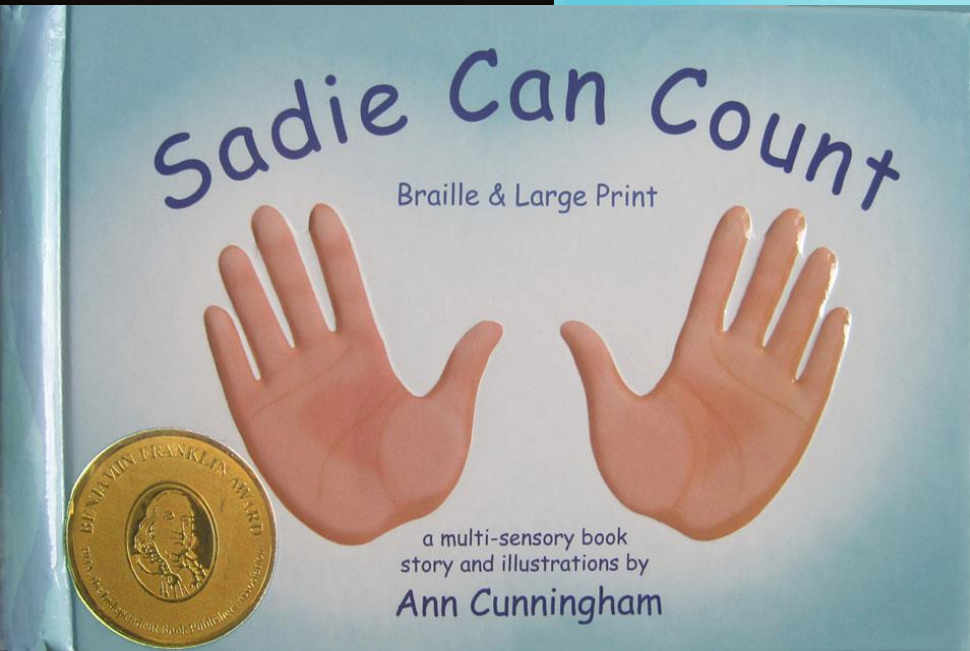
- Popular Series
- Fiction and Non-fiction
- Entire Series available on one cartridge



Children's Books



- MLC has a small children's print collection along with twin vision books
- Digital books from easy reader's to young adult
- Braille children's books available



Sensory Story Kits



- Available for checkout
- Includes:
 - Books with braille and print
 - Tactile materials
- Contact for checkout:
 - Kristen Hillman
 - (601) 432-4128
 - khillman@mlc.lib.ms.us

Project Ideas



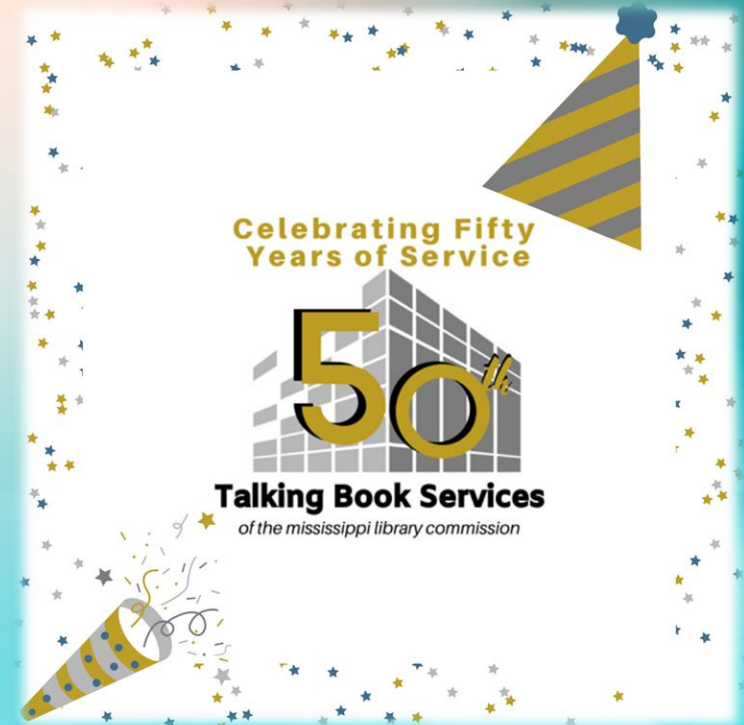
- Create a display of Talking Book Services/demo
- Have me come speak for a program to patrons
- Outreach to nursing homes in your area

TBS 50th Anniversary!!

July 15, 2020 marked 50 years of service in Mississippi!

YouTube videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8sB6QnbbTYW8eNCV75sbkbEOT0PlbHBj>



Any Questions?



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