

## About Us

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Talking Books Library, (TBL) is administered by the Rhode Island Office of Library & Information Services. TBL is a regional network library, part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, a program sponsored by the Library of Congress, which provides free recorded books and equipment to eligible individuals.

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web site:  
[www.olis.ri.gov/tbl](http://www.olis.ri.gov/tbl)**

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## RI Talking Books Library

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8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
Monday - Friday



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## ORGANIZATION

Talking Books Library is the Rhode Island Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and functions as a free public library for Rhode Island residents who are unable to read standard print materials. Talking Books Library lends reading materials in audio format and provides specially-designed equipment that ships **free of charge** through the U.S. Postal Service.

Contact Talking Books Library staff

Monday through Friday  
8:30 am to 4:00 pm  
or leave a message during  
non-business hours.

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## ELIGIBILITY

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Any person who is unable to read or use standard print material because of a temporary or permanent visual impairment or a physical disability is eligible to use Talking Books. The application form must be signed by a certifying authority to document that you qualify for services. You must live in the United States or be an American citizen living abroad. Call Talking Books Library for complete eligibility requirements, or visit us online at [www.olis.ri.gov/tbl](http://www.olis.ri.gov/tbl)

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