

Parkersburg and Wood County Library Closings for 2023

New Years 2023	December 30 th — January 2 nd
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2023	January 16 th
President’s Day 2023	February 20 th
Easter Weekend 2023	April 7 th — April 9 th
Memorial Day 2023	May 29 th
Juneteenth 2023	June 19 th
Independence Day 2023	July 4 th
Labor Day 2023	September 4 th
Veteran’s Day 2023	November 10 th & 11 th
Thanksgiving Holiday 2023	November 23 rd
Christmas Holiday 2023	December 24 th — 26 th

Free Matter For The Blind



And Handicapped



Talking Books

Parkersburg & Wood Co. Public Library

3100 Emerson Ave.

Parkersburg, WV 26104





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Happy New Year 2023 from the Talking Books Department at the Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library!

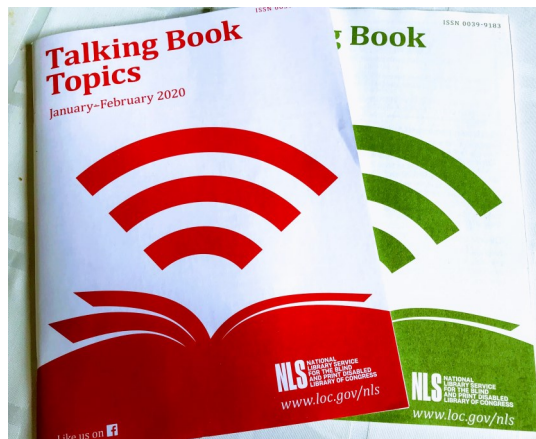
There are so many new services from the National Library Services for the Print Disabled to share with you. We'll cover these in this newsletter:

- NLS Plan for Large Print Talking Books Topics
- Braille on Demand program
- Patron Corner hosted by NLS
- Many Faces of BARD hosted by NLS
- List-serv Email List for NLS updates

You can find this newsletter and clickable links on our website at parkwoodlib.com/talking-books

Talking Books Topics Large Print Magazine Permanently Cancelled

Patrons who subscribe to **Talking Book Topics (TBT)** in large print **will no longer** receive the magazine in paper format from the NLS due to ongoing supply-chain issues and worldwide paper shortages.



There are other formats in which **Talking Book Topics** can be read and enjoyed:

- **Audio cartridge**, which comes with a print order form. This will be mailed to you as a magazine subscription.
- **Online (HTML or PDF)**, www.loc.gov/nls/tbt, which has links to BARD for downloading or adding books to wish lists.

These also include paper order forms that

can be printed.

- **BARD audio magazine** for mobile devices
- **NFB Newsline**, TBT magazine audio version

For a list of books added within the last 30 days, you can visit:

- **BARD website (*BARD account required*)** “Recently added books and magazines” link https://nlsbard.loc.gov/nlsbardprod/search/recently_added/srch/recently_added
- **BARD Mobile app (*BARD account required*)** On the “Get Books” tab“, select “Recently added to BARD” feature.

Janet at the Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library will also gladly print paper copies of the Talking Books Topics magazines for NLS patrons and mail them, **so please let her know if you’d like a printed copy mailed to your home.** You can call her at 304-420-4587, ext 23.

Contact Information for West Virginia Talking Books



Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library serves the following counties: Calhoun, Jackson, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Tyler, Wirt, and Wood Counties

Coordinator: Janet Mongilio

Phone: 304-420-4587, ext 23 (direct) or 4 (from the main menu)

Office: 3100 Emerson Avenue, Parkersburg, WV 26104

- Office is staffed Monday through Friday, 9 am to noon
- Voicemails will returned the next day. *If you need immediate help, please call Charleston Special Services*
- Please call before visiting to make sure someone is available to help you.
- Talking Books are **NOT** available on the shelves to browse and check-out at this location.
- We can download Talking Books onto a cartridge that you can take with you.

Email: janet.mongilio@parkwoodlib.com OR

TalkingBooks@parkwoodlib.com

West Virginia Library Commission (Charleston) Special Services

serves the state of West Virginia

Phone: 304-558-5061

Office: 1900 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston , WV 25305

- Office is staffed Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 5 pm

Update Your Reading Interests Anytime



Have your reading interests changed since you joined Talking Books? Are there specific authors you'd like to read? Is there a topic or subject you'd like to research more? Would you like to exclude certain content? Do you want more books or less books? Are we sending too many books at one time?

We personalize your account as much as possible, so please call Janet anytime at 304-420-4587, ext 23 to make any changes.

Trouble with Your Player or BARD Account?

Are you having trouble with your digital player? Do you need help accessing BARD mobile apps? Do you need to reset your BARD password? Do you need to check if your BARD account is still active?

Please call Janet at 304-420-4587, ext 23 and she'll be glad to help you.

Refer a Friend or Family Member

Janet can send you Talking Books applications, current Talking Books Topics catalogs, and BARD mobile application information to share with people who might be eligible for the service.

Or you can give Janet their contact information and she'll be glad to send them the application and information by mail.

BARD Mobile



As an existing NLS patron, you're eligible for the BARD Mobile free app from the Library of Congress.

There are over 80,000 free audio books available. You can also get dozens of weekly and monthly magazines.

BARD Mobile is available at the App Store for iOS or the Play Store or Amazon Appstore for Android. It can be used on any smart phone or tablet.

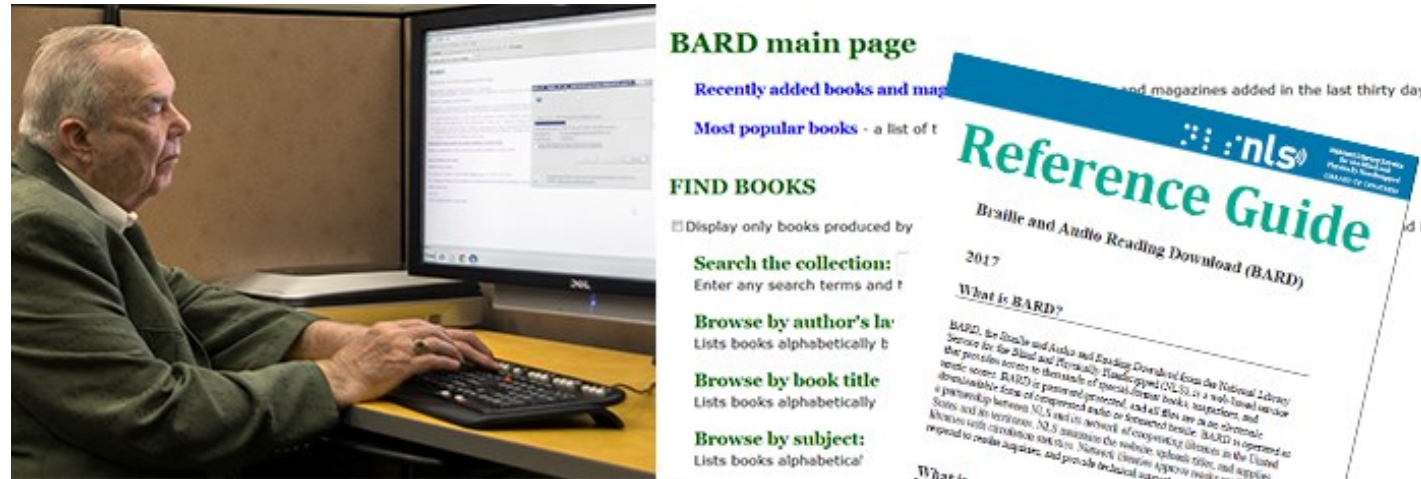
To create an account, you'll need to register for BARD access. This will require an email address. You'll be sent a temporary password once your application is approved and then you can change the password to one you'll remember.

If you need help downloading the app or finding your email address on your device, you can call Janet at 304-420-4587, ext 23 and she'll be glad to help.

BARD Express

You can access BARD on your computer by downloading BARD Express to browse thousands of audio books and magazines, download them to your Windows-based computer, and transfer them to an NLS cartridge to be played in your digital player. This provides advanced functionality for the more adventurous user.

Many Faces of BARD Hosted by NLS



Last summer the NLS Patron Engagement Section began offering a monthly program called The Many Faces of BARD.

This program will occur on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. It will last for one hour and will cover one aspect of BARD (the Braille and Audio Reading Download) usage.

Each program will start with a brief presentation. The remainder of the time will be spent answering questions about the presentation or other questions related to BARD usage.

NLS will announce the topic for the next presentation at the end of each program. The first presentation provided an overview of all of the available BARD products and had nearly 200 participants.

These sessions are open to all patrons. They can be joined by going to <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1611161911> on a computer or calling 1-669-254-5252.

The Meeting ID is 161 116 1911 and the passcode is 489758

To learn more about the program and see the schedule for upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.loc.gov/nls/about/services/>

National Federation for the Blind Newsline



As an NLS patron, you're eligible to enroll in National Federation for the Blind (NFB) NEWSLINE service.

NFB-NEWSLINE® is a free audio news service that offers access to more than 500 publications, emergency weather alerts, job listings, and more.

There are multiple ways to access Newsline:

- **IOS mobile app** with KNFB Reader Basic with the core functions necessary to quickly scan any printed text – just point, shoot, and read
- **Phone** with the touch of a few buttons
- **Amazon Alexa, Echo, and Echo Dot** using hands-free commands
- **Newsline Website** that is screen reader friendly
- **Email** news, customized job listings, and information directly to your inbox
- **Portable Players** list includes Victor Reader Stream, Icon or Braille+, BookSense or Book Port Plus.

More information is available from <https://nfb.org/programs-services/nfb-newsline>

If you'd like to enroll, please call Janet at the Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library, 304-420-4587, ext 23 and she can submit the application for you.

iBill Currency Reader



NLS partners with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) in support of its US Currency Reader Program to provide currency reader devices, **free of charge**, to eligible individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

The currency reader, called the iBill Talking Banknote Identifier, is a compact device that announces a note's value in one of three ways: voice, pattern of tones, or pattern of vibrations.

Just insert a note into the device and press the button on the side to have the denomination identified.

The currency reader does not identify foreign or counterfeit banknotes.

The size of a key fob, it can be carried in a pocket or purse, clipped to a belt, or attached to a keychain or lanyard. It operates on a single AAA battery, which typically lasts for more than a year. The initial battery is included.

You can learn more about currency identifiers at <https://www.bep.gov/services/currency-accessibility>

As an NLS patron, you are eligible to receive a free currency reader. You can call Janet at the Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library at 304-420-4587, ext 23 and she can submit the application for you.

Braille on Demand Program

As part of its braille modernization initiative, NLS launched the Braille-on-Demand pilot earlier this summer.

This project will allow active NLS patrons to request and receive one hard-copy braille title per month, which they can retain for their personal use.

Only complete titles will be distributed. Requests for partial titles (for example, volume one of a three-volume book) will result in receiving the entire book.

Braille titles will be limited to books that are currently available on BARD, the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download service.

So patrons who want to use the Braille on Demand program must have a BARD account.

The form to request a braille-on-demand book can be found linked from <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLSbrailleondemand>.

You can complete the form yourself or contact Janet at the Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library, 304-420-4587, ext 23 for assistance.



You may also contact NLS Reference at nlsref@loc.gov for assistance in completing the form.

Patron Corner Hosted by NLS



As part of the Patron Engagement Section's (PES) mission to offer services, resources, and programs to enrich the library experience for patrons, PES will host a quarterly Patron Corner virtual event where patrons can learn more about various services directly from NLS staff. The quarterly Patron Corner will occur on the second Monday of the third month of each quarter at 7:00 pm. The next sessions for 2023 will be March 13, 2023.

The program will be interactive, last for one hour, and have a designated topic of discussion.

Bring your thoughts and questions and joins us at

<https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1600983343> on your computer or smart device

To join by telephone, dial 1 669 254 5252 or 1 646 828 7666 or 1 669 216 1590 or 1 551 285 1373

The Meeting ID is 160 098 3343 and the password is 164674

To learn more about the program and see the schedule for upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.loc.gov/nls/about/services/>

Patron List-serv Email List for NLS Updates



Want to get the latest news and updates from the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled?

NLS's Patron Engagement Section now hosts an announce-only listserv that will include announcements about NLS programs, services, and products that might be of interest to patrons.

New announcements will be posted to the list few times a week. If you are interested in signing up for this listserv, please send your name and email address to the Patron Engagement Section at NLSPES@loc.gov.

You will be able to unsubscribe yourself from the list at any time. So email NLSPES@loc.gov now!

If you'd like any help subscribing to this NLS service, you can call Janet at the Parkersburg and Wood County Public Library at 304-420-4587, ext 23 and she'll be glad to help you.

If you'd like to subscribe but need to create an email address, Janet can also help you with that.