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Stop by any NYPL location to pick up a Heiskell application, or download one online: nypl.org/talkingbooks

Individuals who have one or more of the following are eligible for membership:

- Visual impairment or blindness that makes it difficult to read text (even large print) for long periods of time
- Physical disability that makes it difficult to hold a book or turn pages
- Organic reading disability



The New York Public Library Andrew Heiskell Braille & Talking Book Library

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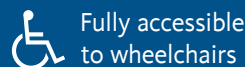
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Serving residents of New York City and Long Island, The New York Public Library's Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library is part of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

NYPL features a unique combination of 88 neighborhood branches throughout the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island, and four scholarly research centers.

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Free Books, Workshops & More

Heiskell Library is the only NYC library created to serve people with print disabilities. It offers indoor and outdoor reading areas, a children's room, assistive technology devices, and more.

Barrier-Free Events

- Story times and youth programs
- Accessible exhibitions, cultural programs, art classes, and concerts
- Resource fairs and support groups
- Creative writing workshops, book clubs, and braille study groups


Assistive Technology Coaching

- One-on-one coaching at all levels in a variety of languages
- Help with email, audiobook downloads, accessible computer games, using the internet, and more
- Group workshops, including accessible typing, smartphone use, online shopping, apps for getting around, coding, and robotics

Braille & Talking Books

Andrew Heiskell's growing range of free materials includes more than 80,000 narrated talking books for all ages, from bestsellers to classic literature, poetry, and nonfiction, as well as 14,000 braille and digital braille books and magazines.

We also offer:

- Free, easy-to-use talking book players with speed and tone controls
- BARD online: Instant downloads to keep and play on your book player
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- Early Tactile and Braille Literacy Kits

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