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## **BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) Mobile App for Android**

The National Library Service (NLS) has a new, free mobile app for downloading audio materials from BARD to Android-based smart phones and tablets, OS 4.1 or higher. This version of the Android app does not support web-Braille.

The app is available from the Google Play store. You will need both an active BARD account and a Google Play store account to access the app. First, search for “BARD Mobile” or “NLS BARD,” click on the Install button to load the app, sign into BARD, and you will then be ready to download materials.

Help screens are available from inside the app and may be accessed by activating the Context menu or

pressing the More Options button and selecting Help.

BARD currently has nearly 50,000 downloadable audiobooks and magazines. The BARD Mobile app, whether for Android or iDevices, allows you to download items 24/7 and read them whenever you want.

Please contact us if you need help or have any questions about the app or any other BPH services.

## **Free Accessible Magazines from APH**

For those of you wanting Newsweek and Reader’s Digest in audio format, these two magazines are still not available on digital cartridge or on BARD. However, you can download them for free from the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) website at <http://www.aph.org/development/magazines/>.

## BPH News

These shelves were cleared of cassettes so that maintenance staff can work on removing mold and mildew from the walls. Ken Herston (Reader Advisor), Kelyn Ralya (APLS Assistant Director), and Ruth Evans (BPH director, pictured below) moved the cassettes and some digital books in another area of the library. Since we have been weeding our cassette collection, we will not have to put any cassettes back on these shelves.



## One BARD Account Per Person

If you move, get a new email address, or make any other change to your BARD account, you do not have to create a new account. Even if you move to another state, your BARD account follows you to the new location. We will transfer your account to the new state of residence, so let us know that you have moved and want your BARD account to move with you.

If you change e-mail addresses for any reason, you do not need to create a new BARD account with that new e-mail address as your user ID. Instead, complete the following steps:

1. Log in to your BARD account
2. Choose the “Update Account Settings” link that is located about two-thirds of the way down the BARD Main Page. This will take you to a page of options
3. Click link to “Change Your E-Mail Address” and follow instructions to make the change.

Once you change your e-mail address/user ID, you will be required to reset your password to protect the security of your account.

## What You Say About Our Services!

“My mother, age 92, has used your services for a number of years. Books have provided her great joy and companionship through the years.”

“Wonderful service – life-saving – keeps me up to date and not left out of current events.”

“I truly don’t know of anything that gave Carl more hours of pure pleasure than your wonderful books, [digital player], and head set. He told everyone that the Alabama Library for the Blind in Montgomery gave him a new lease on life.”

“Just a BIG THANKS for making my mom’s life better. When you can no longer play bridge, the books mean even more.”

## Moving to Learn Series

Parents and teachers of students with visual impairments may benefit from a new four-part webinar series on physical education. The webinar is available from the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB), which produced it along with the Association for Education and

Rehabilitation of the Blind (AER).

It is designed to show how students with visual impairments can participate in regular physical education and activities. Each webinar is approximately sixty minutes long and available for access at the subscriber’s convenience. The webinars, which can be purchased individually or as a set, provide advice on teaching object-control skills (throwing, catching, etc.) and locomotor skills (walking, running, hopping, etc.), as well as suggestions for physical activities for youth and adolescents with visual impairments. For more information visit:

[www.afb.org/store](http://www.afb.org/store).

## Holiday Closures

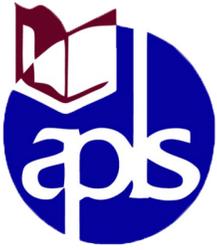
The Library will be closed on the following holidays:

9/7/15 - Labor Day

10/12/15 - Columbus Day

11/11/15 - Veterans Day

Of course, you can leave a voicemail message or send an email on a holiday.



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