

## Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

### *Making Maryland Accessible*



Parents hate seeing their child struggle to read. Many times, they turn to the schools for help. Reading teachers, expensive tutors, and long days become the norm. Still, students and parents become frustrated – sometimes destroying the love of reading for pleasure in the process. The Maryland LBPB has tools to help students regain their love of reading, all **free** of charge.

### **I use Bookshare or Learning Ally. Should I use LBPB too?**

Bookshare and Learning Ally offers textbooks and classroom material that are only available through an IEP. Additionally, the National Library Service offers the following advantages over the fee-based services:

- Professionally recorded fiction and non-fiction books
- Digital books and players sent directly to the students via US Mail
- Classic, modern, and foreign language books in large print
- Classic, modern, and foreign language books in Braille
- Downloadable books and magazines
- Reading disabilities qualify with Doctor Certification
- All services, including players and materials, are **FREE** to students

LBPB patrons are also able to request sheet music and magazines directly from the National Library Service in either digital or Braille formats.

**Apply for services today!**  
**Call 410-230-2424**  
**[www.lbph.maryland.gov](http://www.lbph.maryland.gov)**

## What Disabilities Are Considered?

Many times a student presents with a reading or learning disability that is hard to identify. For a child to be qualified for our service, they will need to be certified by an authority (Doctor, Therapist) as having a print impairment. Depending on severity, a child can qualify by having the following:

- Dyslexia
- Hyperlexia
- Aphasia
- Low Vision
- ADHD
- Reading Special Needs

## What is the BARD Mobile App?

BARD, or Braille and Audio Recorded Book Download service, is a **FREE** mobile application that LBPD patrons can use to search and download over 90, 000 audiobooks directly to their mobile device. The book, once downloaded, stays on your child's device until deleted. Additionally, Windows 10 users can download the BARD Express App that allows BARD users to download books to their computer and transfer them to a flash drive for listening on a digital book player.

## How Do I Sign-up My Child?

Our service is local! To sign-up for our service, you will need to fill out an application. Applications can be obtained online, by calling the library directly or contacting your local public library. Once the application is received, it takes only a week or two before your welcome packet arrives.

## Contact Us:

**Telephone:** 410-230-2424 or 1-800-964-9209 (toll free)

**TTY:** 410-333-8679 or 1-800-934-2541 (toll free)

**Hours:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday,  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the second Saturday of each month.

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