

HAWAII STATE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PRINT DISABLED

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WHAT WE DO:

The Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (LBPD) lends reading materials in audio, braille and large print formats to eligible library users free of charge. You can choose to have materials mailed to you (for free) or you can download books to a computer or mobile device. LBPD is a branch of the Hawaii State Public Library System and the Pacific Regional Library for the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

1. Individuals with visual impairments, including those who are legally blind, those unable to read standard printed material with corrective lenses, and those who are unable to read comfortably without special aids or devices other than regular eye glasses.
2. Individuals with physical disabilities that prevent them from turning pages or holding a book because of muscle or nerve deterioration, paralysis or any other physical impairment.
3. Individuals with a reading disability resulting from an organic dysfunction, such as dyslexia, that prevents them from reading printed material in a normal manner.
4. Those with temporary conditions listed above.

5. Reading material and equipment may also be loaned to institutions such as nursing homes, hospitals, and schools for the blind provided they are used only by persons who meet the eligibility criteria. Students at public and private schools must be certified on an individual basis.

6. To qualify, applicants must be residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia, or American citizens living abroad.

7. For all LBPD services, preference shall be given at all times to eligible persons who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States.

HOW TO APPLY:

To apply please contact:

Hawaii State Library for the Blind
and Print Disabled
402 Kapahulu Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96815

Phone: (808) 733-8444 (Voice/TTY)

Toll-Free Line: 1-800-559-4096

Website: [Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled website](#)

Email: [Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled email](#)

RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

1. **BOOKS:** Available from NLS in audio and braille formats.
2. **MAGAZINES:** Available from NLS in audio and braille formats. Direct mail subscriptions from the producer is available free of charge.
3. **DOWNLOADS:** Downloadable books and magazines in audio and electronic braille formats are available from **BARD**, the Braille and Audio Reading Download service provided by NLS. Library users must have access to a computer with an Internet connection, an email address, the ability to zip and unzip files, and a talking book machine, smartphone or similar device to read materials.
4. **CATALOGS:** Listings of new audio and braille books and magazines are available in audio, braille and large print formats. The catalog for audiobooks is called "Talking Book Topics," and the catalog for braille is "Braille Book Review." Direct mail subscriptions from the producer are available free of charge.
5. **MACHINES:** Special machines designed to play the audiobooks and magazines distributed by NLS are available. They provide high-quality sound, offer variable speed controls, and have built-in audio instructions for people with visual disabilities. Machine repair/replacement for malfunctioning NLS equipment is provided by LBPD.
6. **LARGE PRINT BOOKS:** Books in large print are available as part of the Hawaii State Public Library System collection. An HSPLS library card is required to borrow these materials.

7. **REGULAR PRINT MATERIALS ON DISABILITIES:** This collection is also part of the Hawaii State Public Library System. These books are published in standard print and not available in braille or audio. An HSPLS library card is required to borrow these materials.

8. **RADIO READING SERVICE – HAWAII (RRS):** LBPD provides a closed circuit radio broadcast over a sub-channel of Hawaii Public Radio (KHPR), which can be heard on Oahu and Maui. Narrators read articles from local newspapers and magazines, grocery ads, locally produced books and more. Programming is broadcast 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A special radio receiver from LBPD is required.

9. **TRANSCRIBING SERVICES:** Upon request, LBPD can transcribe print material into braille and audio formats. Material may be transcribed only if not already available in the desired format.

10. **BOOKLISTS:** A list of new large print books is mailed out to registered patrons at least 4 times a year.

LIBRARY HOURS:

LBPD is normally open the following hours:

Day of the Week	Hours
Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri	8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tues	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sat, Sun	Closed

Hours may be subject to change. Please call the library before visiting.

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Guam Subregional Library for the Blind
and Physically Handicapped
Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library
254 Martyr Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910-5141

Phone: (671) 475-4751

Website: [Guam Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped website](#)

Email: [Guam Subregional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped email](#)

Affiliated neighbor island libraries:

Hilo Public Library
300 Waianuenue Avenue
Hilo, HI 96720

Phone: (808) 933-8890 (Voice/TTY)

Lihue Public Library
4344 Hardy Street
Lihue, HI 96766

Phone: (808) 241-3222

Kahului Public Library
90 School Street
Kahului, HI 96732
Phone: (808) 873-3097

Thank you for your interest in the Hawaii State Library for the
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