

Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled @ CMPL

Dear Patron,

Welcome to the Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled @ CMPL! We hope that you will receive many hours of enjoyment from our Library service and look forward to meeting your reading needs.

We provide leisure and informational reading material in audio on digital cartridge and in large print. If you signed up for audio book service, a digital talking book player will be loaned to you free of charge—the player will come to you in the mail within the next few days. We can also order Braille materials for you from the Regional Library in Lansing.

Initially you will be sent books based on the reading preferences information we received in your application for service. When you complete a cartridge of books, send it back to us and a new one will be sent to you. If you would like to have more cartridges on hand at a time, please give us a call and we can adjust your account.

This Library does not charge overdue fines; however, we do ask that you return the books in a timely manner so that other patrons may enjoy them as well.

We are pleased to provide you with this Library service! If you have any questions, concerns, or requests do not hesitate to call. Our phone number is 586-286-1580 or toll free at 855-203-5274.



Digital Talking Book Reading Materials

An audio version of the catalog of newly recorded books, "Talking Book Topics," is available upon request. You may also access an online version of it at www.loc.gov/nls/tbt.

Each catalog includes a blank order form to use when requesting books listed in the catalog. The order forms can be mailed to us postage free as Free Matter for the Blind. You may also order books by phone.

The reading preferences information we received from you in the application form will also be used when materials are selected for you. If you do not like the books you are receiving please call and let us know; we would be happy to adjust your account so that you receive titles you would like to read.

Large Print Reading Materials



If you signed up for large print book service, the books will be mailed to you in a zippered purple mailing bag. When you have completed a book, return it by flipping over the address card in the pouch on the front of the bag. When we receive the book, we will send another to you, selecting first from books you have requested and then from your interest areas. There is a loan maximum of 7 large print books at a time for four weeks.

The catalog of large print books can be accessed online at: cmpl.org

You can enter a title or author in the Catalog search box at the top of the page and press Enter on your keyboard. To see which titles are available in Large Print, check the tabs that appear on the book record.

Please feel free to call or send us a note with any large print book requests.

Other Reading Materials – Magazines

The National Library Service makes available a variety of magazines produced in audio on digital cartridge. New issues will be mailed to you directly and will need to be returned in a timely manner in order for your service to continue uninterrupted. Some magazines are also available in Braille. Please contact the Macomb Library for the Blind @ CMPL if you would like a list of available magazine titles.



DVDS with Descriptive Video Service

The Macomb Library for the Blind @ CMPL offers a small, but growing, collection of DVD movies that include a descriptive video service (DVS©) track. Described DVDs are movies where the visual elements are narrated without

interfering with the movie's dialogue or sound effects.

Please contact the Library if you would like further details.

Reading is for Everyone Newsletter

The Macomb Library for the Blind @ CMPL publishes a newsletter of Library news and happenings three times a year. This newsletter is mailed out in large print, audio, or Braille to all active patrons. Here you will be notified of any changes with talking book service, upcoming events, reader recommendations and more!

Braille and Audio Reading Download Service (BARD)

BARD, the Braille and Audio Reading Download service, offers downloadable books and magazines for patrons who are unable to read standard print due to visual, print or physical disability. BARD is a service offered by the Macomb Library for the Blind and Print Disabled and the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled at the Library of Congress.

The National Library Service makes many of its books and magazines available for download from the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) website to a flash drive. The flash drive is placed in the side of your digital player and allows you to listen to the book or magazine. This is a fast way for you to select and receive the books and magazines of your choice.

You must first register for this program at: nlsbard.loc.gov

For further alternatives with downloading from BARD, such as BARD Express, or the free BARD Mobile App which allows you to download audio or braille books to your personal devices, please access our website: **cmpl.org/services_specialties/access_bard**



Equipment – Digital Player

Your digital player will include use instructions. When your player is fully charged it should give you a battery life of twenty plus hours.

You may keep this player as long as you are actively using it to read materials provided by the Library. If your machine ever ceases to function properly or needs repair, it should be returned to the Library and a replacement will be provided to you free of charge. No attempts should ever be made to repair the player. Please feel free to call us if you ever need assistance in using your digital player.