

Expanding Access to Audiobooks

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Brief introduction of myself

- Current student in **UH-Mānoa's** Library Information Science (LIS) program
- **2002- 2004** : library student helper at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH)
- **Summer 2014**: Directed readings/research
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LBPH

- Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped



- Located next to the Waikīkī-Kapahulu Public Library

LBPH

- Part of



- Affiliated with

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
The Library of Congress

Resources available

- Reading Resources
 - Braille books
 - Large-print books
- **Audio Resources**
 - **Audiobooks**
 - Radio Reading Service
 - Computers with screen reader

Audiobook Format

- Old school formats
 - Records
 - Cassettes
- NLS is phasing out these formats



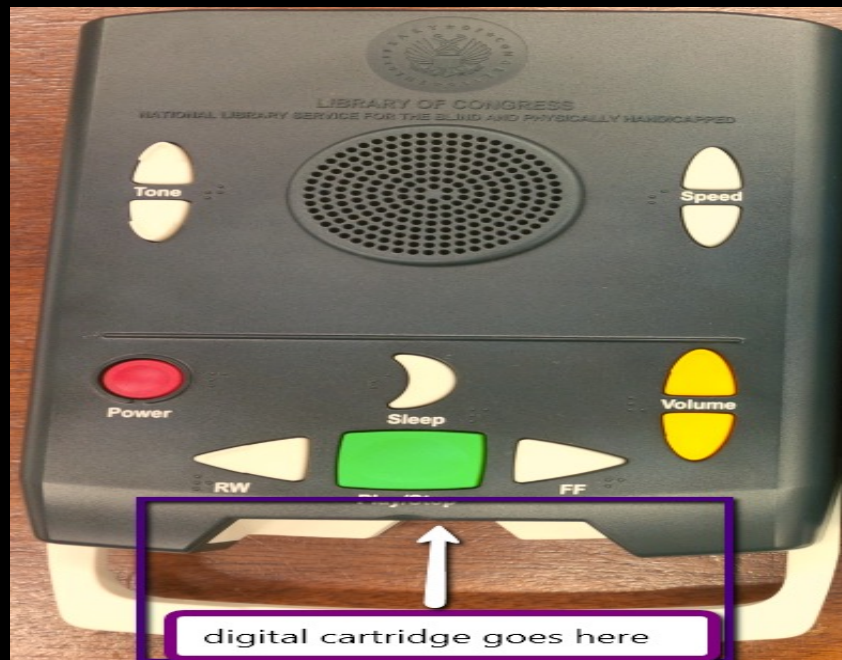
Audiobook Format

- Digital cartridges



Audiobook Player

- Digital Talking Book Machine



Audiobook Format

- Online
- BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download)

Hawaii State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped



BARD: Braille and Audio Reading Download

Potential users

Access to the BARD web site is restricted to eligible readers. You will need a login ID and password to access it. If you do not have them, review the criteria for participation by reading the [BARD application instructions](#) and, if you qualify, request an account.

Current users

If you experience difficulty logging into BARD you may want to check [Instructions](#) or [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) before contacting your network library.

BARD materials are now available from your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch through the [BARD Mobile application](#) for iOS devices.

Please log in

Email Address

Password

[Reset your BARD password here](#)

[Back to BARD main page](#)

[BARD Privacy Policy](#)

NLS and audiobooks

- NLS have a much more extensive collection of audiobooks than is available in the commercial market
- NLS produces audiobooks available ONLY for eligible patrons

Chafee Amendment

- 1996 amendment to copyright law
- Allows NLS to reproduce published works in accessible formats without permission from copyright holder
- Copyright holder don't get paid

Chafee Amendment

- Because copyright holder not getting paid
- It can ONLY be accessed by NLS eligible patrons

Eligibility for LBPH and NLS services

- Various forms of print disabilities
 - blindness
 - visual handicap (**impairments**)
 - deaf blindness

Eligibility for LBPH and NLS services

- physical handicap (**physical disability**) that makes it difficult to hold a print book.
 - Lack/loss of hands or arms
 - muscle or nerve deterioration
 - paralysis
 - stroke
 - cerebral palsy
 - multiple sclerosis
 - arthritis

Eligibility for LBPH and NLS services

- reading disability
 - ONLY if it “have a physical basis caused by organic dysfunction”

Has to be certified by doctor of medicine or osteopathy

Ineligible criteria

- Reading disabilities due to
 - developmental disabilities
 - mental retardation (**intellectual disability**)
 - illiteracy due to lack of education
 - emotional illness

Ethical Dilemmas

- Access to information heavily emphasized by
 - Library school curriculum
 - American Library Association (ALA)

American Library Association

- Library Bill of Rights
- IV. Libraries should cooperate with all persons and groups concerned with resisting abridgment of free expression and *free access to ideas.*

American Library Association

- Library Bill of Rights
- V. A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, **background**, or views.

Intellectual Disabilities

A person with Intellectual Disabilities

**Can still learn
something!**

Why not allow them to use NLS audiobooks?

Illiteracy

A person who can't read,

can still learn something!

Illiteracy

- Will audiobook access encourage illiteracy?
- **Who would actually enjoy not being able to read**
 - A menu?
 - Magazines?
 - Job application?
 - Food labels?
 - Text messages?
 - Facebook?

Illiteracy

- Usually not their fault
 - Lacking formal education
 - Not receiving the proper help in school
 - Intellectual disabilities

Ethical Dilemmas

- Follow the law?

Federal Law

- Public Law 89-522
- **(1966 amendment to the 1931 Pratt-Smoot Act)**
- all of which books, recordings, and reproducers will remain the property of the Library of Congress but will be loaned to **blind** and to **other physically handicapped readers** certified by competent authority as **unable to read normal printed material as a result of physical limitations**, under regulations prescribed by the Librarian of Congress for this service.

Federal Law

- It will take an act of Congress to make any changes



Federal Law

- Contact
your representatives
in Congress

My letter to Congress

- open eligibility of NLS provided audiobooks
- change the NLS official name to **National Library Service for People with Disabilities**
- **change the terms** listed in Pratt-Smoot Act (and amendments) and NLS materials **to better reflect modern terminology**

Concluding Statement

People should

NEVER be denied

information

presented in an **accessible format**.

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