

ARIZONA TALKING BOOK LIBRARY



Many conditions interfere with reading such as arthritis, Parkinson's, MS, stroke, traumatic brain injury, learning disabilities as well as blindness and low vision.

The Arizona Talking Book Library provides books, magazines, newspapers, and other library resources in alternate formats for all Arizona residents whose visual and physical disabilities prevent the reading of conventional print materials.

Initial services began in March 1970.

2019 Fact Sheet

The Arizona Talking Book Library serves over 8,833 patrons statewide.

A minimum of 168,593 people in Arizona have a visual impairment¹ which may qualify them for Talking Book Library services. We are making efforts to inform more Arizonans about our service, including Arizonans who have visual impairments as well as physical conditions which make it hard to read or hold a book, as well as to people with MS, diabetes, cerebral palsy, ALS, dyslexia and Parkinson's disease.

My mom missed her books so much until I found out about the Talking Book Library. This gave her many hours of enjoyment

It let me travel back in time in my imagination....

Last year the Arizona Talking Book Library ...

- Informed 3843 individuals statewide about our services
- Patrons read more than 786,284 books, magazines and newspapers through our service
- Volunteers contributed 13,059 hours

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¹ 2017, American Community Survey, U.S. Bureau of the Census. Disability Characteristics. Arizona. (vision difficulty)

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