
New York State Talking Book and Braille Library

Free Accessible Library
Service, So That All May Read





About the Library

TBBL is a program of the NYS Library in partnership with:

- The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS)
- United States Postal Service
- Andrew Heiskell Library

Who Is Eligible? What can be borrowed?

Free lending library for all who qualify due to:

- Blindness or visual impairment
- Physical disability
- Print disability

Borrowing options based on patron preferences

- Braille
- Audiobooks
- Cartridge and digital formats
- Fiction, nonfiction, magazines, music scores, children's materials
- Mailed or downloaded

Formats to Meet Individual Needs



Braille Books



Talking Book Players



Children's
Print-Braille



Audiobooks and magazines on
cartridge



eBraille



New Duplication on Demand
Service- multiple audiobooks
on one cartridge

Download through BARD, Braille and Audio Reading Download



Access to thousands of audio and braille books and magazines

No waitlists, no loan periods, new books added weekly

Download using a computer or device on an accessible platform

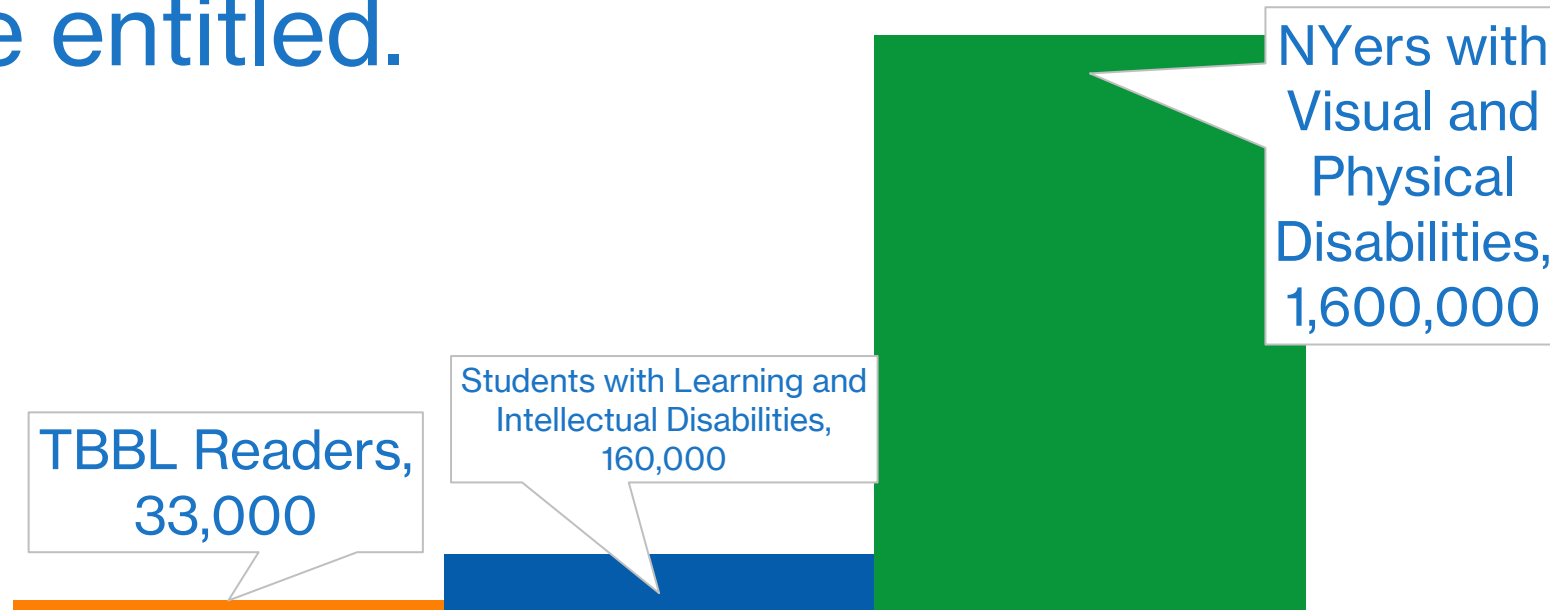
How TBBL is Changing: Impact of DoD

Duplication on Demand Audiobook Circulation: 2019 vs. 2022

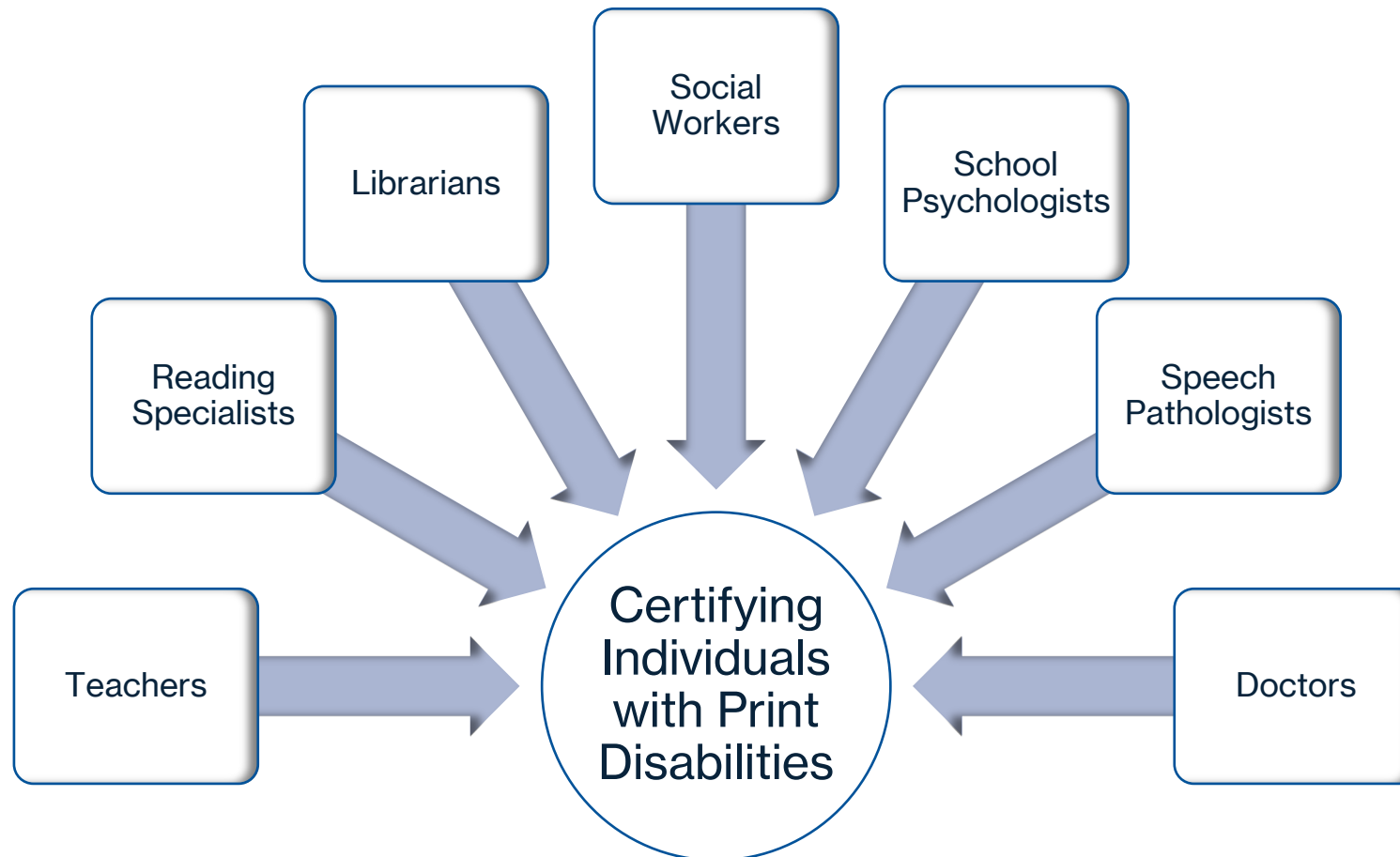


How TBBL is Changing: More Eligible New Yorkers

Many NYers are not receiving the free and accessible service to which they are entitled.



How TBBL is Changing: Certifying Eligible Students Is Easy



TBBL's Success Relies on Institutional Partners



Roles of TBBL's Partners



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Certify eligible patrons

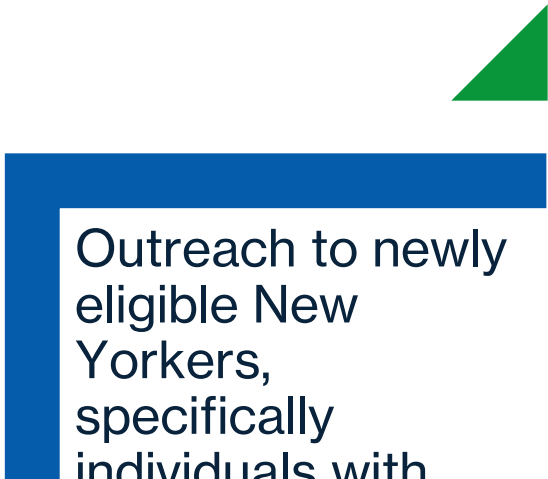
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Offer free services at their institution

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Promote the availability of TBBL resources

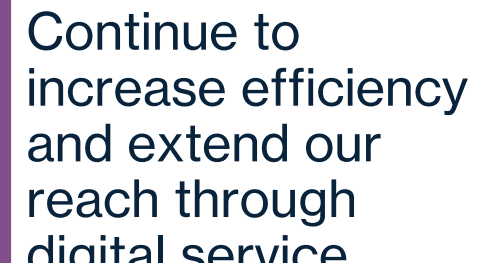
What's Next for TBBL



Outreach to newly eligible New Yorkers, specifically individuals with reading disabilities



Engage more partners in certification process to increase enrollment



Continue to increase efficiency and extend our reach through digital service models

Questions?



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