

Newsletters, written specifically for the TBC, inform patrons of local events, assistive technology, and community services:

- iBill Currency Reader device
- Book Clubs at local public libraries
- Senior health fairs and expos
- Summer concerts in the parks
- Library of Congress Veterans History Project www.loc.gov/vets
- Services provided by Virginia Program for Aging Services (VPAS)
- White Cane Day Safety Walk hosted by Department of Blind & Vision Impaired
- Contact information regarding election day and voting locations
- City of Staunton Police Department senior call-in program
- Veterans services contact information and support events
- Valley VITA free tax services

“I have been exposed to information that would have escaped me, and really great books that would have been missed by me if someone who seems to know what I would enjoy had not sent them my way.”

100% of patrons would recommend Talking Book services to friends or family members

Circulation increased by 15.4%

Books circulated: 16,310

Magazines circulated: 318

New TBC readers: 70

Total number of patrons: 300

BARD Audio book downloads: 4,214

BARD Magazine downloads: 114

BARD Braille book downloads: 98

The Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) is a web-based service that provides access to thousands of braille and audio books, magazines, and music scores available from NLS.

Audio books available in several languages including Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese, French, Arabic, Portuguese, and Japanese

Not just fiction! TBC offers audio recordings of opera appreciation, Shakespeare plays, and language learning

Thank you to our community support:

- Community Foundation of Central Blue Ridge
- Community Foundation of Rockbridge, Bath, Alleghany
- United Way of Greater Augusta
- United Way of Rockbridge, Lexington, Buena Vista
- Staunton Lions Club
- Monterey Lions Club
- Waynesboro Lions Club
- Rotary Club of Staunton
- Friends of the Staunton Library
- Friends of the Augusta County Library
- Friends of the Rockbridge Library
- CAPSAW
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- Hiner Church of the Brethren

“I am very happy and pleased with my services. Thanks for making my life more enjoyable.”

“I love the service because it gives me hours of happiness reading pleasure. I've lost most of my eye sight.”

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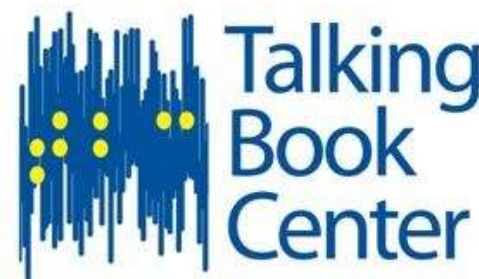
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The Staunton Talking Book Center provides service to patrons in the counties of Augusta, Rockbridge, Bath, and Highland, and the cities of Staunton, Waynesboro, Lexington, and Buena Vista.

Special Events in 2019:

- ◆ “White Cane Awareness Day”
Proclamation signed by the Mayor of Staunton
- ◆ Outreach at several health and community wellness fairs
- ◆ Participated in downtown Staunton’s Queen City Mischief and Magic festival teaching Braille 101
- ◆ Created braille magazine section in-house for patrons to utilize
- ◆ Began reading club and summer reading contest

On May 16 2019, the Talking Book Center was honored with the title of Subregional Library of the Year for 2018 from the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) and the Library of Congress.



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The Talking Book Center provides free audio books and other library services and resources to persons who are blind, print disabled, or unable to use standard printed materials.