




**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

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**SUBJECT:** New York State Talking Book and Braille Library

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## **SUMMARY**

### **Issue for Discussion**

Department staff will update the Board of Regents on services offered through the New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL) which lends audio and braille books and magazines to eligible residents of upstate New York who have a qualifying print disability.

### **Reason(s) for Consideration**

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For information.

### **Background Information**

The TBBL serves over 14,000 individual customers and over 2,500 institutions and depositories. Over 343,000 books were circulated in 2016. The TBBL was the first library to serve the blind in the nation dating back to 1896. TBBL is part of a national network operated by the Library of Congress.