

New York State Talking Book and Braille Library

- Established as New York State Library for the Blind in 1896



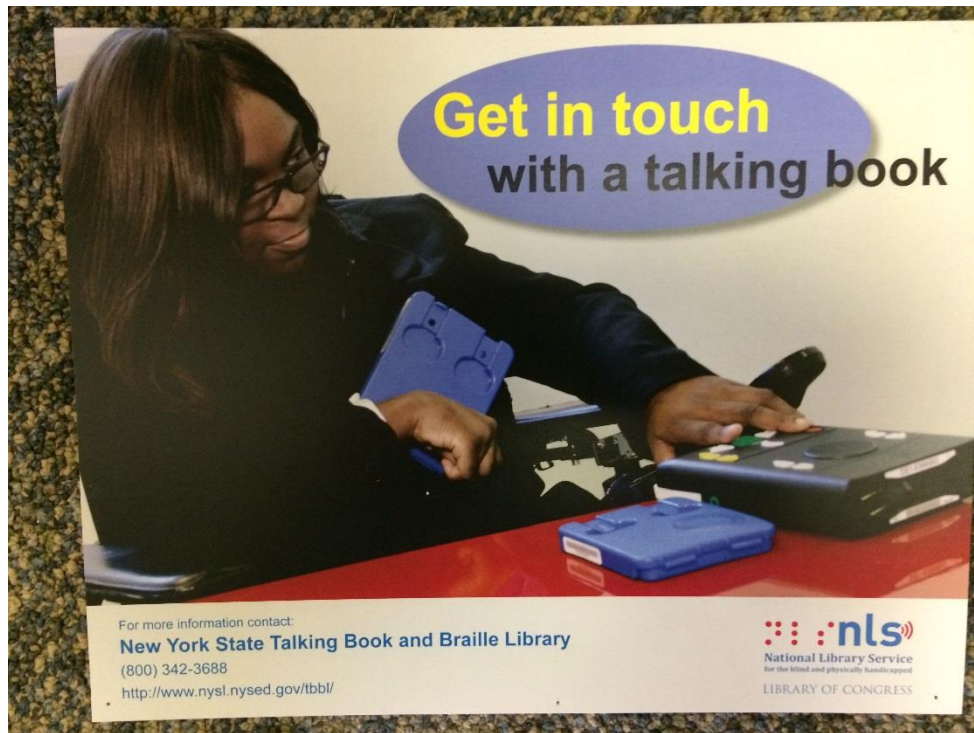
1931 Pratt-Smoot Act



- **A federal Act “to provide books for the adult blind.”**
- **All Americans have the right to read!**

TBBL has about 14,000 current individual members

Physical disabilities



Visual disabilities



A patron thank you note

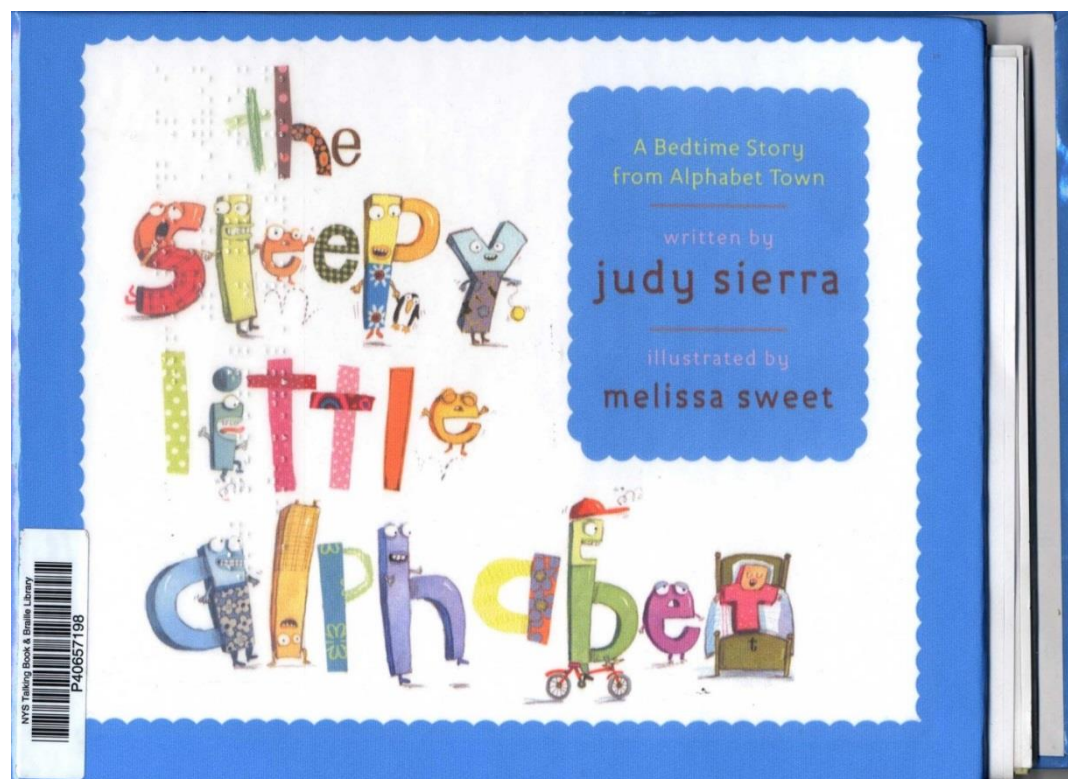
“I want to take a moment to tell you, and your staff, what a wonderful service you are providing. I can honestly say that my life is 99% better because of the services and products that you and your staff provide to us. I really mean 150% better but nobody would believe me....”



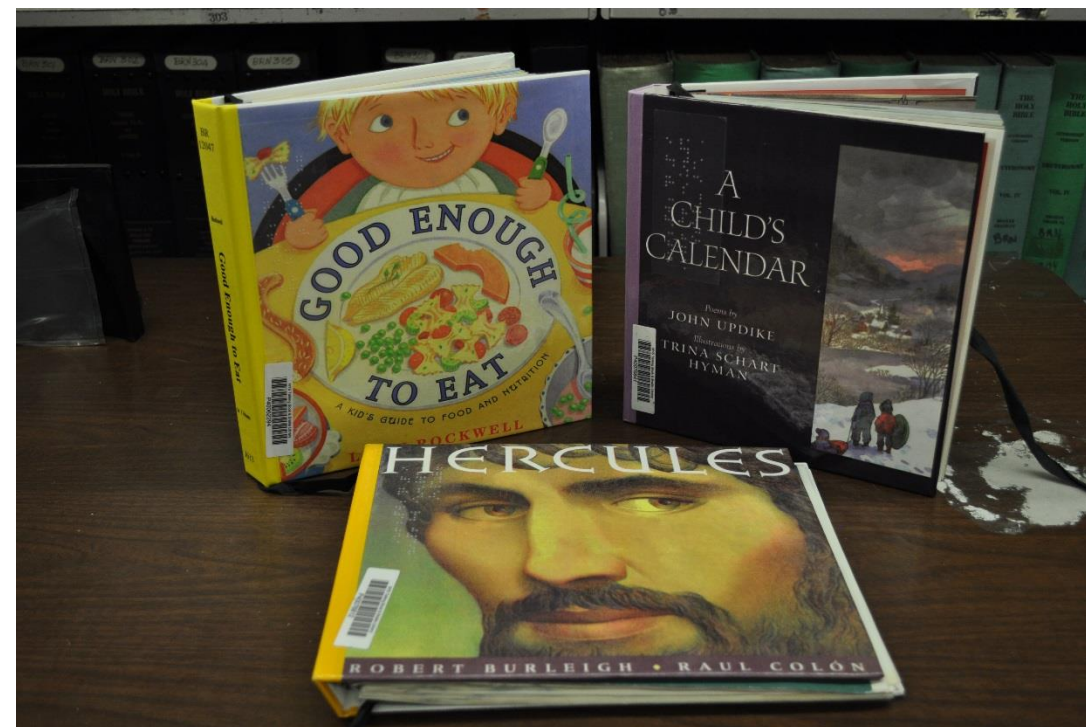
Membership is free and for a lifetime

Braille collection for children

Pre school bedtime stories



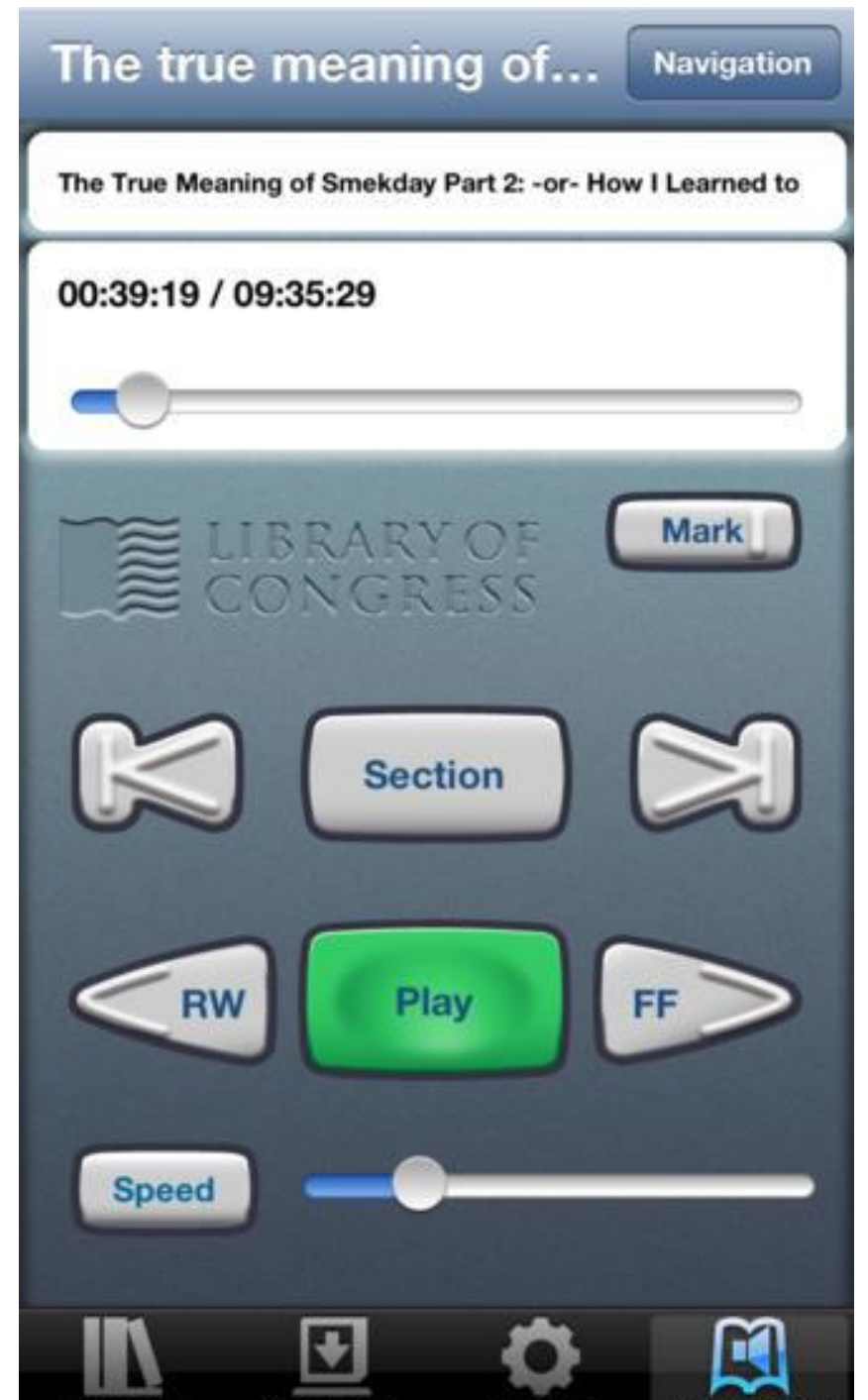
Elementary school level



Digital Talking Book Player for audio books



Or use mobile devices
to download and listen



Refreshable Braille Display



$$\text{Gain2} = \frac{R_7}{R_6}$$



Looking to the Future

TBBL provides free lifetime service

TBBL greatly improves quality of life for patrons

TBBL supports lifelong learning

TBBL supports new assistive technologies

TBBL has the potential to grow to serve many more people