Learning Objectives

- As a result of this activity, the participant will be able to summarize GLASS services to parents.
- As a result of this activity, the participant will be able to list materials which GLASS can loan to an institution.
- As a result of this activity, the participant will be able to integrate GLASS services into their classroom.
But what *is* GLASS?
GLASS network map until June 30, 2015
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

NLS is part of the Library of Congress
Who do we serve?

- Persons who are blind or visually impaired
- Persons whose physical limitations prevent reading or using standard printed material
- Persons with a reading disability resulting from organic dysfunction
Who is not eligible for GLASS?

- Persons who are learning to read
- Persons who are learning English

Unless they have a qualifying disability
Certifying Authority

- Doctor of medicine or osteopathy
- Optometrist or ophthalmologist
- Registered nurse
- Therapist
- Professional hospital staff
- Professional in social services
- Professional librarian
Materials we can provide patrons

- Talking Books
  - Digital book cartridges
  - Digital download
- Talking Magazines
- Digital Talking Book Machine
- Braille
  - Embossed braille
  - Digital braille
- Print / Braille - dual format
- Music instruction in braille
- Currency reader
Services
And how do we do it?
Books for children

Preschool - Grade 2
- Splat the Cat Storybook Collection by Annie Auerbach
- The Dark by Lemony Snicket

Grades 2-4
- Chicken Squad by Doreen Cronin
- Anna and Elsa: All Hail the Queen by Erica David

Grades 3-6
- I Survived Series, Books 1-10 by Tarshis, Lauren.

Grades 5-8
- The Blood of Olympus by Rick Riordan

Grades 6-9
- The Missing Series, Books 5-7 by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- The Kill Order by James Dashner

Young Adult
- All Fall Down by Ally Carter

And this is just the newer material!
And the options for patrons are growing!

**BARD:**
Braille and Audio Reading Download

- iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch
- Android app in process
Ok so that covers individuals ...

What materials can GLASS can loan to an institution?

More specifically, what can GLASS loan for use in my classroom?
Through the Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS), Georgia Public Library Service provides library services for the blind and others whose physical abilities require the use of books and magazines in audio format or in braille. Services are delivered through a network of three subregional libraries and a central distribution center.
Institutional Application

Application for Free Library Service: Institutions

Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services
One Margaret Mitchell Square
4th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

Notice: Records relating to recipients of Library of Congress reading material are confidential except for those portions defined by local law as public information. To find out the extent to which the information provided on this application form may be released to other individuals, institutions, or agencies, consult GLASS.

Please print or type:

Name of institution

Street address

City  County  State  ZIP

Telephone (Daytime)

E-mail address
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City ____________________________ County ______ State ______ ZIP ______

Telephone (Daytime) ____________________________

E-mail address ____________________________

Number of persons unable to read or use regular printed material who will be served:

Talking-book readers ____________________________

Braille readers ____________________________

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Books and magazines
- Books recorded on digital cartridge with digital player
- Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)
- Magazines recorded on digital cartridge
- Braille books
- Braille magazines

Accessories for digital talking book machine
- Amplifier (solely for use by readers with profound hearing loss; ask for separate application)
- Breath switch
- Headphones (solely for use where speakers are not permitted)
- Pillow speaker (solely for readers confined to bed)
- Remote control unit (issued for readers confined to bed or who have difficulty with mobility; ask for separate application)

Return of Equipment
Playback equipment and special accessories are supplied to eligible institutions on
Institutional Application

To Be Completed by Certifying Authority (see Sections B and C, next page, for definitions)

I hereby certify that the institution named serves patrons who are unable to read or use regular printed materials because of blindness, visual disabilities, or physical limitations. I further certify that reading materials and equipment borrowed will be used by such persons only.

Please print or type:

Name of administrator

Street address

City

Telephone

State

Signature of administrator

Staff member who will be responsible for this service (person to be contacted by the library):

Name

Title

Eligible applicants

Nursing homes, hospitals, schools for the blind, public and private schools, and college university disability centers may borrow equipment and reading materials
Using GLASS materials in your classroom

Materials “for use by eligible patrons in either a group setting or for individual use”
Ways you can use GLASS materials in your classroom

- Eligible students can listen to a book together in a group
- Solo after-test or recess pleasure reading for a student with a disability
- A student can use both machines to determine which they would like to request in their application
- Talking Book Topics for a student who would like your help picking a good book
- Giving your students exposure to accessible technologies they can use
How GLASS services in your classroom can help your students

● They’ll learn about a way they can read for fun again
● They’ll learn about new technologies
● They’ll be more willing to use assistive technology
● They’ll get ahead of the curve in assistive technology
What you can tell parents

Through the Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS) Georgians have access to a free national library program that offers books and magazines on digital cartridge, in braille, and downloadable through BARD. This is a free service for eligible persons with a visual or physical disability or a reading disability.

They are welcome to call 1-800-248-6701 or visit www.georgialibraries.org/glass/
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