

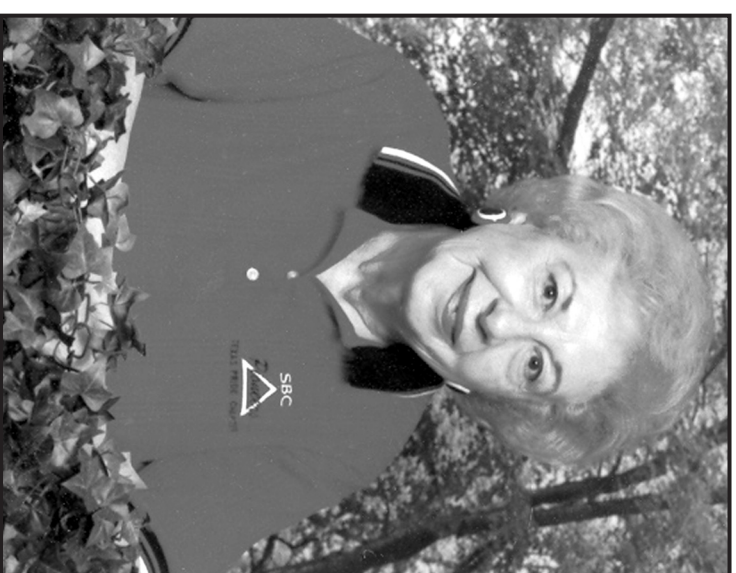
About NLS

National Library Service
for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
The Library of Congress
Washington, DC 20542

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- NLS was established by an Act of Congress in 1931 to provide recorded books and magazines to adults who cannot see to read standard print. In 1952, the program expanded to include children, and in 1960, to include individuals who cannot hold a book or turn pages. The federally funded program:
- Operates through a network of cooperating libraries throughout the U.S. and its territories
- Circulates audio and braille books and magazines to more than 500,000 blind or physically handicapped readers
- Provides recreational and informational reading material free of charge to eligible users
- Provides special playback equipment needed to use audio books to all readers served by the program



“The talking-book repair program has been a very important part of my life since 1963. I feel good about this opportunity to help others.”

— Betty Cox
Regional Coordinator, Texas

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Machine- Repair Volunteers Make a Difference



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Make a difference in your community

- Help blind and handicapped children embrace the joy of reading
- Stimulate the educational goals of blind and handicapped children
- Help blind and handicapped adults to meet their informational and recreational reading needs
- Assist libraries with serving blind and physically handicapped readers
- Serve as a valuable resource to a national program
- Work in an atmosphere of camaraderie with other experienced professionals



Join a TelecomPioneers talking-book machine-repair group

As part of a national network of current and retired employees of the telecommunications industry, you will be encouraged to use your knowledge and technical abilities to assist the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress, to ensure that an ample supply of audio playback machines is available for talking-book readers.

Audio playback machines are an essential part of the free reading service provided to blind and physically handicapped people by the Library of Congress talking-book program. Conducted through a network of cooperating libraries, the national service provides books and magazines on cassette. The playback machines needed to use the recorded materials are also provided without cost to patrons for as long as they are in the program. Because of the volunteer repair service provided by the TelecomPioneers and others, patrons whose players malfunction can receive replacements.



Get involved

TelecomPioneers cooperates with the Library of Congress. Under the guidance of the Talking-Book Repair Regional Coordinators Committee, volunteers have served the talking-book program since 1960. They work directly with a network of cooperating agencies, assisting talking-book libraries in their own geographical areas. They repair approximately 70,000 cassette and record players a year, and have maintained more than 2.1 million players over four decades, a contribution valued at more than \$80 million.

Sign me up

Please contact me about joining the TelecomPioneers machine-repair group in my area.

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