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Alaska	Juneau	(888) 820-4525	(907) 465-1304	tbc@alaska.gov
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Arkansas	Little Rock	(866) 660-0885	(501) 682-1155	nlsbooks@Library.Arkansas.gov
California	Los Angeles	(800) 808-2555	(323) 660-3880	bils@brailleinstitute.org
California	Sacramento	(800) 952-5666	(916) 654-0640	btbl@library.ca.gov
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District of Columbia	Washington		(202) 727-2142	DCPLaccess@dc.gov
Florida	Daytona Beach	(800) 226-6075	(386) 239-6000	OPAC_Librarian@dbf.fldoe.org
Georgia	Morrow	(800) 248-6701	(404) 657-1452	glass@georgialibraries.org
Hawaii	Honolulu	(800) 559-4096	(808) 733-8444	olbcirc@librarieshawaii.org
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Indiana	Indianapolis	(800) 622-4970	(317) 232-3684	tbbl@library.in.gov
Iowa	Des Moines	(800) 362-2587	(515) 281-1333	library@blind.state.ia.us
Kansas	Emporia	(800) 362-0699	(620) 341-6280	KTb@ks.gov
Kentucky	Frankfort	(800) 372-2968	(502) 564-5791	ktbl.mail@ky.gov
Louisiana	Baton Rouge	(800) 543-4702	(225) 342-0035	tbbl@state.lib.la.us
Maine	Augusta	(800) 762-7106	(207) 287-5650	chrboynton@mestate.lib.me.us
Maryland	Baltimore	(800) 964-9209	(410) 230-2424	reference.desk@maryland.gov
Massachusetts	Watertown	(800) 852-3133	(617) 972-7240	library@perkins.org
Michigan	Lansing	(800) 992-9012	(517) 373-5614	BTBL@michigan.gov
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Mississippi	Jackson	(800) 446-0892	(601) 432-4111	talkingbooks@mlc.lib.ms.us
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Nebraska	Lincoln	(800) 742-7691	(402) 471-4038	nlc.talkingbook@nebraska.gov
Nevada	Carson City	(800) 922-9334	(775) 684-3354	nvtalkingbooks@admin.nv.gov
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New Jersey	Trenton	(800) 792-8322	(609) 406-7179	tbtc@njstatelib.org
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Texas	Austin	(800) 252-9605	(512) 463-5458	tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov
Utah	Salt Lake City	(800) 453-4293	(801) 715-6789	blind@utah.gov
Vermont	Berlin	(800) 479-1711	(802) 828-3273	lib.ssu@vermont.gov
Virgin Islands	Christiansted		(340) 718-2250	regional.library@dpr.vi.gov
Virginia	Richmond	(800) 552-7015	(804) 371-3661	barbara.mccarthy@dbvi.virginia.gov
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