



Talking Books

Using the Digital Talking Book Player: Standard

Getting to Know Your NLS Player

The digital talking book player is used to play audiobooks stored on portable storage devices.

The digital Standard player has large buttons with raised tactile markings, print and braille labels, and a sleep timer. **Try it out.**

Tip: If you're unsure about which player you're using, there is an easy way to tell the Advanced and Standard players apart. Find the round speaker on the front of your player. If there are five keys below the speaker, labeled Info, Previous, Menu, Next, and Mark, you have the Advanced player. The Standard player does not have these five buttons.

1. Place the player on a desk or tabletop with the handle facing toward you.

Inserting and Connecting

2. **NLS cartridge:** Hold the NLS cartridge with the print/braille label facing up and the end with the hole facing you. Push it gently into the opening just above the handle. When you're ready to remove it, place your finger through the hole and gently pull.

Tip: When the player is turned on and there is no book cartridge inserted in the cartridge opening or USB port on the side, the player is in **Describer Mode**. When any button is pressed, you hear a description of that button. This is a great way to get familiar with all the controls on your player!

3. **Headphones:** On the right side of your player you find a small round opening. This is where you plug in your headphones.
4. **USB drive:** To the right of the opening for the headphones is a small, rectangular opening with a plastic cover. This is where you can plug in a USB drive. You can also download books from the NLS BARD library to your own USB drives.

Tip: If you're interested in learning how to download books, be sure to check out Hadley's workshops that

go step-by-step through the application and downloading processes.

5. **Power cord:** Turn your player so the handle is facing away from you. Here you find your power cord in a handy storage compartment.

Main Buttons

With the handle turned back toward you, explore the various buttons. On the row closest to you, find a Rewind or Back button, a Play/Stop button, and a Fast Forward or Next button. Each button on the player has a unique shape or raised tactile marking.

6. **Play/Stop:** This bright green button in the center of the bottom row is the largest rectangular button on your player. Press this button to start and stop playback of your digital book.

Tip: The button is labeled “Play/Stop” in high-contrast print and has a braille “P” placed above it.

7. **User Guide:** You also use the Play/Stop button to enter and exit the built-in User Guide. To activate the User Guide, remove the cartridge

or USB drive, then press and hold the Play/Stop button for at least 3 seconds.

Tip: The guide is built into your player, and you can access it anytime you aren't using a cartridge or USB drive.

8. **Rewind:** To the left of the Play/Stop button is the Rewind button. Use your Rewind/Back button to rewind within a book or to move back to previous chapters or books on your storage drive.

Tip: It's shaped like a left arrowhead with raised tactile lines at the arrow's point. It's labeled "R W" in print, and below it is the braille letter "R".

9. **Fast Forward:** On the opposite side of the Play/Stop button is the Fast Forward/Next button. Use this button to move forward in a book or to move to the next chapter or book on your portable drive.

Tip: It's shaped like a right arrowhead with raised tactile lines at its point, just like the Rewind button. It's conveniently labeled with the print letters "F F" and the braille letter "F" to the lower right of the button.

10. With both the Rewind and Fast Forward buttons, tap each once to move 5 seconds; press and hold to move further into the book. Holding one of these buttons for 10 seconds will move 15 minutes in the book; holding for longer will move chapter by chapter. You hear an audible beep for each chapter.
11. **Power:** Above and to the left of the Rewind button, find a round button that's sunken down a bit. Use this button to turn your player on and off. You also use it to reboot the player by holding the button down until a beep is heard, usually around 8 to 10 seconds.

Tip: The Power button has a raised tactile circle around its edges to help you easily identify it by touch. It has a print label "Power" and a braille letter "P" on the right side of the button.

12. **Sleep:** To the right of the Power button and above the Play/Stop button is the Sleep button. Use this button to set a timer to automatically turn off your player after a specific time. By pressing your button repeatedly, you can add 15-minute increments to your reading session before your player powers down.

Tip: It's shaped like a crescent moon and has a braille "S" to its left as well as a print label "Sleep."

13. **Volume:** To the far right of your Sleep and Fast Forward buttons are the Volume buttons. The top button raises the volume while the bottom one lowers it. Each time you press one of the volume buttons, you hear a beep to let you know you've changed the volume by one level. It also alerts you when you've reached the maximum and minimum volume levels.

Tip: This is a set of arrowheads: one pointed up, the other pointed down. The buttons are bright yellow and have raised tactile markings at the arrows' edges. To the left of the buttons is the braille letter "V". Between the two buttons is the print label "Volume."

Tone and Speed

Above the main buttons is a raised horizontal line that runs almost entirely across the player. This line divides the tone and speed buttons from the previous six most frequently used buttons.

14. In the middle of your player, you find a large raised circle. This is your speaker.

15. **Tone:** To the left of the speaker are a set of up and down arrowheads. These are your tone buttons. By pressing the up button, you raise the tone or pitch of the voice. Pressing the down arrow lowers the tone. The player provides a beep with every press of the button. The player also lets you know when you've reached the highest and lowest tone settings.

Tip: They look like the volume buttons but instead of a smooth surface, the tone buttons have raised tactile lines at the points' edges. They have labels that read "Tone" in print and "T" in braille.

16. **Playback speed:** On the right side of the speaker is a set of buttons that control the playback speed. To increase your playback speed, press the up arrow. To slow the speed, press the down arrow. You hear audio cues with each press of the speed keys. The player also tells know when you've reached the maximum or minimum playback speed.

Tip: They are shaped like up and down arrowheads but instead of raised tactile lines at the edges, they have a smooth surface. Left of the buttons is a braille letter "S" and between the two buttons is the label "Speed".

Now you can easily use your Standard Talking Book Player to listen to your favorite books. Try another workshop to learn more.

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