

The Many Faces of BARD

The Patron Engagement Section of the National Library Service (NLS) for the Blind and Print Disabled is now hosting a monthly program where patrons can learn about using the Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD). Beginning in August 2022, The Many Faces of BARD will occur on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. The programs will be interactive, last for one hour, and have a designated topic of discussion.

Each program will start with a brief presentation. The remainder of the time will be spent answering questions about the presentation or other questions related to BARD usage. NLS will announce the topic for the next presentation at the end of each program.

The first presentation in August provided an overview of all available BARD products.

The October 13th program was presented in Spanish and led by Juana Gonzalez and Yanci Munoz, who are reader advisors at the Braille Institute in Los Angeles, CA. Since the entire program was presented in Spanish, the presenters requested that questions also be posed in Spanish.

Sessions are open to all patrons. They can be joined by going to <https://loc.zoomgov.com/j/1611161911?pwd=bVh5ejFsWFBIL21KY0VqaHIRMUISQT09> on a computer or calling **1-669-254-5252**. Full Zoom invitation information follows. To call into a session, participants must use the telephone numbers provided here for Zoom.gov rather than the regular Zoom telephone numbers.

Upon connecting, participants will be placed in a virtual waiting room until the program begins. When they enter the room, they will be on mute, and they should remain on mute unless the host calls upon them to speak. At that time, they may unmute by using Alt-A from a computer or star 6 if dialing in by phone.

All Many Faces of BARD programs will be recorded. If participants do not want to be on the recording, they should refrain from speaking.

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