

Guide to Reading Options



A Lighthouse Center for Education resource

How to Use This Guide

The Lighthouse is pleased to provide you with this list of resources to help you find reading material on tape, in large print and in Braille, as well as other products for people with impaired vision. As we are not affiliated with any of the other organizations listed, we encourage you to contact those sources directly for more information.

Major Resources

Lighthouse International

The Lighthouse provides information of interest to persons with impaired vision, their families and professionals. Please call our toll-free Information and Resource Service at (800) 829-0500 to:

- Locate libraries, vision rehabilitation services, low vision centers, and support groups.
- Request free fact sheets and brochures:
 - Diabetes, Vision Loss and Aging
 - Glaucoma Questions and Answers
 - Macular Degeneration
 - Making Text Legible
 - Introduction to Adaptive Computer Technology
 - ... and more!
- Request a complete catalog of publications and resources.

The Library of Congress
National Library Services for the Blind and
Physically Handicapped

1291 Taylor St.
Washington, DC 20542
(202) 707-5100 / (800) 424-8567

The National Library Service (NLS) loans books and magazines on tape, "talking-book" players and Braille publications free of charge to people who are unable to read standard print due to impaired vision or other physical disabilities.

The NLS music section has music in large print and in Braille.

To locate the Libraries for the Blind in your state, call the National Library Service at (800) 424-8567.

You can borrow talking books from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. You can also buy them at larger bookstores or by mail order. Library Service tapes require a 4-track player, which you can borrow from your regional library or purchase. Commercial tapes play back on standard 2-track players.

Publications on Tape

Nonprofit Organizations

Recording for the Blind and
Dyslexic
20 Roszel Rd.
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
(800) 221-4792
www.rfdb.org
Loans books on 4-track cassettes
and sells books on computer disk.
Registration fee.

Choice Magazine Listening
85 Channel Drive
Port Washington, NY 11050
(516) 883-8280
www.choicemagazinelistening.org
Anthology of articles from popular
magazines on 4-track cassettes.
Free service.

Educational Tape Recording
for the Blind and Disabled,
Inc.
3915 West 103rd St.
Chicago, IL 60655
(773) 445-3533
2-track cassettes for students
of all ages. \$50.00 annual
registration fee.

Recorded Periodicals
Associated Services for
the Blind
919 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0600 Ext.208
www.asb.org
Sells subscriptions to popular
magazines on
4-track cassettes.

Commercial Producers of Books on Tape

Audio Editions
P.O. Box 6930
Auburn, CA 95604
(800) 231-4261
www.audioeditions.com
Non-fiction, fiction and self-help for adults and children.

Audio Renaissance
6 Commerce Way
Arden, NC 28704
(800) 452-5589
www.audiosource.com
Popular fiction and non-fiction.

BDD Audio
Customer Service
400 Halm Road
Westminster, MD 21157
(800) 726-0600
www.randomhouse.com/audio
Best-selling adult fiction titles on cassette and CD.

Blackstone Audio Books
P.O. Box 969
Ashland, OR 97520
(800) 729-2665
www.blackstoneaudio.com
Unabridged recordings.

Chivers Audio Books
1 Lafayette Rd., Box 1450
Hampton, NH 03843-1450
(800) 621-0182
Audio for adults and children.

Listening Library
Customer Service
400 Halm Road
Westminster, MD 21157
(800) 726-0600
www.randomhouse.com/audio
Books for young adults and children.

Random House AudioBooks
Customer Service
400 Halm Road
Westminster, MD 21157
(800) 726-0600
www.randomhouse.com/audio
Best-selling adult fiction titles on cassette and CD.

Recorded Books, Inc.
270 Skip Jack Road
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
(800) 638-1304
www.recordedbooks.com
Best-sellers and classics.

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Notes on Large Print

The minimum size for large print materials is 14 type.
Most large print is in 16 or 18 point type.

This is 14 point type.

This is 16 point type.

This is 18 point type.

This is 24 point type.

Other factors that affect ease of reading, such as spacing, font, and contrast are described in the Lighthouse brochure,

Making Text Legible:

Designing for People with Partial Sight (P400)

Call (800) 829-0500 to request a free copy.

The American Printing House for the Blind
P.O. Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206
(502) 895-2405 / (800) 223-1839

Designated by Congress as the official source of textbooks for students who are visually impaired. Maintains a centralized database of large print, Braille and recorded books produced by the American Printing House as well as materials from other publishers.

Large Print Periodicals

The New York Times Large Type Weekly
P.O. Box 220
Northvale, NJ 07647
(800) 631-2580

Reader's Digest Large Type Edition
P.O. Box 751
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
(800) 877-5293 / (800) 807-2780
Magazine and condensed books.

Large Print Books

Books in large print are available at public libraries and by mail-order from the following commercial publishers:

Random House Large Print
Customer Service
400 Halm Road
Westminster, MD 21157
(800) 726-0600
www.randomhouse.com/largeprint
Best-selling fiction and
non-fiction.

Thorndike and G.K. Hall Large
Print Books
P.O. Box 159
Thorndike, ME 04986
(800) 223-6121 Ext.212
Popular fiction and non-fiction.

Ulverscroft Large Print, Inc.
P.O. Box 1230
West Seneca, NY 14224
(800) 955-9659
www.ulverscroft.com
Mystery, romance, classic
literature and non-fiction.

Wheeler Publishing, Inc.
P.O. Box 531
Accord, MA 02018-0531
(800) 588-8881
www.wheelerpublishing.com
Popular fiction and non-
fiction.

Braille Resources

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped lends Braille books to eligible borrowers and can provide general information about Braille literacy instruction. For more information call the National Library Service at (800) 424-8567.

The American Printing House for the Blind is a major resource for Braille textbooks and Braille writing materials. For more information call the American Printing House at (800) 223-1839.

Braille Books are also available from the following publishers:

Braille International, Inc.
3290 SE Slater St.
Stuart, FL 34997
(800) 336-3142
www.brailleint.org
Books, greeting cards and
T-shirts.

Matilda Ziegler Magazine
80 8th Avenue, Room 1304
New York, NY 10011
(212) 242-0263
www.zieglermaga.org
Anthology of articles in Braille
and on tape.

National Braille Press
88 St. Stephen St.
Boston, MA 02115
www.nbp.org
(617) 266-6160
Books for adults and children.

Seedlings Braille Books for
Children
P.O. Box 51924
Livonia, MI 48151-5924
www.seedlings.org
(800) 777-8552

Religious Resources

American Bible Society
1865 Broadway
New York, NY 10023
(800) 322-4253
www.americanbible.org
The Bible in large print and on cassette.

Aurora Ministries
P.O. Box 1848
Bradenton, FL 34206
(941) 748-4100
www.auroraministries.org
Scriptures on cassette, in English and several other languages. Free to persons with written certification of vision impairment.

Christian Record Services, Inc.
4444 South 52nd Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
(402) 488-0981
www.christianrecord.org
Books and magazines in Braille, large print and on cassette.

Jewish Braille Institute of America, Inc.
110 East 30th St.
New York, NY 10016
(212) 889-2525
(800) 433-1531
www.jewishbraille.org
The Torah, and a number of books and periodicals in Braille, large print or on cassette. English, Hebrew, Hungarian, Russian and Yiddish.

Walker and Company
435 Hudson St.
New York, NY 10014
(800) 289-2553
(212) 727-8300
www.walkerbooks.com
Large print books on Judaism and Christianity

Radio Reading

Radio reading services broadcast recordings of periodicals and daily newspapers over special channels. To find a service near you call:

In Touch Networks, Inc.
15 West 65th St.
New York, NY 10023
(212) 769-6270
www.jgb.org

Newsline for the Blind

A computerized newspaper reading service developed by the National Federation of the Blind. Users call a special phone number to listen to free computerized recordings of USA Today, The New York Times and The Chicago Tribune. The service is currently available in over 35 cities and growing constantly.

National Federation of the Blind
1800 Johnson St.
Baltimore, MD 21230
(410) 659-9314
www.nfb.org/newsline.htm

Audio Description

Many television programs and videos are now available with narration of key visual elements and action. For more information contact:

Descriptive Video Service
WGBH (DVS)
125 Western Avenue
Boston, MA 02134
(800) 333-1203
(617) 300-3490

Good Life TV
650 Massachusetts Ave,
Washington, DC 20001
Attn: Nancy Becker
(800) 446-6388

Machines that Read Text Aloud

Personal readers scan printed material and translate it into simulated human speech. Some companies that make personal readers are:

Arkenstone
555 Oakmead Parkway
Sunnyvale, CA 94086-4023
(408) 245-5900
(800) 444-4443

Kurzweil (Lernout & Hauspie)
52 Third Avenue
Burlington, MA 01803
(800) 894-5374
www.lhsl.com

TeleSensory
520 Almanor Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
(800) 421-7323
www.telesensory.com

Closed Circuit Televisions

Closed circuit televisions (CCTVs) help many people who have low vision to read books, newspapers and correspondence by displaying a magnified image of text on video monitor.

Companies that make CCTVs:

HumanWare, Inc.
6245 King Rd.
Loomis, CA 95650
(916) 652-7253
(800) 722-3393
www.humanware.com

Innoventions
5921 S. Middlefield Rd. # 102
Littleton, CO 80123-2877
(800) 854-6554
www.magnicam.com

Optelec
6 Lyberty Way
Westford, MA 01886
(800) 828-1056
www.optelec.com

TeleSensory
520 Almanor Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
(800) 227-8418
www.telesensory.com

Seemore
42 Executive Blvd.
P.O. Box 3413
Farmingdale, NY 11735
(800) 428-6673
www.maxiaids.com

Products to Help People with Impaired Vision

Lighthouse Enterprises – Consumer Products Division
111 East 59th Street
New York, NY 10022
(800) 829-0500

Call to receive a free catalog. Or if you are in New York City, stop by The Lighthouse Store, on the first floor (212-821-9384). The Lighthouse sells a wide range of non-optical devices for people with impaired vision:

- Standard and 4-track tape players (for Library of Congress tapes).
 - Large-print dictionaries, cookbooks and address books.
 - Talking watches, clocks and calculators.
 - Board games and playing cards enhanced with large-print or Braille
 - ... and much more.
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