

Information on aids and services for the print disabled

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Note: “print disabled” does not need to be a visual problem, just anything that makes it hard or impossible to read print (e.g.: holding the book, turning pages, etc.) Many resources require a note from your social worker, librarian, doctor or other health professional stating you are print disabled.

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National organizations for the visually impaired

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

410-659-9314 www.nfb.org

American Council of the Blind (ACB)

800-424-8666 www.acb.org

APH ConnectCenter

Includes: VisionAware, CareerConnect, FamilyConnect, and Transition Hub.

800-232-5463 www.aphconnectcenter.org

VisionAware – info and resources for those with low vision

www.VisionAware.org

Reading matter

Library of Congress

National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled – loan or download of audio and Braille books and magazines – or through your state library system.

Free. 800-342-3688 www.loc.gov/nls

Bookshare

Books, periodicals, and local newspapers, including best sellers. Free to students.

650-352-0198 www.bookshare.org

Learning Ally

Formerly Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic. Mostly educational and technical books.

800-221-4792 www.LearningAlly.org

National Braille Press

Hardcopy and digital braille books, general & children's print/Braille books

888-965-8965 <http://www.nbp.org>

NFB-Newsline (sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind)

Audio national and local newspapers and magazines by phone or on your smart device.

866-504-7300 <https://nfb.org/audio-newspaper-service>

Audible

Commercial audio books

<http://www.audible.com>

Downloads from your public library

Commercial audio and e-Pub books

Reading Devices and Software

American Printing House for the Blind

Educational and other products for the visually impaired

800-223-1839 www.aph.org

Humanware

"VictorReader Stream" handheld reading device for audio and text

800-722-3393 www.humanware.com/

KNFB Reader App for the iPhone

Takes a photo of written material and reads it back to the user. Developed by Kurzweil & NFB. The app is available for your PC and smartphone.

Voice Dream Reader

For reading audio and text files on iOS and Mac devices.

<https://www.voicedream.com/>

Tools that provide sighted assistance

Be My Eyes

A free app that connects with a human volunteer or AI to describe images. Available for your PC or smartphone. Can be used with Meta Ray-Ban glasses.

Aira

Free sighted assistance in many public venues using the camera on your smartphone.

Seeing AI

A free app for iOS that narrates the world around you.

Envision Ally

Interactive AI designed for the blind. Runs on iOS devices and Meta Ray-Ban glasses.

Meta Ray-Ban Eyeglasses

See the world using interactive AI using built-in camera and speakers.

Adaptive software and equipment

Freedom Scientific

JAWS for Windows screen reader, Magic screen magnification, Fusion combined screen reader and magnification, portable CCTV's, and Braille displays.

800-444-4443 www.freedomscientific.com

Humanware

PC-based Braille and speech products, Braille printers, OCR, CCTVs, etc.

800-722-3393 www.humanware.com/

Dragon Naturally Speaking

Dictation software - for problems with writing, not with reading.

www.nuance.com/naturallyspeaking/

J-Say

JAWS scripts so you can use Dragon Naturally Speaking and JAWS together

239-256-7779 www.hartgen.org/

Catalogs of adaptive aids

Maxi Aids

800-522-6294 www.maxiaids.com

Independent Living Aids (ILA Can-Do)

800-537-2118 www.independentliving.com

LS&S Group

800-468-4789 www.lssproducts.com



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