Information on aids and services for the print disabled

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<u>Note</u>: "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.

Information provided by Eyes On Success

A weekly audio program about products, services & daily living tips for the visually impaired

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General services and products for the visually impaired

National Federation of the Blind (NFB) – national

410-659-9314 https://nfb.org/

American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) – national

800-232-5463 http://www.afb.org

VisionAware from AFB – info and resources for those with low vision www. VisionAware.org

The Lighthouse - national

800-829-0500 http://www.lighthouse.org

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ABVI) – Rochester, NY 585-232-1111 http://abvi-goodwill.org

The Low Vision Gateway – internet resources http://www.lowvision.org/

Reading matter

Library of Congress

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped – loan or download of audio and Braille books and magazines – or through your state library system. Free. 800-342-3688 http://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 as an iPhone app.

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

Radio Reading Services

Readings from newspapers, magazines and books. Talking Information Center provides national programs. 712-832-7025 www.TlCnetwork.org WXXI (Rochester's PBS station) runs "Reachout Radio". Available broadcast on a special radio (loaned for free) or via streaming.

585-258-0333 http://wxxi.org/reachout/

Audible

Commercial audio books http://www.audible.com

Reading Devices

American Printing House for the Blind

Bookport Plus and other products for the visually impaired 800-223-1839 http://www.aph.org

Humanware

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

800-722-3393 http://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 from the Apple App Store.

Adaptive software and equipment

Freedom Scientific

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

800-444-4443 <u>www.freedomscientific.com</u>

GWMicro

WindowEyes screen reader, ZoomText screen magnification, portable CCTV's and more.

260-489-3671 http://www.gwmicro.com/

Dragon Naturally Speaking

Speech recognition software - for problems with the hands, not with vision. http://www.nuance.com/naturallyspeaking/

J-Say

JAWS scripts so you can use Dragon Naturally Speaking and JAWS together 415-871-0626 http://www.hartgen.org/

Catalogs of adaptive aids

Maxi Aids

800-522-6294 http://www.maxiaids.com

Independent Living Aids (ILA Can-Do)

800-537-2118 http://www.independentliving.com

LS&S Group

800-468-4789 http://www.LSSgroup.com

Radio Shack

talking watches, large bright clocks, tape players, etc. http://radioshack.com/