

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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General services and products for the visually impaired

National Federation of the Blind (NFB) – national

410-659-9314 www.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 www.lighthouse.org

APH ConnectCenter – national

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

800-232-5463 www.aphconnectcenter.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 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.TICnetwork.org

You can find a local service at www.iaais.org/stations/

Audible

Commercial audio books

<http://www.audible.com>

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

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

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 from the Apple App Store.

Seeing AI App for the iPhone

A free app that narrates the world around you. Developed by Microsoft.
www.microsoft.com/en-us/ai/seeing-ai

Adaptive software and equipment

Freedom Scientific

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

800-444-4443 www.freedomscientific.com

Dragon Naturally Speaking

Speech recognition 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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