# **Braille Book Resources**

## **Free Books/Library Services**

### **American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults: Kenneth Jernigan Library**

* Website: <http://www.actionfund.org>
* Phone: (410) 659-9315
* Selected popular children’s reading series are available free to blind children, teachers, libraries, etc. All library books are graded by reading level. Books are available in twin visionor Braille

### **American Printing House for the Blind (APH): Braille Tales Print/Braille Book Program (Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library Partnership**)

* Website: <http://www.aph.org>
* Phone: (800) 223-1839
* Participating families receive six free print/braille books per year up to the child’s 6th birthday. You or your child must meet the definition of blindness, be 5 years of age or under, and live in the U.S.

### **National Library Service**

* Phone: (202) 707-5100 \* Toll Free (800) 424-8567
* Website: <http://www.loc.gov/nls>
* Through a national network of cooperating libraries, NLS administers a free library program of braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the United States by postage-free mail. The books and magazines are also available through the NLS Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD) online service.

### **Braille and Audio Reading Download (BARD)**

* Website: <https://www.loc.gov/nls/>
* Phone: 1-888-657-7323
* BARD is an online service that provides access to thousands of special-format books, magazines, and music materials. The same materials that are offered on digital cartridge and braille are also available for download in compressed digital audio and e-braille formats. Readers with a personal iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch can download and read audio and e-braille materials with the BARD iOS Mobile app. A refreshable braille display with a Bluetooth connection is required to access e-braille materials.

### **Braille Library and Transcribing Services, Inc.**

* Phone: (608) 233-0222
* Email:  office.blts@tds.net
* Website: <http://www.bltsinc.org>
* Holds titles for children and adults, and the collection is always being enlarged and updated. There is no charge for borrowing books; just get in touch with your name and contact information and they will get you started. Everyone receives an annual list of the year's new books at the beginning of the year, in braille or print, according to your stated preference when you sign up. (60 day lending)

### **The Book Angel Project**

* Phone: 800-777-8552
* Website: <http://www.seedlings.org/bkangel2009.php>
* Children in the US can sign up for two free books through this Seedlings project. You can sign up every year!

### **Braille Special Collection**

* Phone: 323-663-1111
* Website: <http://www.brailleinstitute.org/child-and-youth/special-collections.html>
* The Braille Special Collection program is designed to increase braille literacy and foster a love of reading by providing blind and visually impaired children with FREE braille books and storybook kits throughout the year.

### **ReadBooks! Program (National Braille Press)**

* Phone: 800-548-7323 ext. 520
* Website: <http://www.nbp.org/ic/nbp/programs/readbooks/readbooks.html>
* The Read Books Program distributes braille book bags to families with blind and visually impaired children, ages birth to seven. Each bag contains a print/braille children's book, a braille primer for parents, a tactile toy, info about braille literacy, and more!

### **Braille Book Fair (Hosted by the American Action Fund & the NOPBC at NFB National Convention)**

* <https://www.actionfund.org/programs/braille-book-fair>
* [www.nopbc.org](http://www.nopbc.org)
* Each year the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC) collects donations of gently used Braille books of all genres and age levels. You may visit the book fair and pick out books of your choice, which will then be boxed up and shipped home to you (free of charge), so travel space is no limit to how many new books you can find a home for.

## **Books for Purchase**

### **National Braille Press (NBP)**

* Phone: (617) 266-6160
* Website: <http://www.nbp.org>
* NBP offers a Braille Book-of-the-Month club for young readers. The subscription is $100/year for 12 books. (sign up as a trial to get notices on titles). NBP also offers other Braille books for purchase for all age groups. Check the website or call for a free catalog.

### **Seedlings: Braille Books for Children**

* Phone: (734) 427-8552
* Website: Email: <http://www.seedlings.org>
* Braille books are provided at each level of development, from toddler board books to classic literature for older children. New titles are added every year.

### **American Printing House for the Blind (APH)**

* Phone: 1-800-223-1839
* Website: [www.aph.org](http://www.aph.org)
* APH offers a limited number of Braille books from kindergarten to adult reading level. Free catalogs available upon request. Maintains the Louis Data Base of Accessible Material for People who are Blind or Visually Impaired.
* *APH offers many services and products. To search for books, the simplest method is to select the “Louis” search. From there, click on “Search for Textbooks, Recreational Reading, and Downloadable Files” Now you have the option of putting in a keyword or entering the ISBN number. If you know the book title, enter it here.*

### **Seeing Hands**

* Website: <http://www.seeinghands.org>
* Seeing Hands has a number of books that are available that include print, pictures, and Braille all on one page.

### **Volunteer Braille Services: Very Bumpy Stories**

* Phone: (763) 544-2880
* Website: <http://www.vbsmn.org>
* Very Bumpy Stories is a Print/Braille and bound volume library for the visually impaired. Membership to the library is open to all individuals and school districts within the U.S. Annual membership is $10 for individuals and $25 for schools. Books can be ordered online, by email or by phone. They are shipped via US mail in FREE matter library boxes.

### **Beulah Reimer Legacy, (BRL)**

* Phone: (515) 282-0049
* Website: <http://www.beulahreimerlegacy.com/>
* Beulah Reimer Legacy, (BRL) sells print/Braille children's picture books and flash cards at an affordable cost. BRL's mission is to increase Braille literacy and reading opportunities by placing braille in the hands of eager readers. All of our books are brailled in grade 2 contracted braille.
* Books range from $5-$25.
* Shipping and Handling is FREE.