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Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Share Our Vision That All May Read



Our Mission:

The Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (OLBPH) provides library services for individuals who are visually and/or physically unable to read printed text. The library provides reading materials and services supporting the educational and recreational needs of our patrons. We are committed to enriching their quality of life by opening up new worlds of information through our programs.



Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services
Division of Visual Services

Audio and Braille Books



The library provides books, magazines and other materials in audio formats or in Braille and the audio equipment needed to read these materials at no cost to patrons. There is no charge to mail materials back to the library.

Librarians and Internet Access

You are encouraged to discuss your reading preferences with our professional librarians who are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or via email. Our librarians can explain the formats that are available and order reading materials for you. Items listed in the Library's catalog may also be searched, requested or reserved online and thousands of titles may be downloaded from BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download), all accessed on the OLBPH website.



Librarians at OLBPH

Reading Equipment

You may check out reading equipment that can be used for as long as you need it. If something is broken or doesn't work, call our repair personnel Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please return the equipment when you no longer need it.



Applying for Services

To apply for library services, please call us or visit the website at www.olbph.org. You can speak to a librarian or you can print out the form online and mail it back to us.

Your application will be processed within 72 hours of our receipt. See contact information on the back of this brochure.

Please understand the library staff are all here for one reason and that is to make it as easy and as convenient as possible for you to access reading equipment and materials that will enhance you or your loved one's quality of life.

The equipment and materials are the highest possible quality, latest technology and the most desirable that we can provide. Our patrons tell us daily that discovering the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is "a life-saver," "the best thing ever," "has made life so much better," etc. Please let us serve you, too!

AIM — Accessible Instructional Materials Center

The AIM Center maintains a central repository of Braille and large print textbooks, novels and other specialized instructional materials for loan to Oklahoma students who cannot use regular print. The program serves children birth through 12th grade who attend public and private schools or are home schooled in Oklahoma, or receive services from SoonerStart, and are blind or visually impaired; have a physical disability that makes it difficult to use regular print books and school materials; or have a medically diagnosed learning disability that makes it difficult to use regular print.



For more information about the AIM Center, call the Library or visit the website at www.olbph.org and click on AIM Center.

And More ...

● Telephone Reader Services

Also available through making application for library services is access to newspapers, magazines and other publications via your home telephone. National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Newsline is a free reading service of newspapers and magazines. Library patrons can select from an array of national and local publications from a toll free telephone number.

● The Oklahoma Telephone Reader

The Oklahoma Telephone Reader (OTR) is another free on-demand dial-up information service. Seven days a week volunteers record articles from “The Oklahoman,” “Tulsa World” and other publications into the OTR system. These articles become digital files accessible through the telephone to anyone signed up for the service. OTR content includes news and editorials, sports, grocery ads, obituaries and a variety of other information not normally available on radio and/or television news sources.

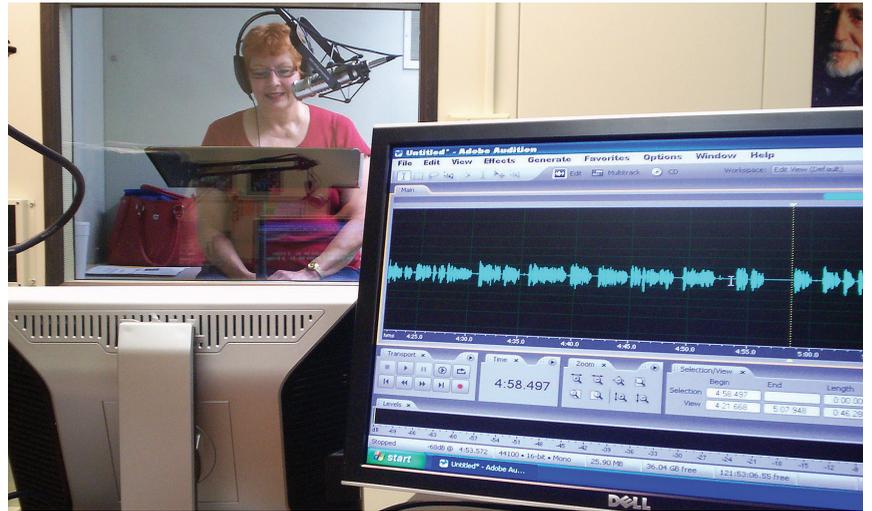
● Custom Materials in Braille

The OLBPH can produce Braille copies of standard printed materials such as brochures, restaurant menus, manuals, magazines and small books for a nominal fee. They are yours to keep.

And More ...

● Digital Recording Studio

The Talking Books and Magazines Studio produces audio versions of two bi-monthly magazines, Oklahoma Today and Cowboys & Indians, as well as books with an Oklahoma connection. Books of current significance and lasting permanent value are select-



ed by committee for addition to the collection, with a particular interest in Oklahoma history and Oklahoma authors. The Studio produces high quality audio in accordance with National Library Service standards, and four of our productions have been accepted into their permanent collection. To learn more about our renowned studio go to our website and explore the "Studio" tab.



● Oklahomans for Special Library Services (OSLS)

If you would like to support special projects not covered in our annual budget, join OSLS. Examples of projects funded by OSLS include sponsoring volunteer recognition activities, staff training, providing hospitality for volunteers, purchasing special Braille and recording equipment, and assisting with public awareness events. One project

underwritten by OSLS is The Hill, the vibrant sensory garden and walking path designed for people with disabilities. There, olfactory senses will be rewarded with the aroma of fragrant and touchable flowers and herbs. You will experience an



atmosphere of rustling leaves, bird songs and tinkling wind chimes as you take a minute to relax and enjoy the moment.

● Volunteer Opportunities

The **Digital Recording Studio** utilizes volunteers in a variety of ways. We have a need for individuals with computer skills (digitally editing audio in a recorded file at our studio) or narration skills (narrating print material in a live recording session at our studio). Volunteers also help with clerical tasks in preparation for recordings. Recording for the **Oklahoma Telephone Reader** can be performed by volunteers from the comfort of their homes making this an attractive non-traveling opportunity.

The volunteer force at the library doesn't just augment our full-time staff's efforts. It is often volunteers whose unique and special talents bring some of our finest moments. Volunteering at OLBPH requires an ongoing commitment. To inquire or apply on-line to volunteer visit our website and select the "Resources" tab then "volunteer" heading.

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