Resources for the Visually Impaired

Our Library Catalog

When using the library catalog at http://catalog.mainlib.org, click on the tab in the upper left corner to access larger type.

An orange button in the upper right corner of the page gives access to BrowseAloud, a tool that enlarges text size and allows text to be read aloud.

There is a link to settings so that the searching experience can be individualized. Please ask a librarian if you need assistance when learning to use BrowseAloud.

Audiobooks and Playaways

These are collections of materials in audio formats. Please ask a librarian for locations.

Large Print book collection

Please ask a librarian for location.

Magnifying Sheets

Magnifying Sheets can be used while reading in the Library – inquire at the Circulation Desk.
New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (TBBC)

TBBC is a library that provides no-cost, home-delivered services to children, teens and adults in New Jersey whose ability to read is affected by a physical impairment, a reading disability, or vision impairment. The collection includes books in Braille, large type, and audio. Also available is a service called Newsline that offers access to national and international newspapers, breaking news sources, magazines, weather forecasts, and more, accessible via touchtone phone, mobile apps, email, and on the Web.

Machines for playing recorded materials are available on loan from TBBC.

Also available through TBBC is an app for Apple and Android devices called BARD Mobile.

To be eligible for the program, each new reader must complete an application and have it certified for eligibility. To obtain an application:

- call 1-800-792-8322, or
- or ask your librarian for assistance.

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