

# Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Share Our Vision That All May Read



The Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides free services to Oklahomans who are blind or visually impaired and those with reading disabilities or physical limitations that make it difficult to use standard print.



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 may be reached in Oklahoma City at 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or via email through our website. 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 site - all accessed on the OLBPH website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us>.

# 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 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, 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 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit our website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us> to print out the form to mail back to us. Your application will be processed within 72 hours.

# AIM - Accessible Instructional Materials Center

The AIM Center maintains a central depository of Braille and large print textbooks and other specialized instructional materials for loan to Oklahoma students who cannot use regular print. The program serves children birth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who attend public and private schools 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 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit our website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us>., and click on AIM Center.

## And More

**NFB NEWSLINE** is a free newspaper reading service. Selected local and national newspapers are accessed toll free by telephone. Applications for the service are available by calling the Library, 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by visiting our website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us>.

The Library provides **custom materials in Braille** such as brochures, restaurant menus, manuals, magazines and books for a nominal fee. They are yours to keep. For more information about Braille services, call 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit our website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us>.

**The Hill** is our vibrant sensory garden and walking path specifically designed for people with disabilities. There your olfactory senses will be enriched with the aroma of fragrant and touchable flowers and herbs and you will experience an atmosphere of rustling leaves, birdsong, tinkling wind chimes and a bubbling fountain as you take a minute to relax and enjoy the moment.



## **The Oklahoma Talking Information Service,**

**OTIS,** is a free Internet radio service with 24 hour access to programming. Programs include reports from Oklahoma newspapers and magazines including the Oklahoma Gazette, the Lawton Constitution, the Stillwater Newspress, Tulsa People Magazine, Short Story Hour and others. For access or assistance, call 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit our website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us>.

**The Recording Studio** produces audio books and local magazines by Oklahoma authors, about Oklahomans, and about Oklahoma topics. Special requests by patrons are also done. Three of the books produced by the studio were accepted into the National Library Service Collection. For more information about the Recording Studio, call 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit our website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us>.



If you would like to support special projects not covered in our annual budget, join **Oklahomans for Special Library Services**. Examples of projects funded by OSLS include sponsoring volunteer recognition activities, staff training, providing hospitality for our volunteers, purchasing special Braille and recording equipment and assisting with public awareness events. For more information, or to join OSLS, contact the Library at 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit our website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us>.



The Library needs **volunteers** who can perform a variety of tasks. For more information about volunteering at the Library, call 405-521-3514, toll free at 800-523-0288 or TTY/TDD at 405-521-4672, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit our website at <http://www.library.state.ok.us>.

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