Reading for all: talking books are for more than the blind

Friday 10-11 am
It’s official!

DEED has joined social media – check us out

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Social Media Contacts

• To participate, Like/Follow DEED on social media (@AlaskaDEED):
  • Twitter: https://twitter.com/AlaskaDEED
  • Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AlaskaDEED
  • Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/alaskadeed/
  • Flickr: https://www.flickr.com/photos/alaskadeed/
  • Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/alaskadeed

• For more information, go to:
  https://education.alaska.gov/social_media.html
That All May Read . . .

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)
The Library of Congress

• Together with state agencies, provides audiobooks, Braille, large print, and more

• BARD

• Braille courses

• Service to US citizens abroad

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Organization

Alaska State Library – Talking Book Center
Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building
395 Whittier St.
Juneau, AK 99801

- Web
  - http://talkingbooks.alaska.gov
- Call
  - 1-888-820-4525
  - 907-465-1304 or 907-465-1315
- Email
  - tbc@alaska.gov

Utah State Library for the Blind and Disabled
250 North 1950 West, Suite A
Salt Lake City, UT 84116-7901

- Web
  - http://blindlibrary.utah.gov
- Call
  - 1-800-453-4293
- Email
  - blind@utah.gov
Resources

Alaska
• Apply for service
• General questions about service
• Follow up on any concerns or problems

Utah
• Request books or magazines
• Replace listening machines
• Get help with any services, including BARD, Braille, and large print materials
The fine print

Who’s eligible
• Blind or visually impaired
• Physically impaired so can’t read a regular book
  • Unable to hold a book
  • Some learning disabilities
• Any age
• Any financial situation
• Preference to veterans

Why these restrictions?
• Copyright
• Sustainability
What’s available

• Digital players
  • Basic and advanced
  • Cartridges
• Downloadable audiobooks and magazines
  • Choose titles from catalog and lists, or based on general preferences
• Religious texts
• Calendars
• Music services

• Special services
  • Book groups by teleconference
  • Newsletter: See Note
  • Bibliographies and reading suggestions
• Alaskana!
  • Alaska Magazine
  • Alaskan books
  • Request a title
• News
  • Through the National Federation of the Blind
#aklearns video

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