

Blind and Visually Impaired Services Catalog Resource Guide

This list of mail order catalogs was updated on April 8, 2004. It is highly recommended you contact each company and request the catalog in your preferred format (large print, tape, disk, Braille, or E-mail). A few companies provide their catalog in alternative formats for free, while others charge a small fee. Unfortunately, there are some companies that do not provide any alternative format. It is wise to have several catalogs from which to choose from, as prices, selection, and quality can vary.

American Printing House for the Blind (APH)

1839 Frankfort Ave.
PO Box 6085
Louisville, KY 40206-0085
(800) 223-1839
E-mail: info@aph.org
Website: <http://www.aph.com>

This catalog offers a variety of products including 4-track tape recorders, talking color identifier, Braille equipment and books, handwriting supplies, and cassette mailers.

Carolyn's

1415 57th Ave. West
Bradenton, FL 34207 USA
(941) 739-5503
E-mail: magnify@bhip.infi.net

Specializes in products that can enhance the lives of people who are visually impaired.

Gold Violin

P.O. Box 261639
San Diego, CA 92196-1639
(877) 648-8465
Website: <http://www.goldviolin.com>

Has a variety of items suitable for the visually impaired.

Home Readers

604 W. Hulett
Edgerton, KS 66021
(877) 814-7323
(913) 893-6939
E-Mail: homereader@homereaders.com
Website: <http://www.homereaders.com>

Numerous catalogs are recorded on four-track, Library of Congress-formatted audiocassettes. Readers take care to describe critical details like patterns, styles and colors which catalog writers typically expect pictures to convey. Categories covered by the various catalogs include clothing, animal supplies, health products, gifts of all kinds, food, collectibles, and cosmetics. Although a small fee is charged for a few of the recorded catalogs, Many of them are free. Catalogs recorded by Home Readers include Tupperware, The Pampered Chef, Avon, Lands' End, Figis, Sugar Free Market Place, Domestications, Collectors' Choice, Sharper Image, Radio Shack, Walter Drake, Foster and Smith, Puritan's Pride, etc. In addition to the catalogs, other recorded publications are available for purchase (e.g. cookbooks, magazines, daily devotionals, etc.) Contact Home Readers for a free, recorded list of available publications.

Howe Press**Perkins School for the Blind**

175 N. Beacon St.
Watertown, MA 02472
(617) 972-7308

E-mail: <mailto:HowePress@Perkins.org>

Website: <http://www.perkins.org>

An excellent source for obtaining Braille equipment and supplies.

Independent Living Aids, Inc. (ILA)

200 Robbins Lane
Jericho, NY 11753
Toll-Free Sales: (800) 537-2118

Technical Support: (516) 937-1848

E-mail: <mailto:can-do@independentliving.com>

Website: <http://www.independentliving.com>

A wide variety of products are offered suited to the needs of the visually impaired. Items include recreation and leisure, communication tools, cooking aids, mobility aids, home and personal management equipment, etc. Products designed to meet the needs of those with physical impairments (other than vision loss) are also sold. ILA now owns the Ann Morris catalog. Catalogs for ILA & Ann Morris can be acquired via the above contact information.

Innovative Rehabilitation Technology, Inc. (IRTI)

13465 Colfax Highway
Grass Valley, CA 95945
(800) 322-4784

E-mail: <mailto:info@irti.net>

Website: <http://www.irti.net>

Catalog has custom computers and software, reading machines, 4 track cassette players and recorders, talking calculators, notetakers, bathroom scales, clocks, watches (talking and Braille), etc.

Lighthouse Professional Products Catalog

111 East 59th St.
New York, NY 10022-1202
(800) 829-0500

E-mail: professionalcatalog@lighthouse.org

Website: www.lighthouse.org

Offers state-of-the-art products including mirrors, magnifiers, lamps, organizer wallets, Braille speaker telephones, talking calculators, writing guides, talking pagers, clocks, luggage locators, cards, games, toys, talking scales, medical aids, etc.

LS&S, LLC

PO Box 673
Northbrook, IL 60065
(800) 468-4789

E-mail: info@LSSproducts.com

Website: <http://www.lssproducts.com>

Items include talking watches, scales, clocks, calculators, large digit alarm clocks, computer and TV screen enlargers, TV radios, 4-track cassette players, voice-activated telephones, medical devices including diabetic aids, etc.

Mary Kay Books in Braille for \$5.00 or on tape for \$2.00

Alice Crespo (prefers tape letters)
28-53 45th St.
First Floor
Estoria, NY 11103
(718) 545-1529

Maxi-Aids, Inc.

42 Executive Blvd.
PO Box 3209
Farmingdale, NY 11735
(800) 522-6294
E-mail: sales@maxiaids.com
Website: <http://www.maxiaids.com>
Catalog offers a wide variety of items for a reasonable price. A MUST HAVE!!

Myna Corp.

239 Western Ave.
Essex, MA 01929
(978) 768-9000 370-6962
Electronic equipment is highlighted in this catalog. Used to be known as TFI and before that BIT.

National Federation of the Blind (NFB)

Materials Center

1800 Johnson St.
Baltimore, MD 21230-4998
(410) 659-9314, Ext. 216
E-mail: materials@nfb.org
Website: <http://www.nfb.org>

A source for Aids and Appliances including Braille writing supplies, canes, games/playing cards, housewares, low vision/print writing aids, magnifiers, medical devices, recording/playback devices, timekeeping, etc. Various publications, films/videos, and catalogs are also available. Visit the above Website to access the NFB online store.

Science Products for the Blind

Box 888
Southeastern, PA 19399
(800) 888-7400
Available items include talking vendor equipment, custom electronics, low vision aids, recreational items, calculators, computers, recorders, large print and tactile books, medical aids, etc.

Speak To Me

330 SW 43rd St., Suite #154
Renton, WA 98055
(800) 248 9965
E-mail: info@speaktomecatalog.com
Website: <http://www.speaktomecatalog.com>

This catalog is packed full of unique items that talk and/or are audible. Products will enhance the lives of those dealing with vision loss. They also make excellent gift ideas for all ages.