

## Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

### *Making Maryland Accessible*



In 1968, the State of Maryland established the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in downtown Baltimore. As a network library of the National Library Service, LBPH patrons can access reading materials, an assistive technology lab, in-house magnification and stability tools, and over 20 staff members dedicated to the library's community. LBPH is a division of the Maryland State Library.

### What Services Does the Library Offer?

Registered LBPH patrons of all ages can borrow the following materials for **FREE**:

- High quality audio books and easy-to-use players
- Easy access to books through Braille and Audio Recording Download Service
- Large print books
- Braille books and magazines
- Descriptive video

Additionally, patrons can request sheet music, and magazines directly from the National Library Service sent in either digital or Braille formats.

All circulating items are sent through the U.S. Postal Service and paid for by the National Library Service.

*"It's wonderful what the library has been able to do for my grandmother. The whole family is very grateful." Sam Kessler, LBPH Patron, 2015*

## Technology Help Is Here!

As technologies change, so does the library's role in helping to educate and train everyone on the use of assistive technology. Not only does the library have a fully immersive technology lab on-site, but they also hold technology meetings on a monthly basis between March and November.

### Who is Eligible?

Any resident of Maryland who is unable to read or use standard print materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual or physical disability may receive service through LBPH. This includes the following people:

- Blind Individuals whose visual acuity is less than 20/200
- Low Visual Individuals
- Individuals with Physical Limitations
- Individuals with Organic Reading Limitations

### How do I sign-up?

Our service is local! To sign-up for our service, you will need to complete an application. Applications can be obtained online, by calling the library directly or by contacting your local public library. Once the application is received, it takes just a week or two before your welcome packet arrives.

### Contact Us:

**Telephone:** 410-230-2424 or 1-800-964-9209 (toll free)

**TTY:** 410-333-8679 or 1-800-934-2541 (toll free)

**Hours:** 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday thru Friday,  
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the second Saturday of each month.

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