

Maryland Accessible Textbook Program

A Division of the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled



The mission of the Maryland Accessible Textbook Program is to provide print-impaired students attending a Maryland college or university with college textbooks in accessible formats. Each year, the partnership between the MAT Program and accredited post-secondary institutions allows hundreds of students to realize their full academic potential by reaching their goals and graduating on time.

What the MAT Program Offer Students?

Registered Maryland Accessible Textbook patrons attending a Maryland College or University are offered **FREE** textbook conversion to the following formats:

- MP3 (download and cartridge)
- DAISY Format (text and MP3)
- Large print (print and digital)
- PDF Files
- Provide files for Brailnote Touch

Who is Eligible?

All students who attend a 2-to-4 year Maryland College or Maryland University and who meet the following criteria:

- Individuals with Print Impairments
- Blind Individuals whose visual acuity is less than 20/200
- Low Visual Individuals
- Individuals with Learning Disabilities
- Individuals with Physical Limitations

To Sign-up for Service:

For those interested in applying to the MAT Program, please include **one** of the following with your application:

- A Letter from a Certifying Medical Authority
- A Letter from the Institution Where You are Attending (DSS or School Official)
- A Letter from the Division of Rehabilitation Services
- A Letter from a Social Worker or Librarian
- Proof of LBPD Membership

According to Public Law 89-522, persons who are blind or have a physical disability who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States must receive preference in the lending of books, recordings, playback equipment, musical scores, instructional texts, and other specialized materials.

Information Needed to Provide Service:

For the MAT Program to provide students with accessible textbooks, the following information is needed:

- Course Start and End Date
- Course Title and Number
- Course Instructor
- Book Title
- Book ISBN
- Author
- Edition

All information is due to a minimum of two-weeks before the start of the course.

Contact Us:

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