

Teacher/Media Specialist Information Sheet

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

Making Maryland Accessible



Every teacher knows students that have reading impairments – dyslexia, low vision, or dysgraphia – not only struggle in class but struggle socially. Reading becomes a gateway for not only earning a passing grade but also becoming a leader in schools. LBPDP provides the tools and materials to help students keep up with classroom reading assignments.

I use Bookshare or Learning Ally. Should I use LBPDP too?

Bookshare and Learning Ally offers textbooks and classroom material that are only available through an IEP. Additionally, the National Library Service offers the following advantages over the fee-based services:

- Professionally recorded fiction and non-fiction books
- Digital books and players sent directly to the students via US Mail
- Classic, modern, and foreign language books in large print
- Classic, modern, and foreign language books in Braille
- Downloadable books and magazines
- Reading disabilities qualify with Doctor Certification
- All services, including players and materials, are **FREE** to students

LBPDP patrons are also able to request sheet music and magazines directly from the National Library Service in either digital or Braille formats.

What Disabilities Are Considered?

Teachers often see a student present with a reading or print disability and wish to help them any way they can. For a student to be qualified to use our service, they will need to be certified by an authority (Doctor, Therapist) as having a print impairment. Depending on severity, a student could qualify by if their medical diagnosis includes any of the following:

- Dyslexia
- Hyperlexia
- Aphasia
- Low Vision
- ADHD
- Reading Special Needs

Can I Sign-up a Student?

Schools are encouraged to send individual applications home with qualifying students so that parents and guardians will have the opportunity to obtain personalized service. With parental permission, specialized school personnel can act as a certifying authority and obtain services for qualifying students.

The School Can Have an Account?

Schools can apply to have an account with the Maryland LBPD. However, the students in the public schools must be certified as eligible on an individual basis. The school can apply to be the repository for the materials (books, players) for the students who need the library's service. As part of the agreement, they cannot lend the materials to anyone other than the students who are LBPD patrons.

Contact Us:

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