



Washington Talking Book & Braille Library

A program of the Washington State Library

Annual Report

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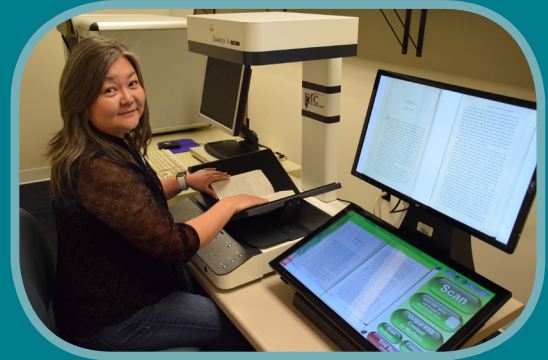


Mission Statement

The Washington Talking Book & Braille Library builds community and provides equal access to information and reading materials for Washington residents unable to read standard print.

Our Volunteers Make All the Difference!

My name is Allyn. I started WTBBL's braille transcription class taught by Ed Godfrey in the fall of 2017. I met wonderful people and learned more than I ever expected. I found myself fascinated by braille and wanted to support the library's mission to make reading materials accessible by transcribing, scanning books, and proofreading materials. WTBBL is a great place to volunteer. It provides such a great benefit for our community, and I am happy to be a part of it!



Donor Funds
\$377,000

State Funds
\$1,175,666

Funding
Sources

Federal Funds
\$328,000

Donor gifts are an important and integral source of funding for WTBBL!



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The Washington Book & Braille Library (WTBBL) provides free, comprehensive library service to Washington residents who are blind, visually impaired, deaf-blind, physically disabled (can't hold a book or turn a page), or reading disabled.

Books and magazines are available in audio or braille, sent free by mail or downloaded from our website or mobile device for your reading convenience.

WTBBL provides readers advisory, programming, and youth services including summer reading, early literacy, and multisensory storytimes.

Made Possible By Donor Support

Donor funds supported the WTBBL youth services program, adding books to the collection, the creation of early literacy kits, and program development. Funds also supported the integration of new post-production software in Audio Book Production and new technology in the Braille Department.

Donations continued to support statewide outreach efforts, growing WTBBL's patron base by the highest number of new patrons annually.

9,155 active individual readers

459 organizational accounts

1,776 new patrons

11,219 visitors to WTBBL

6,325 reference transactions

53 multisensory storytimes with an annual attendance of 1,060

Services for Our Patrons

Books Circulated: 279,181



Books Downloaded: 128,606



Local Books Produced

Audio books: 156



Braille books: 108



Outreach Visits: 123



Volunteers

Number of volunteer hours: 14,430

