

2026 Assistive Technology Guide



Digital Talking Books (DTB)

Talking Book and Braille Library (TBBL)



- Free program providing digital talking books, magazines and Braille materials to anyone with a visual, physical, or reading disability.
- Information and applications available online at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/> or call 800-342-3688
- Library staff is happy to assist with the application process. B&ECPL does not circulate digital talking books or service digital readers.

NVDA Screen Reader



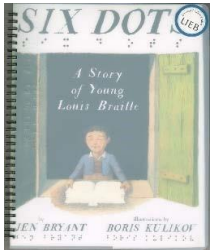
- Software that reads aloud content displayed on a computer screen.
- Free software similar to JAWS
- Located in the Central library Assistive Technology Room (ATR) workstation.

Pebble HD Handheld Magnifier



- Hand-held magnification device with adjustable magnification of 1.25x - 13.5x
- Available at Clarence Public Library.

Print/Braille Books



- Children's picture books with standard printed pages and clear plastic Braille overlays. A Blind and sighted person can enjoy a book together. Also useful for learning about Braille. They are Located in Central Library children's collection. Circulate the same as books in standard format.
- Find titles using the library catalog.
- Search "series" and "Braille Book Club"

SARA – Stand-Alone Reading Appliance



- Easy-to-use standalone text to voice scanner. Monitor displays text as it is read making the device helpful for persons with dyslexia or who are learning English.
- Located in Central Library Assistive Technology Room (ATR). Sign-in with ID.
- The device can be sent to other B&ECPL libraries upon request.

Text Magnifier



- Tabletop device that displays the enlarged image of print materials on an attached monitor.
- Size of display and contrast are adjustable.
- Located in the Central Library Whisper Space. No sign-in is required.
- Also available at: Audubon, Aurora, Clarence, Clearfield, Eggert, Hamburg, Kenmore, Newstead, North Collins, Orchard Park, City of Tonawanda, and Williamsville.

Video Description



- Commercial videos with narration track describing what is happening on-screen when there is no dialogue.
- Visit ACB project <https://adp.acb.org/adp-search> for an alphabetical list by title of DVDs that provide Audio Description. Then search B&ECPL catalog for library holdings.

Videophone



- Free calls between videophones for ASL communication. Videophone to standard audio telephone is available via interpreter relay.
- Located in the Central Library Assistive Technology Room (ATR)
- Sign-in with ID required.
- A remote control device is on the desk for use during the call.
- All calls are out-going only.

Windows 11 Magnifier



- Makes part or all of computer screen bigger so you can see words and images better. Not as powerful as ZoomText software.
- Available on all public computer workstations in the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.
- Simple to use.
- Press Windows key + to get started.

ZoomText



- A fully integrated magnification and reading program tailored for low-vision users.
- Located in the Central Library Assistive Technology Room (ATR). Sign-in with ID.
- Training required to use software is not available from library staff.
- Software user guide is available.

ZoomText Keyboard



- Easy to see in low light. Has 36-point text and high-contrast color scheme. This keyboard also has Braille key overlays.
- Available in the Central Library Assistive Technology Room (ATR) workstation.
- Also at the Julia Boyer Reinstein Library.