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Helpful Resources and links for the Blind

Essential iOS app list

This is our list of usefull applications that can be found on the apple app store.

Essential Android app list

This is our list of usefull applications that can be found on the google play store.

SoCalGas

If you're a SoCalGas customer and you're having trouble paying your gas bill, SoCalGas customer assistance programs may be able to help.

GoGoGrandparent

GoGoGrandparent turns on demand transportation companies like Uber into services that help families take better care of older adults. Available in all 50 states and Canada!

Call (855) 464-6872 and select a service
press 1 for a car to your home
press 2 for a car to where we dropped you off last
press 3, 4 or 5 for a car to a custom pick up location
press 0 to speak wth an operator

Agencies for the Blind

The American Council of the Blind

Promotes effective participation of blind people in all aspects of society.

The American Foundation for the Blind

Provides services, contacts and important information for people who are blind or visually impaired and their families, professionals, organizations, schools, and corporations.

The National Federation of the Blind

Strives to improve social and economic conditions of blind persons.

The California Council of the Blind

Since 1934, the mission of the California Council of the Blind is to gain full independence and equality of opportunity for all blind and visually impaired Californians.

CCB is a non-profit tax-exempt organization composed primarily of Californians who are blind or have low vision.

Vision Loss Resources

Whether you were born with an eye disease or blindness or are new to vision loss, this site is for you. It's also for friends and loved ones and for professionals.

Libraries for the Blind and School Resources

American Printing House for the Blind

The world's largest nonprofit organization creating educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for people who are visually impaired.

Provides textbooks and educational materials for legally blind students.

Bookshare

Bookshare is an Accessible Online Library for people with print disabilities. You can download free books, Braille books, and tools for people who are blind or visually impaired.

This service is only free to students, otherwise it's \$50 per year.

Top 100 Picture Books with Image Descriptions in Bookshare

Educators and parents know how important books are for the earliest readers. Getting kids "hooked on books" through the classic bedtime picture book has profound effects on lifetime literacy, both from how a child learns to read, to how a child perceives themselves as being part of the world of books.

To get started, browse through the Top 100 Picture Books and search for your favorite characters such as Curious George, Frog and Toad, Harold and his purple crayon, Madeline, and Peter Rabbit. Then log in, select a book, get comfortable, and click on Read Now to enjoy one of your favorites in Bookshare Web Reader.

The Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind

Promotes all phases of education and employment for all ages who are blind and visually impaired.

Support for professionals who provide education and rehabilitation services to people with visual impairments.

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

NLS administers a free library program consisting of a national network of cooperating libraries, providing Braille and audio materials circulated to eligible borrowers in the United States by postage-free mail.

Learning Ally for the Blind and Dyslexic

Learning Ally is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that provides literature and textbooks in a digital audio format to people who cannot effectively read standard print because of visual impairment, dyslexia, or other physical disability.

Paths to Literacy

Paths to Literacy is a site for students who are blind or visually impaired.

This site is about assistive technology for people who are blind and is a valuable resource for information and links for blind students.

Advocacy for the Blind

Helping Hands 4 the Blind

A non-profit organization whose goal is to promote social, economic and educational opportunities for the blind.

Helping Hands for the Blind is an organization of blind people who want to help other blind people.

It is a problem solving organization and it is a guide that blind people can turn to in times of need.

Rehab Centers for the Deaf and Blind

This links to Addiction treatment for individuals with disabilities: Addiction can be a harrowing experience for anyone with a sensory disability, such as a deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or visually impaired individual. This experience can be even more daunting, as they're faced with not only overcoming an addiction, but attempting to find a treatment program that recognizes, respects, and caters to their unique needs and challenges, in a world that largely revolves around the experiences and perception of sound and sight.

Rehab Center Resources

This link takes you to webpage dedicated to multiple articles and references about addiction

Family Connect

Family Connect resources page

FamilyConnect is a website created by the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) and the National Association for Parents of Children with Visual Impairments (NAPVI) to give parents of visually impaired children a place to support each other, share stories and concerns, and find resources on raising their children from birth to adulthood.

National Association of Parents of Children with Visual Impairments

NAPVI is a national membership organization that enables parents to find information and resources for their children who are blind or visually impaired, including those with additional disabilities.

NAPVI provides leadership, support, and training to assist parents in helping their children reach their full potential.

My Blind Spot

My Blind Spot's mission is to advance equal access and promote understanding, respect, and opportunity for people who are blind, visually impaired and print disabled.

My Blind Spot believes that all individuals are entitled to acceptance, encouragement, and respect, as well as freedom from discrimination, labeling, and stereotyping, regardless of their challenges in life.

We believe that every person, at every age and level of ability, has the potential for growth.

Assistive Technology Services and Help Desk

Text2Speech.org

Text2Speech.org is a free online text-to-speech converter. Just enter your text, select one of the voices and download or listen to the resulting mp3 file. This service is free and you are allowed to use the speech files for any purpose, including commercial uses.

VoiceOver Easy Home Page

VoiceoverEasy.net courses are tutorials geared toward blind and visually impaired users of iPhones and iPads with Siri capability, and who use Apple Corporation's accessibility technology called Voiceover to read the screen of their device.

This website was developed in order to provide a detailed, step by step tutorial for blind and visually impaired users of the VoiceOver assistive technology found in iPhones and iPads. This site makes no assumptions that the reader has any previous knowledge of or experience with iPhones or iPads, and no previous experience using VoiceOver is necessary to begin using these lessons.

There are no pictures or diagrams on this site. All lessons have been developed using text only.

AppleVis

A website for people who are blind or have visual Impairments that are users of Apple's range of Mac computers, the iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and the Apple TV.

AppleVis is a resource containing multiple links and access to useful information concerning the Blind and low vision community who use Apple products.

Microsoft Accessibility Help Desk

If you run into a problem that you cannot figure out, the Microsoft disability answer desk may be able to help you. The Disability Answer Desk agents will provide assistance to customers with disabilities, such as people who are blind, have low vision, are deaf, or may have other impairments.

There is support for customers looking for help with accessibility features such as screen readers, screen magnifiers, or speech recognition commands.

Computers for the Blind (CFTB)

Computers For The Blind - is a volunteer organization devoted to providing computers to persons who are blind or visually impaired.

AT Exchange- Device Lending Library

A FREE service of the Ability Tools that connects Californians to the assistive technology (AT) devices they need to live independently.

Here you will find new and used low and high-tech devices for people with disabilities that include magnifiers, mobility devices, hardware and software.

Braille

The Braille Authority of North America

The mission of the Braille Authority of North America is to assure literacy for tactile readers through the standardization of Braille and/or tactile graphics.

The purpose of BANA is to promote and to facilitate the uses, teaching, and production of Braille.

Health and Wellness

The Blind Independence Diabetes Group (BID)

The purpose of the BID Group is to enable blind diabetics to improve their diabetes health skills, gain independence, and make new friends!

The BID Group website provides free "living with diabetes and blindness" audio training materials from top medical and blindness professionals. It offers friendly nationwide peer support groups where blind diabetics, facing the same issues, can learn, laugh, and grow together.

Eye Health Information Service

Our Eye Health Information Service can help you to understand how your eye condition will affect you and what can be done to help.

Our friendly, trained advisers can take the time to answer your eye health questions in clear and simple language about your eye condition, treatment options, developments in research, and how to protect your remaining eyesight.

Blind Babies Foundation

When an infant or preschooler is identified as blind or visually impaired, Blind Babies Foundation provides family-centered services to support the child's optimal development and access to the world.

Blind Babies Foundation has been providing critical early intervention and education services to infants and preschoolers who are blind or visually impaired.

VisionAware

Resources for Independent Living with Vision Loss

Exercise for People Who Are Blind or Have Low Vision

News and Entertainment for the Blind

AIRS-LA

AIRS-LA strives to provide broadcasts of local and national newspaper, magazine, book, and special interest readings.

The Airs-LA site was developed to provide people who are blind or visually impaired with a free, on-demand source of streaming audio through their iPhone, iPod or iPad.

AIRS-LA (the Audio Internet Reading Service of Los Angeles) provides the information and entertainment reading services for Blind audiences - at no cost to them.