

Southeast Kansas Library System Special Needs Collections

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Talking Books, Guidelines for Schools

All eligible students in public, or private schools, and including home-schooled students, are encouraged to participate in the free Kansas Talking Book Service if they qualify for National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Schools may borrow playback equipment and recorded or Brailled books and magazines for use *only* by students who have been individually certified as eligible for the program.

Talking Books are provided for persons of any age who are unable to use standard printed materials. It includes persons who are Blind or have Low Vision, Physically Handicapped, or Reading Disabled (under certain circumstances).

Schools also may borrow special speed cassette players for use in the classroom by certified students. Additional adaptive equipment for the eligible disabled student may also be borrowed from the Subregional library. If the playback equipment is in need of repair, or other problems arise regarding equipment, contact Southeast Kansas Library System or the Wichita Subregional Library immediately.

According to NLS federal regulations, the equipment and materials loaned to a school must be used *only* by eligible students. The equipment used to play books and magazines is loaned through the Talking Book Service. In order for a school to remain active for classroom service for eligible students, at least one magazine or book must be checked out during the year. If one item per year is not checked out, or if students in the classroom are no longer certified as eligible, all borrowed materials, equipment and accessories must be returned.

Each student using Talking Book equipment and materials must be individually certified as eligible and have an individual application on file at the Wichita Subregional Library. Students with reading disabilities caused by organic dysfunction may be eligible, but must be certified by a medical doctor or osteopathic physician. Additional eligibility criteria are outlined in the application for individuals. Applications for individual students and institutions are available upon request from any of the Subregional Talking Book Libraries. Information about NLS and its policies can be found at <http://www.loc.gov/nls>. Talking Book applications may be downloaded for free at <http://www.loc.gov/nls/pdf/application.pdf>

Talking Books and Accelerated Reader®

Talking Books includes many of the popular juvenile titles frequently found on Accelerated Reader® lists. Individual grade or reading level lists can be developed for those students already enrolled. Please note that Talking Books does not provide test questions, nor answers.



**FREE RESOURCES
FOR YOUR STUDENTS**

FREE Special Needs Collections at SEKLS

Items from these collections may be borrowed for free by any institution or individual, without special application. Order via interlibrary loan from local libraries. Items can be checked out for 3 weeks

- **Braille/Print/Picture Books**

Beginning Braille books include the printed text, its Braille equivalent, and picture illustrations. Print/Braille books have lines of Braille with text duplicated line for line below, with no illustrations.

- **Descriptive Video Service-DVS Home Videos**

These videos are designed for persons who are blind or have low vision. They provide additional voice-over description of the visual elements of the film.

- **Recreational Therapy Aids**

A collection of games, reproducible coloring books, videos, exercise aids, stamp sets, and puppets for individual use, or to enhance group activity programs. Memory, coordination, relaxation, and low vision usage are emphasized.

For a complete listing of Special Needs Collections please see:
<http://www.sekls.lib.ks.us/bph/specialneeds2007.pdf>

Need more information on these collections?
Contact Southeast Kansas Library System
218 E. Madison
Iola, KS 66749
(800) 279-3219 or (620) 365-5136
Jaime Prideaux, Special Needs Consultant

Recorded Textbook Services

Talking Books provides recreational reading to print handicapped persons of all ages. It does **not** provide recorded textbooks. One source for adaptive textbooks for low vision students is the **Kansas Instructional Resource Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**, 1100 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 66102, (800) 572-5463, website: <http://www.kirc.org>. For information about KIRC, contact the KIRC Coordinator at (913) 281-3308 or kirc@kssb.net.

Another source for adaptive textbooks is **Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic**. Anyone with a documented disability—including a visual disability or other physical disability which makes reading standard print difficult to impossible—is eligible to use RFB&D's taped textbooks. Only members may access this library. Fees are required for individual or institutional members.

Contact: RFB&D National Headquarters, 20 Roszel Road, Princeton, NJ 08540. 1-866-732-3585. Individual and institutional applications may be downloaded at the website: <http://www.rfbd.org>.

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218 E. Madison, Iola, KS 66749
(620) 365-5136 or (800) 279-3219
<http://www.sekls.lib.ks.us>

Talking Book Service, Wichita Subregional Library
223 South Main, Wichita, KS 67202
(316) 261-8500 or (800) 362-2869

Kansas State Library Talking Book Service
Emporia State University, Memorial Union
1200 Commercial St., Emporia, KS 66801
(620) 343-7124 or (800) 362-0699
<http://www.kslib.info/talking>



QUESTIONS?

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FREE Tutoring for Students through HomeworkKansas

The State Library of Kansas and Kansas public libraries offer **HomeworkKansas**, an interactive online tutoring service for Kansas children grades 4 through 12 and college intro students. The service is free to Kansas residents throughout the state.

Tutoring will be available seven days a week, from 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm and, in Spanish language Sunday through Thursday, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The service is high tech, but very simple to use – students indicate their grade level and the subject they need help in and HomeworkKansas connects them to the best available tutor. Students will need a free Kansas Library Card (KSLC) and pin number to log on.

Visit HomeworkKansas at <http://www.homeworkkansas.org>

Get your Kansas State Library Card at <http://www.kslc.org>