

Services for the Print Disabled

Special library services funded by the Illinois State Library make it easier for the print disabled to access vital information.

Talking Book Program

- The Illinois Network of Libraries Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped is funded by grants from the Office of the Secretary of State through the Illinois State Library. Four subregional libraries (Talking Book Centers) serve users in specific geographic regions.
- The Library of Congress provides free Braille books, audiocassette books and tape players.
- More than 72,000 titles — some in foreign languages — are available, including best sellers, light fiction, westerns, classics and nonfiction. 100 magazine titles also are available with new titles continually added to the collection.
- More than 27,000 patrons in Illinois will read nearly 1 million books this year. Anyone permanently or temporarily unable to hold or read regular print material comfortably due to a physical or visual disability is eligible for the service, regardless of age. Registered patrons also may borrow descriptive videos and old-time radio shows from a Talking Book Center. Contact a Talking Book Center for more information (see reverse side).

Illinois Radio Information Service

- Radio reading services in Illinois are supported in part by grants from the Illinois State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.
- 11 stations in Illinois provide current information from local newspapers. Free closed-band receivers allow patrons to listen to broadcasts of local news, grocery ads and other information not available through the Talking Book program. For more information, contact any Talking Book Center or visit our Web site.

NFB-Newsline®

- The Illinois State Library Talking Book & Braille Service, in cooperation with the National Federation for the Blind, sponsors NFB-NEWSLINE®. This service provides subscribers toll-free access to audio versions of more than 200 newspapers, including the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Daily Herald*, from any touch-tone telephone anywhere in the United States.
- Free and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, NFB-NEWSLINE® allows readers to select the newspapers and articles they want to hear.

The Illinois State Library Talking Book & Braille Service, Radio Information Services and NFB-NEWSLINE® are free to eligible Illinois patrons. Information and registration forms are available at any Illinois public library.

The Illinois Network of Libraries Serving the Print Disabled

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Chicago Public Library Talking Book Center

400 S. State St.
Chicago, IL 60605
800-757-4654
312-747-4001
312-747-1609 (fax)

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Voices of Vision Talking Book Center

DuPage Library System
127 S. First St.
Geneva, IL 60134
800-227-0625
630-208-0398
630-208-0399 (fax)

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Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center

Alliance Library System
600 High Point Lane, Ste. 2
East Peoria, IL 61611
800-426-0709
309-694-7935
309-694-9230 (fax)

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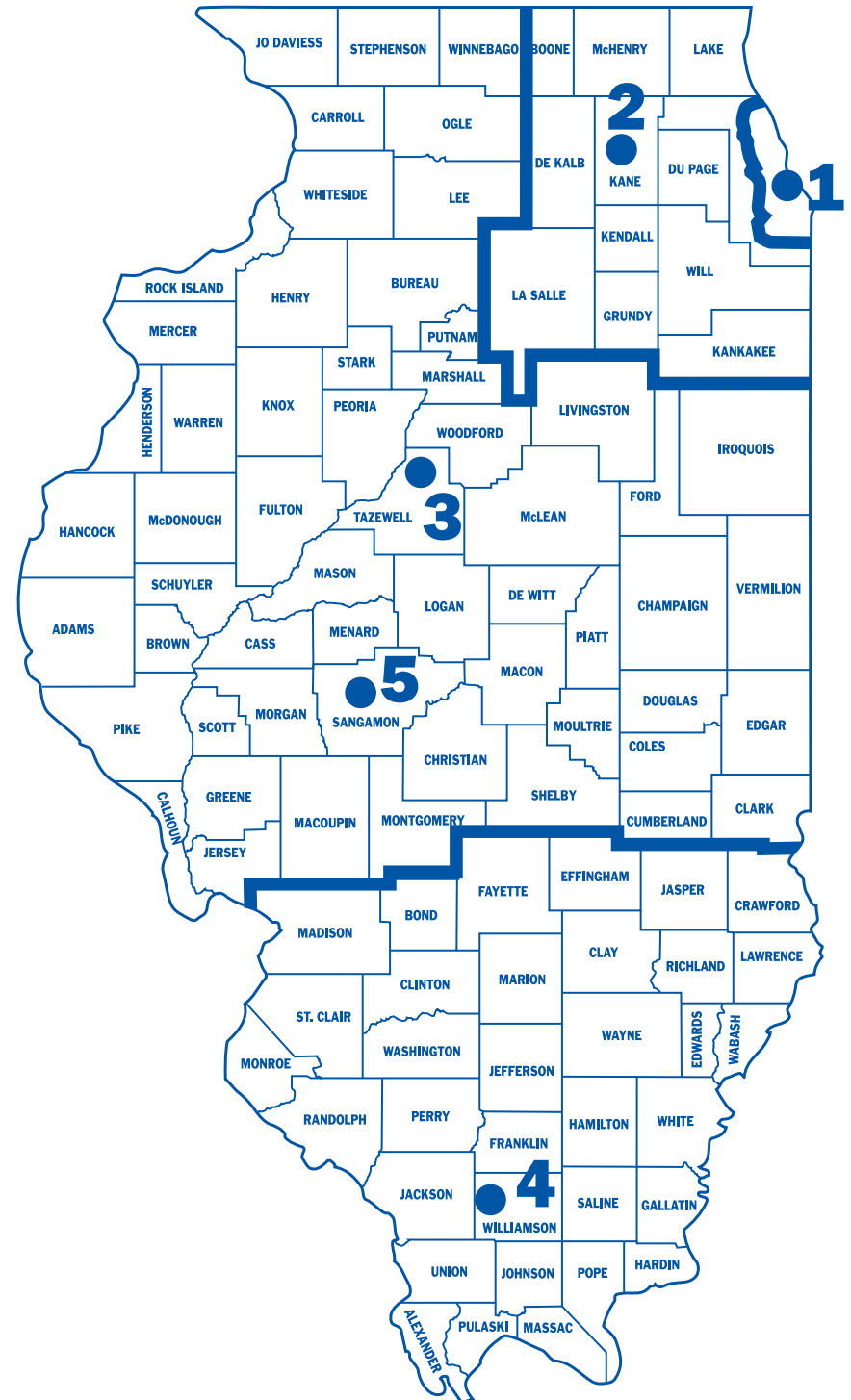
Southern Illinois Talking Book Center

Shawnee Library System
607 Greenbriar Rd.
Carterville, IL 62918
800-455-2665
618-985-8375
618-985-4211 (fax)

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Illinois State Library Talking Book & Braille Service

401 E. Washington
Springfield, IL 62701
800-665-5576, ext. 5
217-782-9260
217-558-4723 (fax)



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