

MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION for the **Blind and Visually Impaired**

Resources

Accessibility Phone Numbers

Apple Accessibility Phone Number:

1-877-204-3930

Comcast Accessibility Phone Number:

1-855-270-0379

Microsoft Accessibility Phone Number:

1-800-936-5900

Accessible Podcast Clients

Apple Podcasts

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/apple-podcasts/id525463029>

Downcast

<http://www.downcastapp.com/>

Overcast

<https://overcast.fm/>

Castro Podcast app

<https://castro.fm>

Accessible Pharmacy Services for the Blind

Address: 52 Frank Street, Stamford, CT 06902

Main Phone Number: (203) 252-8915

Link: <https://www.accessiblepharmacy.com/>

Patrick J. Olsen, New England Director of Business Development

Phone Number: (203) 274-1849

Email: PatrickO@accessiblepharmacy.com

Provides access to medications with Braille, large print, or audio labels as well as options for medication delivery.

AIRA

Phone Number: 800-835-1934

<https://aira.io/>

A service that connects a blind or visually impaired person to a sighted agent through a video feed with either a smart phone or a pair of special glasses. Agents can assist with reading, navigation and directions, identifying items, shopping, and many other tasks where sighted assistance can be helpful.

Amazon

<http://www.amazon.com>

A range of devices including the Echo and Dot that can be used to obtain information and provide entertainment when the user issues voice commands.

American Council of the Blind

<http://www.acb.org>

Consumer group of blind users.

AppleVis

<https://www.applevis.com/>

Website of information pertaining to the accessibility of Apple products. Includes blogs, podcasts, articles, reviews, and lists of accessible apps.

[Audible.com](https://www.audible.com)

A website with thousands of professionally recorded books for sale. The computer software and iPhone apps are very accessible.

Audio Journal, Western Mass affiliate of the Mass Radio Reading Service

Contact: Mary Frandsen

Phone Number: (508) 797-1117

Email: mary@audiojournal.org

Broadcasts programs for print disabled patrons including reading local newspapers, books, and magazines. Readers are volunteers.

Be My Eyes

<https://www.bemyeyes.com/>

A free service staffed by volunteers throughout the world who connect with a blind or visually impaired person via an iPhone or Android app and assist with short tasks through the use of audio and video feeds.

Blind Mice Mega Mall

https://www.blindmicemegamall.com/bmm/shop/Directory_Departments?storeid=82333

Catalog of products for the blind and visually impaired

Bookshare.org

<https://www.bookshare.org/>

A website of over 763000 titles available in Braille and audio formats. Books cover all genres and topics. Massachusetts patrons of the Perkins library can get free access to Bookshare titles, which are read through the use of synthesized speech.

Carroll Center for the Blind

<https://www.carroll.org>

Store that sells magnifiers, talking products; offers on-site evaluation and training to legally blind citizens.

Chirpbooks.com

A site with many low-coast audiobooks that can be played on a computer or with an iPhone or Google app. The site features deals that provide deep discounts and daily deals

The Disability Law Center

The mission is to provide legal advocacy on disability issues that promote the fundamental rights of all people with disabilities to participate fully and equally in the social and economic life of Massachusetts.

Phone Number: (617) 723-8455

Link: <https://www.dlc-ma.org/>

Easter Seals Massachusetts

Phone Number: 800-244-2756

Email: info@eastersealsma.org

<https://www.easterseals.com/ma/our-programs/assistive-technology/atrc.html>

Assistive technology low interest loan program, equipment loans, and training to eligible Massachusetts residents.

Hadley.edu

Phone Number: 800-323-4238

<https://www.hadley.edu/>

A website of educational materials and correspondence courses, discussion groups, instructional videos, and resources for blind and visually impaired people.

Independence Market

Phone Number: 410-659-9314, ext. 2216

<https://www.nfb.org/programs-services/independence-market>

Catalog of products for the blind and visually impaired.

Independent Living Aids

Phone Number: 800-537-2118

<https://www.independentliving.com/>

Catalog of products for the blind and visually impaired.

L S & S

Phone Number: 800-468-4789

<https://www.lssproducts.com/>

Catalog of products for the blind and visually impaired.

Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

<https://www.mabvi.org>

Orientation and mobility training, rehabilitation training, Peer support groups, adjustment counselling referrals and consultation, technology training, volunteer program.

Massachusetts Commission for the Blind

Phone Number: 800-392-6450

<https://www.mass.gov/mcb>

Agency providing social, rehabilitation, education, and technology services to registered legally blind Massachusetts residents.

National Federation of the Blind

Largest consumer group of blind users in the U.S. Promotes advocacy, independence, and support for blind and visually impaired consumers.

Massachusetts affiliate: Amy Ruell, president, 617-752-1116

<http://www.nfbma.org>

Massachusetts Specialized Equipment Distribution Program (MEDP)

Demonstrates specialized telephone equipment to individuals with all disabilities.

Contact: Katelyn Sylvia, Public Education Coordinator

Phone Number: (508) 821-7205

To arrange a home visit:

Phone Number: (800) 300-5658

Fax Number: (508) 460-3962

Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library

<https://www.perkins.org/library>

Free access to braille and recorded books, audio described movies, NFB Newsline service with access to over 400 newspapers and magazines by telephone or computer.

Prodigy Talking Glucose Meter

<http://www.prodigymeter.com>

Manufacturer of only completely accessible talking glucose meter.

ScriptTalk

<https://www.envisionamerica.com>

Audio, braille, and large print prescription labels, available at Rite Aid pharmacies.

Seeing AI

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/ai/seeing-ai>

A free iPhone app that uses the phone camera to read short text or complete documents, identify products or currency, describes photos and images, and more.

Support Groups for Blind and Visually Impaired
Independent Low Vision Support Groups
Not Sponsored by MAB or Sight Loss Services - 2022

Amesbury

Amesbury Senior Community Center
68 Elm St, Amesbury, MA 01913
Phone Number: 978-388-8138

Contact: Doreen Arnfield, Director
Email: arnfieldd@amesburyma.gov

Contact: Nancy Marrs, Outreach Coordinator

Arlington

Arlington COA, 669 Mass. Ave., Arlington, MA 02476

Contact: Laurie August
Phone Number: 781-316-3410
Email: laugust@town.arlington.ma.us

Bedford

Carlton Willard Assisted Living, Bedford, MA 01730
“noseeums”

Contact: Maeve Lobo
Phone Number: 781-275-8700 (closed group)

Boston

**Boston Veterans Administration (VA)
Boston Healthcare, 150 S Huntington Ave Boston MA
02116**

**Contact: Carol Faherty
Phone Number: 857-364-6586
Email: carol.faherty@va.gov**

Canton

**Orchard Cove Assisted Living, Del Pond Rd., Canton,
MA 02021
Phone Number: 781-821-0820**

**Contact: Mindy Gilmore
Phone Number: 781-821-3268 (closed group)**

Danvers

**Danvers Senior Center, 25 Stone St., Danvers, MA
01923**

**Contact: Lisa Westrate
Phone Number: 978-762-0206
Email: lwestrate@mail.danvers-ma.org**

Franklin/Foxboro

Foxboro Coa, 75 Central Street, Foxboro, MA. 02035

**Contact: Pam McGuire
Phone Number: 508-543-1234**

Hamilton

**Hamilton-Wenham COA, 29 Bay Rd Hamilton, MA
01982**

**Contact: Tim Morris
Phone Number: 978-468-5595**

**New Director: Theresa Woodbury, reorganizing
group**

Hingham

**Linden Ponds Independent Living, 203 Linden Ponds
Way, Hingham, MA. 02043
(Retirement/Assisted Living Community)**

**Contact: Caren Benjamin, Resident Services
Coordinator
Phone Number: 781-534-7272 (closed group)**

Ipswich

**Ipswich Council on Aging, 25 Green Street, Ipswich,
Ma 01938**

**Contact: Beth Wright
Phone Number: 978-356-6650**

Lynnfield

Lynnfield Senior Center, 525 Salem Street, Lynnfield,
MA 01940

Contact: Deborah (Debbie) Trifletti

Phone Number: 781-598-1078

Email: Dtrifletti_coa@hotmail.com

Lowell

Lowell Association for the Blind

169 Merrimack Street, Lowell MA 01852

Phone Number: 978-454-5704

Email: ecannon@lowellassociationfortheblind.org

Website: <http://www.lowellassociationfortheblind.org>

Adult day program meeting twice a week with in-house activities, guest speakers and day trips

Contact: Joshua Stachowski

Marshfield

Talking Information Center (TIC)

Hosting, virtually; schedule for the year:

Monday, February 28th at noon

Monday, May 9th at noon

Monday, September 12th at noon

Monday, December 5th at noon

Access; designated phone number 781-834-5836;

specialized TIC radio receiver; smart speakers;

“talking information center” app for smart phones and tablets

TIC Contact: Liz Zandenberg, 781-834-4400
For general information: general@ticnetwork.org

Medfield

Medfield COA

Provides transportation to Franklin

Contact: Lisa Donovan

Phone Number: 508-359-3665

Medway

Medway COA

Provides transportation to Franklin

Contact: Marcia Lomberto

Phone Number: 508-533-3210

Merrimac

**Merrimac Senior Center, 39 School Street, Merrimac,
MA 01860**

Contact: Stacey Sherman

Phone Number: 978-346-9549

Milford

**Milford Senior Center
Low Vision Workshop
60 North Bow St., Milford, MA 01757**

**Contact: Marie O'Leary
Phone Number: 508-473-8334
Email: moleary@townofmilford.org**

Millis

**Millis COA
Provides transportation to Franklin, ask for
transportation dispatcher**

Phone Number: 508-376-7051

Peabody

**Brooksby Village, 100 Brooksby Village Drive,
Peabody, MA 01960**

**Contact: Marina Gigliello
Phone Number: 978-536-7839 (closed group)**

Quincy

**Fore River Clubhouse, 16 Nevada Road, Quincy, MA
02169**

Currently closed for renovations

**Contact: Peg O'Connor
Phone Number: 617-471-1781**

Revere

Jack Satter House, 429 Revere Beach Blvd., Revere, MA 02151

Contact: Lisa Meola,
Phone Number: 781-485-5002 (closed group)
Email: lisameola@hsl.harvard.edu

Somerville

Somerville COA, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA 02144

Contact: Natasha Naim
Phone Number: 617-625-6600, Extension 2317

Westfield

Westfield COA, 40 Main Street, Westfield, MA 01085

Contact: Agnes Flemming
Phone Number: 413-562-6435
Email: a.flemming@cityofwestfield.org

Wrentham

Wrentham COA/Senior Center

Provides transportation to Franklin

Contact: Janet Angelico
Phone Number: 508-384-5425
Email: jangelico@comcast.net

Paratransit Services

Boston

<https://www.mbta.com › accessibility › the-ride>

Worcester Regional Transit Authority

<https://www.wrtaparatransit.com>

Springfield

Pioneer Valley Transit Authority

<http://www.pvta.com/index.php>

Talking Information Center

Phone Number: 781-834-4400

<http://www.ticnetwork.com>

Staff and volunteers provide broadcasts of local news, articles, and items of interest to visually impaired and otherwise disabled listeners throughout Massachusetts.

VIBUG: Visually Impaired and Blind User group:

Phone Number: 617-506-9706

<http://www.vibug.org>

Consumer group of blind and visually impaired users of computers and other adaptive technology, currently holding virtual meetings online.