

# IDAHO

## Blind/Visual Impairment Resources



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### **Idaho Assistive Technology Project**

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**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, Independent and Community Living, State and Local Organizations

**Disabilities Served:** General / Non-disability Specific

Idaho Assistive Technology Project (IATP) offers a number of services to the people of Idaho, which includes a demonstration center, an AT assessment and referral program, AT training, an AT loan program, and assistive technology products.

### **Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

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**Organization Type:** Assistive Technology, Independent and Community Living, Parent/Family Support, State and Local Organizations

**Disabilities Served:** Visual Impairment / Blind

The Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides vocational rehabilitation training, skills training and educational opportunities to individuals who have a visual impairment. They strive to provide self-fulfillment through employment and independent living and to serve as a resource to families and the public. Resources include; retail store carrying adaptive devices, assessment and training centers, business enterprise program, low vision clinic and peer support group programs, radio reading services, financial assistance, summer work program, and vocational rehabilitation.

### **Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind**

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**Organization Type:** General

**Disabilities Served:** Deaf / Blind

The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind strives to provide a safe, supportive environment for students where educational opportunities are provided to gain knowledge, skills and values needed to perform to their potential in society. They have goals for each of their students that they set when the student enters the school, and they hope to have the student meet these goals by the time the student exits the school. By the time the student leaves the school they will be able to: read for a variety of purposes; communicate effectively in multicultural environment; utilize technology; solve problems and make informed decisions; have an awareness of diverse social, cultural, political, environmental, and economic issues; use cooperative, social and life management skills; have an awareness of vocational and academic career opportunities; and have the ability to structure a healthy lifestyle.

## **Idaho Commission for Libraries Talking Book Service**

325 West State Street

Boise, ID 83702

Local Telephone: (208) 334-2150

Toll Free Telephone: (800) 458-3271

TDD/TTY Telephone: (800) 377-1363

The Idaho Talking Book Service loans books and magazines in audio format for people unable to read standard print material due to a physical disability. The disability can be temporary or permanent.

This free service provides the following to registered users:

- Books, magazines, and playback equipment
- Materials mailed directly to and from the user Free Matter for the Blind
- Toll free number to contact the Talking Book Service
- Resources to help select titles of interest
- Online catalog for direct ordering
- Ability to download digital titles

## **Idaho Optometric Association**

25095 Homedale Road

Wilder, ID 83676

Local Telephone: (208) 378-7700

## Sources of Custom-Produced Books

Boise

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*Boise Braille Transcribers Guild*  
3001 South Roosevelt, #9  
Boise, ID 83705  
(208) 343-9406  
*Chairperson: Marilee G. Gross*

*Braille:* literary, math, textbooks; computer-produced; software (Megadots); embosser (Juliet)

*Other Information:* sponsors transcribing classes, maintains book-master collection

*Chairperson: Erma Akey*  
5402 North Hickory Burr Place  
Boise, ID 83713  
(208) 323-1617

*Braille:* literary; can provide a braille-formatted disk using Duxbury