# Maps for the Braille Adventure

Webinar series, *Come Back to Me, Braille!* part 1 of 5

Braille maps are a metaphor for the host of resources we can use to study braille codes.

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## Codes are the best maps

## What are the​ official braille codes in the U.S.?​

UEB (Unified English Braille)​

Nemeth Code for Mathematics and Science​

Music Braille Code​

IPA Braille (International Phonetic Alphabet)​

See BANA’s press release on official braille codes for the U.S.: <http://brailleauthority.org/pressreleases/pr-2012november.html>

## Who says so?

BANA… The Braille Authority of North America

## BANA’s mission

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

BANA’s mission and purpose: <http://brailleauthority.org/about-bana.html>

## WHERE are these official braille codes?

They are all linked to BANA’s website

## There is an unofficial index for the Rules of UEB

A PDF of the [Supplementary Guide to UEB Reference Materials](http://brailleauthority.org/ueb/Supplementary%20Guide%20to%20UEB%20Reference%20Materials%208_31_2016.pdf) is available​

from BANA’s website <http://brailleauthority.org/ueb/Supplementary%20Guide%20to%20UEB%20Reference%20Materials%208_31_2016.pdf>

under “[UEB Resources](http://brailleauthority.org/ueb.html#resources)”​: <http://brailleauthority.org/ueb.html#resources>

We can send you the .brf upon request​

## Poll

Which one of the following is NOT an official braille code in the U.S.?​

1. International Phonetic Alphabet​
2. Math​\*
3. Music​

Codes for math and science in the U.S. include:

* Nemeth Code for Math and Science
* Unified English Braille

## What certifications are available?

* NLS Literary Braille Transcribing​  
  (Instruction Manual for Braille Transcribing – UEB Edition, 2015)​
* CNIB’s “UEB Technical” certification​
* NBA’s Braille Formats certification​
* Literary Braille Proofreading​
* Mathematics Braille Proofreading​
* Music Braille Transcribing​

We’ll talk more about braille certifications on Friday March 5, 2021, 2-3pm (eastern)

## Poll

For which braille code is there an unofficial index (Supplementary Guide to UEB Reference Materials)?​

1. Unified English Braille​\*
2. Music Braille​
3. Nemeth Code​

## Study Resources

## Online Braille Study Resources

* [UEBOnline](https://uebonline.org/)​ <https://uebonline.org/>
* [UEB Study Group](https://uebstudygroup.com/) (& [their Google Drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/16_W3RJHsUSX-Fqv6AKByeHqBM7EvUdxJ))​ <https://uebstudygroup.com/>
* [Braille Bug](https://braillebug.org/)​ <https://braillebug.org/>
* [Dots for Families Braille Lessons](https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/dots-families-braille-lessons) (from Paths to Literacy)​ <https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/dots-families-braille-lessons>
* [NLS Literary Braille Transcribing Course](https://nfb.org/braille-transcribing#7)​ <https://www.nfb.org/programs-services/braille-certification/literary-braille-transcribing#7>

## Hard copy braille study resources

Ashcroft’s Programmed Instruction: Unified English Braille from SCALARS Publishing​

McDuffy Reader: A Braille Primer for Adults from NFB​

NLS Literary Braille Transcribing Course​

## Braille Study Groups

Facebook groups​

local braille groups (schools, family, pen pals)​

NBA​

VAVF​

CTEBVI

## Reading Activity

## ASCII and Braille

## What is ASCII?

ASCII is a character encoding that uses numeric codes to represent characters. These include upper and lowercase English letter, numbers, and punctuation symbols

## Links Lists From Today