



## APH Quick Facts

- American Printing House (APH) promotes the independence of people who are blind and visually impaired by providing specialized materials, products, and services needed for education and life.
- APH produces books in braille, large print, and audio formats. APH also creates accessible tests for teachers across the country.
- APH serves people, of all ages, through our many programs including:
  - APHConnectCenter.org, an online, interactive community for parents of children who are blind, jobseekers who are visually impaired, and older adults new to vision loss;
  - APH Prison Braille Program, whereby professionals in the fields of vision and corrections work together toward the common goal of transforming lives by producing braille books and classroom materials for children who are blind; and,
  - The Virtual ExCEL Academy and Access Academy, which serves parents, teachers, and students through online educational courses.
- Printing is only a small part of what APH does. APH has hundreds of tactile educational products to help students learn. These range from a tactile town, to sports equipment that allows students who are blind to have fun outside.
- APH is a leader in technology. With an experienced technology product research department, APH is always looking for ways to make life more accessible for people who are blind or visually impaired. These products range from refreshable braille to Code Jumper, an accessible coding tool.
- APH is a nonprofit organization and has been located in Louisville Kentucky since it was founded in 1858.
- Through the ***Act to Promote the Education of the Blind***, people working at less than college level, who are blind or visually impaired have access to educational

- tools and materials designed to meet their unique learning needs. APH administers the Act.
- Funds are distributed by “Ex Officio Trustees.” These are people who work in the field of blindness who are appointed to distribute funds for their state. The trustees use federal quota money to purchase products from APH.
- APH receives hundreds of product ideas each year from teachers of people who are visually impaired (TVIs), people who are blind or visually impaired, and their friends or family members.
- Researchers at APH look at all submissions (along with ideas created by APH staff) to decide what projects are both feasible and most needed.
- APH has a staff of more than 300 people.
- APH is the world’s largest nonprofit organization creating educational, workplace, and independent living products and services for people who are blind or visually impaired.
- In 2023, APH broke ground on the building renovation and APH Museum expansion.