

FACT SHEET



Braille Institute is a nonprofit organization that embraces the challenge of sight loss in all its facets and rejects its perceived limitations, with the belief that vision rehabilitation is a beginning, not an end.

Locations

Services are also available remotely by phone or video for those who cannot travel to a center and while centers are temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

- Los Angeles
- Anaheim
- Laguna Hills
- San Diego
- Santa Barbara
- Riverside
- Coachella Valley

Free Services

Adults

- **Low Vision Consultations**—personalized assessment
- **Library Services**—audio, digital and braille books
- **Orientation & Mobility (O&M)**—skills to get around
- **Technology Center**—assistance with adaptive technology, devices and apps
- **Daily Living Skills** and classes

Youth

- Child Development (ages 0-6)
- Youth Programs (ages 7-19)
- Braille Challenge—national braille literacy competition
- Cane Quest—national O&M competition

Volunteers

- Assist with classes, events and community outreach

Highlights

Over 100 years of positively transforming the lives of those with vision loss. All programs and services are **free of charge**, thanks to the generous support of donors, volunteers and staff.

Leadership

Peter A. Mindnich, President

Programs*

- 38,000 people with vision loss served annually
- 173,000 hours of free services provided annually
- 91,000+ hours of volunteer service donated annually



Library Services*

- 20,000+ library patrons served annually
- 794,288 books circulated

Child/Youth*

- 6,762 special collection subscribers - receive free braille books
- 2,200+ children's book and story kits provided
- 1,186 national Braille Challenge participants
- 210 national Cane Quest participants

* FY 2019 figures