

able Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement

Providing alternative ways for people with print disabilities to read

Located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement has been serving people and organizations throughout the United States since 1965. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, ABLE relies primarily on a team of dedicated volunteers and a small staff to transcribe print materials into high-quality braille and audio formats for people who are blind, visually impaired or print disabled. ABLE is the only recognized braille and audio transcription service in Southeastern Wisconsin.

The photos and captions offered here will provide a glimpse at some of the many steps involved in making print materials available to all, fulfilling our vision: that everyone will have access to the printed word.

Audio



← Mary Wejrowski, Orientation and Mobility instructor for Milwaukee Public Schools, placing an order with ABLE.

Linda Cieslik, an at-home audio reader since 2011, recording a book using her computer, audio software and a microphone. →



← Andrew Jambura, ABLE audio assistant, marking up an audio book for chapter divisions.

JT, Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) student, reading a recorded digital audio book! →



ABLE transcribes a wide range of materials, including textbooks and other educational materials; fiction and nonfiction books of all sorts and for all ages; magazines and newsletters; manuals for electronics and appliances; medical forms, prescription enclosures and other critical health-related materials; restaurant menus; and much, much more!

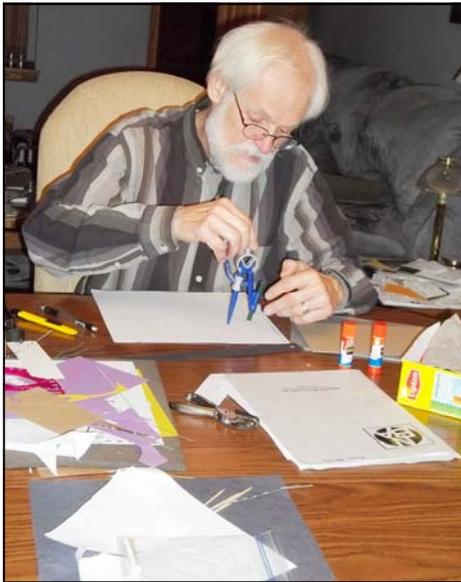
Braille



← Barb Althoen, braille transcriber with ABLE since 1998, transcribing a children's book from print into braille.



Lenore Tesch, braille transcriber since 2004, proofreading a transcribed book. →



John "Kacz" Kaczmarowski, ABLE's tactile artist since 2001, creating tactile drawings.



Kay Effinger, braille office volunteer for many years, using a thermoform machine to duplicate tactiles.



Audrey Hemmer, braille transcriber since 1981, using an embosser to produce hard copy braille and tactiles.



← Cheri McGrath, Board President, braille office volunteer since 1995, binding the pages to assemble a braille book.

Javon, MPS student, reading the finished product with his teacher, Lauren Rosenbergh! →

