How to volunteer

If you would like to volunteer to be a reader for OTR, please contact our staff:

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Be an Oklahoma Telephone Reader

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What is Oklahoma Telephone Reader?

The Oklahoma Telephone Reader is an on-demand dial-up information service of the Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
Seven days a week, volunteers record articles from daily newspapers and other publications into the OTR system. These articles becomes digital files accessible through the telephone to anyone signed up for the service.
OTR content includes news, editorials, sports, grocery advertisements, obituaries and a variety of other information not normally available on radio or television. The OTR system is intended for use by anyone with a disability that prevents them from reading standard printed material.

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Try it out

1. Call 1-855-887-6397 or 405-522-1896.
2. After system answers, dial 5555 then enter 1 for publications.
3. Follow the instructions.

What our volunteers do:

Volunteering is a rewarding experience that enriches the lives of fellow Oklahomans who are blind or have visual impairments.
Oklahoma Telephone Reader volunteers work to ensure that a wide variety of publications are accessible to patrons who have signed up for the service.
Seven days a week volunteers record articles from "The Oklahoman," "Tulsa World" and other publications into the OTR system.
The volunteers can record at the library, from their work place or from their home telephone. If using a cell phone, volunteers are asked to call in so that the quality of their connection can be evaluated.
The amount of time a volunteer dedicates to the service is flexible, but every hour spent working for the service, helps open up the world to our library patrons.

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