

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to School!

Enjoy this first newsletter from New Hampshire Accessible Educational Materials (NHAEM). The goal of NHAEM newsletters is to provide information regarding trainings, updates, new educational materials available for loan and news from the American Printing House for the Blind (APH).

NHAEM Online Inventory System

The NHAEM Online Inventory System was developed to allow individuals to order American Printing House for the Blind (APH) educational materials and products for eligible students who meet the definition of blindness or function at the definition of blindness.

To access the NHAEM online system, authorized individuals create an account through my.doe.nh.gov. Upon creation of your account, contact [Barbara Dauphinais](mailto:Barbara.Dauphinais@doe.nh.gov) for permissions to access the online system.

American Printing House and Federal Quota Funds

The *Act to Promote the Education of the Blind* authorizes an annual appropriation for the [American Printing House for the Blind](https://www.aph.org/) (APH) to produce and distribute educational materials adapted for students who are legally blind and enrolled in formal educational programs below the college level.

Materials produced by APH include textbooks in braille and large print, educational tools such as braille typewriters and computer software and hardware, teaching aides such as tests, performance measures and other special supplies. The materials are distributed to programs serving individuals who are blind through allotments to the individual states. The allotments are based on an annual census conducted by APH of the number of students who are legally blind in each state and are provided in the form of credits. State educational agencies and programs serving persons who are blind may order materials free-of-charge up to the amount of funds allocated to each state for educational materials.

The American Printing House also uses a portion of these funds to conduct research related to developing and improving products and to provide advisory services to consumer organizations on the availability and use of materials produced by APH.

NHAEM is in the beginning phases for the 2021 Federal Quota Census to Promote the Education of the Blind. NHAEM encourages school districts and teachers of the visually impaired to begin conversations to ensure all eligible students will be registered on the 2021 Federal Quota Census.



Mantis Q40
a Bluetooth keyboard
and 40-cell refreshable
braille display

NHAEM has been awarded funding for 313 eligible New Hampshire students based on the Federal Quota congressional appropriation to provide accessible education materials from the 2020 Annual Quota Census.

NH Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Services for the Blind and Vision Impaired is now a part of the APH Census, for the blind and vision-impaired adult community. Daniel Frye, Ex-Officio | 603-271-3814
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[Bookshare](#)

A FREE online library that makes reading easier. With Bookshare, students can access books in alternative formats and customize their reading experiences to suit their individual learning style.

Interested in learning more about Bookshare or training? Checkout the [Learning Center](#) to dive deeper into Bookshare.

- Listen to books in audio (customize voices and reading speed)
- Follow along with text and karaoke-style highlighting
- Read in braille
- Read on computers, tablets, smartphones, and assistive technology devices



Chameleon 20
Portable braille display

Bookshare is free for U.S. students with qualifying disabilities. Educators can sign up qualified students and provide unlimited access to books, students can also sign up for a free individual membership.



LED Mini-Lite Box

[National Instructional Materials Access Center \(NIMAC\)](#)

A federally funded, online file repository of source files in NIMAS (National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard) format.

Authorized users can access K-12 files for use in the production of accessible formats for students with disabilities.

[LEGO ® Braille Bricks](#)

The aim of The LEGO Foundation is to re-define play and reimagine learning.

LEGO ® Braille Bricks are a play-based braille learning manipulative.

NHAEM has Braille Bricks Kits in inventory and available for loan.

[APH Technology Products](#)

With the exciting new technology products available from APH, the loan period for technology products \$1,500.00 and above, will be four (4) months. (Mantis Q40, Chameleon, PageBlaster, PixBlaster, Jupiter, MATT Connect, VisoBook and APH SMART Brailier)



[American Printing House \(APH\)](#)

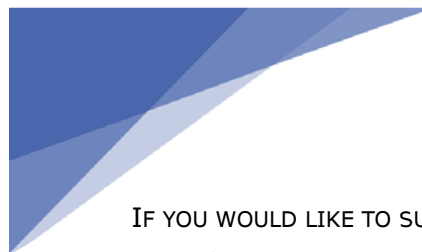
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