

Radio Reading Service for the Visually Impaired

Age Requirements

No Age Requirement

Available 24/7

No

Other Eligibility Criteria

Individuals with a visual/physical impairment which prohibits them from reading.

Family

No

Intake Process

Visit the website for the application to be completed and mailed in to receive your free device. You may also call for more information.

Self Refer

Yes

WVTF Radio Station

<https://www.wvtf.org>

<https://www.wvtf.org/rrs-schedule>

<https://www.facebook.com/WVTF.RADIOIQ>

Main

(540) 989-8900

Toll-Free

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24014 VA

United States

Additional Availability Comments

Business hours are Monday-Friday.

Reading Service is 24 hours

Fee Structure

No Fee

Languages Spoken

English

The WVTF Radio Reading Service (RRS) provides readings from current newspapers, books, magazines, and other printed material to individuals who are vision-impaired. This service requires a special radio receiver that WVTF provides free of charge to qualified applicants.

To pick up WVTF Radio Reading Service, listeners need a "subcarrier" receiver (FM-SCA receiver). The RRS requires that a receiver application form be filled out by the listener (or family member). A portion of the application must also be completed by a medical professional or public welfare agent to verify the need for the special radio which WVTF provides free of charge.

Call for radio frequency for your town.

This service and WVTF are owned and operated by Virginia Tech Foundation.

[Applications](#) can be mailed to New Vision at 2502 Melrose Ave NW, Suite B, Roanoke, VA 24017

The Radio Reading Service can also now be accessed through Alexa and other smart speakers.

Service Area(s)

Bedford County

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Botetourt County

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Bristol City

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Charlottesville City

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Danville City

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Lynchburg City

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Roanoke City

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Roanoke County

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Salem City

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Smyth County

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Statewide

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Staunton City

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Waynesboro City

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