



Wisconsin School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Virtual BrailleFest 2021

A month-long, weekly event

Every Monday: April 5-26, 2021

6pm-7:30pm

Awards Celebration: April 30 @ 2pm

All students from around the State of Wisconsin who are blind or visually impaired are invited to join us as we come together **virtually to celebrate all things braille! Materials will be provided to all registered participants prior to April 5th.**

Registration Form: [Virtual BrailleFest 2021 Registration](#)
Please call 608-758-6110 if you need assistance with filling out the form.

Please register by March 16th, 2021

Schedule of Events

April 5, 2021

Session 1 - 6:00-6:40pm

→ Sort It Out (Pre-Braille Level)

For students who are learning to develop their pre-braille readiness skills of sorting and matching. Come join us in this fun activity, where students are challenged to sort through a sea of smooth beads and undersea creatures to find a hidden treasure box. Upon finding the box, students will open it to find the coins inside. Students can also sort like and unlike items into sorting cups.

→ Alphabet Antics (Early Braille Level)

For students who are learning or have learned the basic alphabet. Use a magnetic braille cell model to show us your skills in the alphabet. Quiz your friends and race to see who can make the letter first!

→ MadLibs (Intermediate Braille Level)

For students who know the alphabetic contractions and beginning knowledge of wordsigns and groupsigns. Students will receive word lists to work as a team to complete Mad Libs. What is a Mad Lib? It is an interactive story that you add words to. They can be very comical! Students will receive contracted word lists to create the story and a couple extra Mad Libs to try out with their families after the event!

→ Write It Right (Advanced Braille Level)

Often there is more than one way a word can be written in braille, but there is only one correct way. In this game, students will be asked to tell how they would write a particular word. If you can tell us how the word would be written, we know you'd "Write it Right"!

Session 2 - 6:50-7:30pm

→ Braille Brains (All Participants)

Is your head crammed full of everything related to braille and its creator, Louis Braille? Well this is the time to "strut your stuff"! Come and join the fun at one of this year's "Big Games" as teams try their best to answer trivia questions related to Louis Braille and his amazing code.

April 12, 2021

Session 1 - 6:00-6:40pm

→ Parent/Child Seminar (Intended for parent/guardian & student)

Are you interested in ways to promote your child's independence in the kitchen? In this session we will demonstrate safety measures for your oven and knives and how to make your kitchen more accessible.

Session 2 - 6:50-7:30pm

→ Move-INGO

Come and enjoy a fun game of BINGO and Movement Challenges. Braille, Large Print and online BINGO cards will be provided for participants.

April 19, 2021

Session 1 - 6:00-6:40pm

→ Sort It Out (Pre-Braille Level)

For students who are learning to develop their pre-braille readiness skills of sorting and matching. Try this fun, hands-on activity, where students can use tactile skills to sort and match items of various textures.

→ Riddle Me This (Early Braille Level)

For students who are learning or have learned the basic alphabet. Help solve the mystery of the missing dots using word puzzles and riddles!

→ Contraction Search (Intermediate Braille Level)

Word search? No, contraction search! For students who know the alphabetic contractions and beginning knowledge of wordsigns and groupsigns.

Students will receive contraction searches with hidden messages to decode as a bonus! Will they be able to find them all?

→ Code Busters (Advanced Braille Level)

Often braille symbols mean different things, depending on which code is being used. For instance: the dots 2-3-6 mean question mark, opening double quote, his, 8 (in Nemeth), or staccato (in music), and that might not even be all! Come and see how many different uses you can name for the dot numbers given. Points will be awarded for each correct answer, and medals

will be earned by attendance and points scored during the games. You're sure to have fun being one of our "Code Busters!"

Session 2 - 6:50-7:30pm

→Name that Contraction Challenge (All Participants)

As we all know, there are lots and lots of contractions in the braille code. Some of them even have more than one meaning. Though we aren't going to be able to play this game in exactly the same way as we always have, since we're virtual, we've figured out a way to have just as much fun with it as ever, and perhaps more! Come and join the fun as questions about contractions, at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced level, are answered by you and your teammates.

April 26, 2021

Session 1 - 6:00-6:40pm

→Cooking Up Independence (All Participants)

Have you tried cooking in a mug? Have you tried it with your child? This session will be an easy step into the world of mug recipes. Supplies will be provided, the only added ingredient you will need is water!

Session 2 - 6:50-7:30pm

→Braille Fitness Challenge (All Participants)

BrailleFest teams will be given two exercise options for each challenge to choose from and perform the exercise while in your breakout room. A staff member will be present to assist you in the breakout room. This staff member will guide you and time how long it takes for the entire team to complete whichever exercise each of you choose of the two. Each individual team member can choose their own option. The fun part is the exercise choices will be delivered to you beforehand on braille cards with two choices on each card. Anticipate approx 10 cards to equal 10 challenges. It's going to be a lot of fun!

**“Braille is knowledge,
and knowledge is power.”**

-Louis Braille