

ORC & APH



Vision Mentorship Program | Outreach Access Services

ORC - Ogden Resource Center

The **ORC** helps source and produce braille and alternative access materials for learners who are B/LV in the State of Washington. You or your ORC district account holder will use the [ORC website](#) to order braille/Large Print books and American Printing House for the Blind (APH) materials for learners with B/LV.

The ORC keeps track of **Federal Quota Funds** for the State of Washington. The Federal Quota Fund is money allotted to states to help provide educational materials for Learners with B/LV through APH. Quota Funds are allocated depending on the number of eligible students in each state. The TVI/Account Holder has the responsibility to register each new student with [parent permission](#) and update current registered student information. You cannot check out or order materials for students unless you register them with the ORC.

APH- American Printing House for the Blind

APH was established through the 1879 Federal Act to Promote the Education of the Blind to produce specialized material for Learners who are B/LV. In addition to many braille/large print materials, they also manufacture instructional kits, aids, tools, supplies, software, and electronics. They have a whole [catalog](#) of items that are useful for learners and teachers.

Teachers can order almost all APH catalog items for their learners through the ORC website. The ORC has some additional items available for check out that are not from the APH catalog (JAWS subscriptions, tactile models, and some board games for example). The ORC decides how best to use Federal Quota Funds, so they do not allow you to order some items including embossers, MATT connect, or embosser paper to districts or teachers.

The ORC is based out of Vancouver, WA and is located on the WSSB campus. APH is based out of Louisville, KY.

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