The Dot Experience
AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE

Fact Sheet

About The Dot Experience

The Dot Experience is a new immersive museum from the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) that reimagines the museum experience through exploration and discovery.

Through touch, sound, storytelling and interactive experiences, visitors explore blindness, braille, accessibility and innovation through hands-on exhibits, historical artifacts, firsthand stories and accessible technology.

The Dot Experience was designed alongside people who are blind, low vision, DeafBlind, wheelchair users, neurodiverse people and those with other disabilities.

The Dot Experience changes perspectives about blindness and empowers individuals to take action to create a world that welcomes everyone.

At a Glance

- **Location:** 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40206
- **Opening:** Friday, October 30, 2026
- **Size:** 28,000 square feet
- **Two tours in one experience:** The Dot Experience and the APH Factory
- The Dot Experience is the 16th building on APH's historic campus, adding a new chapter to a site that has been home to the organization for nearly 170 years.

Inside The Dot Experience

Touch is encouraged; braille is central to the experience and accessibility is incorporated throughout the museum. The Dot Experience features exhibit areas where visitors can:

- Explore the history and global impact of braille.
- Discover innovations created with and for people who are blind or low vision.
- Experience personal stories and perspectives.
- Touch, listen and explore through tactile-first exhibits.
- Discover how inclusive design can benefit everyone.

Featured Collections & Exhibits

- **Step into Helen Keller's world:** Touch and feel her story, from childhood through her lifelong fight for justice and equality.
- **Meet the people behind the stories:** Discover the diverse lives of people who are blind or low vision — including artists, adventurers, advocates, parents, students, teachers and innovators — while challenging common misconceptions.
- **Experience accessibility firsthand:** Interact with assistive tools, such as white canes, and learn how braille and tactile graphics expand access to education, employment and independent living for all.
- **Discover the evolution of braille:** Learn how Louis Braille's six raised dots transformed literacy and independence, from early writing systems and slates to braillewriters and LEGO® Braille Bricks.

- **Imagine the future of accessibility:** Discover innovations that expand access for people who are blind or low vision and consider how accessible design and technology can create a more equitable future.
- **See accessibility in action:** Go behind the scenes at the APH production facility to learn how braille books, tactile graphics and accessible educational products are created and distributed worldwide.
- **Trace the history of blindness and accessibility:** Discover rare books, documents, photographs, recordings, tactile materials and artifacts from the APH Archival Collection that document generations of innovation and progress.
- **Connect with stories from the past:** Visit the M.C. Migel Memorial, APH Research and Professional Development and Blind Musicians collections to learn how people and ideas have shaped accessibility, education and opportunity.

Accessibility

Accessibility is built into The Dot Experience through:

- **Navigation:** Orientation Station, tactile maps, ReBokeh, AIRA, GoodMaps indoor navigation, distinct flooring and high-contrast design.
- **Multisensory Access:** Braille signage, audio descriptions, American Sign Language interpretation and APH Morrison, an APH-developed font designed to make reading easier and more comfortable for people with low vision.
- **Tactile Replicas:** Detailed reproductions of rare historical objects designed for hands-on exploration.
- **Sensory Support:** Quiet spaces, sound mitigation and thoughtful lighting.
- **Physical Access:** Wheelchair-accessible spaces, accessible restrooms, family support areas and service animal relief areas.

APH History

Founded in 1858, APH creates accessible educational materials, assistive technology and services for people who are blind or low vision. For nearly 170 years, it has advanced access to education, employment and lifelong independence. As a leader in accessibility innovation, APH continues to develop tools, resources and solutions that help people participate fully in education, employment and everyday life.

Visitor Information

> **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Sunday, closed for major holidays
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> **Admission:** Adult, $18; senior, $16; children ages 6-17, $14; children 5 and under, free. Teacher and military discounts are available. Factory tours, $7.
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> **Groups:** Reservations encouraged for groups larger than 15.
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> **Accessibility:** The Dot Experience welcomes visitors of all abilities.
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> **Website:** Visit TheDotExperience.org for tickets, accessibility information and visitor details.