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Founded in 1858, American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is the world's oldest and largest educational nonprofit dedicated to creating access, opportunity and independence for people who are blind or low vision. APH creates and delivers accessible products and services, including braille, educational materials, assistive technology and professional resources, to support literacy, education, independence and lifelong success.

Headquartered in Louisville, Ky., APH has expanded access to information and education for nearly 17Ø years through innovation, technology, education and collaboration. APH works with educators, families, professionals and people who are blind or low vision to develop and deliver tools, resources and solutions that remove barriers, expand opportunities and support greater independence.

National Impact

APH serves people in every state and U.S. territory by delivering specialized educational materials and technologies that help students who are blind or low vision succeed in school and beyond with comprehensive workforce readiness resources.

Each year, APH supports thousands of students, families, educators and professionals through accessible educational resources, assistive technology, professional development and advocacy.

Accessibility & Innovation Leadership

APH develops innovative resources that expand access to learning, communication and independence.

APH's work includes:

- Braille and large-print educational materials
- Monarch, an all-in-one portable braille computer that renders tactile graphics and braille
- Tactile graphics and accessible STEM resources
- Early childhood and family engagement programs
- Professional development for educators
- Accessible textbooks and instructional resources
- Research, test assessment and accessibility consulting

Educational Leadership

APH partners with educators, schools, families and organizations serving people who are blind or low vision to advance equitable access to education.

By creating evidence-based educational resources, providing professional training and advancing accessibility practices, APH helps ensure students have equitable access to learning and opportunities for future success.

Technology & Future Innovation

APH continues to advance the future of accessibility through technology that expands access to information and learning.

One key example is Monarch, APH's all-in-one, portable braille computer that seamlessly integrates braille and tactile graphics. Monarch gives users fast access to downloadable digital textbooks and APH's Tactile Graphics Image Library (TGIL), a free collection of more than 2,5ØØ tactile graphics. By dramatically reducing the time from information to fingertips, Monarch supports literacy, communication, learning and independence for people who are blind or low vision.

Why APH Created The Dot Experience

The Dot Experience in Louisville, Ky., is the first attraction in the world to make every exhibit, image and artifact accessible to everyone. Designed to be the most inclusive museum in the world, The Dot Experience incorporates elements of an attraction, a factory tour and a center of education, while bringing APH's legacy and the broader story of blindness, accessibility and human ingenuity to the public.

Through immersive exhibits, interactive storytelling and hands-on exploration, The Dot Experience invites visitors to discover how braille, accessible technology and thoughtful design have transformed lives. Built around an unprecedented set of applied inclusive design standards, the museum gives visitors multiple ways to engage with exhibits while demonstrating how thoughtful design can create greater independence and access to information, education and opportunity.

The Dot Experience also demonstrates APH's belief that designing with people who are blind or low vision can create better experiences and a world that welcomes everyone. Through its mission to change perspectives about blindness and empower individual action toward a world that welcomes everyone, The Dot Experience invites visitors to carry what they learn beyond its walls and consider how they can help create a more welcoming world for all in their everyday lives.