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California State Library offers television listings to visually impaired customers

Sacramento - Visually impaired Californians can now independently access their local television listings through one telephone call thanks to an expanded service supported by the California State Library's [Braille and Talking Book Library](#) (BTBL).

The television listings are a new feature of NFB-NEWSLINE[®], a free electronic newspaper service for the visually impaired which carries 242 newspapers and magazines including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*. By simply entering their zip code, source of television reception, and time zone, visually impaired customers have quick and easy access to their local television listings.

NFB-NEWSLINE[®], a service of the National Federation of the Blind, uses *Zap2it* television listings, a product of Tribune Media Services and the leading source of entertainment listings in the country.

Eric Duffy, a blind parent of two children, says: "It is so important to find quality television programming for young children. Now I can choose appropriate television shows for my children, just like any other sighted parent."

State Librarian of California Susan Hildreth says, "I know that our sight impaired customers will enjoy this new service provided through California State Library's BTBL. Disseminating information to our customers is a key mission of the California State Library and this new feature of NFB-NEWSLINE[®] gives us an excellent opportunity to do that."

For more information about BTBL's NFB-NEWSLINE[®] service please contact BTBL at 800-952-5666 or email at btbl@library.ca.gov.

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