HAPPY BRAILLE LITERACY MONTH!

A month of the year is set aside to recognize the contributions of the Braille system to the world. Braille Literacy Month offers an opportunity to highlight the importance of this unique system of raised dots used to write words and sentences in a form that can be read by touch.

It is estimated that there are over 350,000 children world-wide who are blind or visually impaired. Many of these children do not have access to necessary educational materials in Braille. Braille facilitators, libraries, and educational centers strive to provide these materials, but the demand often outstrips the supply. To help bridge this gap, we at the National Braille Press have developed a new program, BrailleBookstore.com, that allows individuals to purchase a wide variety of Braille books, magazines, and educational materials online. This program not only supports the work of the Braille facilitators and libraries, but also helps to provide materials for students who are blind or visually impaired.

In addition to the online store, we have also created a new program called the Braille Book Pass, which allows individuals to borrow Braille books from their local library or school. This program is available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and offers a wide range of materials, including books, magazines, and educational materials. The Braille Book Pass program is free to all participants, and includes delivery to your door.

We encourage you to visit our website, www.braillebookstore.com, to learn more about the importance of Braille literacy and how you can help support this important cause. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who are blind or visually impaired and help ensure that they have access to the materials they need to succeed.