## **Reading Service for the Blind, WMRA-FM Radio**

Age Requirements No Age Requirement Available 24/7 No Other Eligibility Criteria Visually impaired or physically impaired Family No **Intake Contact Terry Ward** Intake Contact Email wardtj@jmu.edu **Intake Process** Call to put in application or for more information. **Provider Refer** Yes Self Refer Yes Valley Voice http://www.wmra.org/valley-voice Main (540) 568-3811 **Toll-Free** (800) 677-9672 JMU Radio Building 983 Reservoir Street 22801 VA **United States** Fee Structure No Fee Languages Spoken English

Valley Voice is a radio reading service for the visually impaired. Trained volunteers read aloud portions of newspapers for broadcast and other time-sensitive print matter (i.e., magazines, periodicals to voter guides). It is department of listener-supported public radio station WMRA, with a broadcast facility on the James Madison University grounds within the WMRA building.

Around 4,000 listeners each week rely on the service to hear time-sensitive print matter. Listeners are in Harrisonburg, Staunton, Bridgewater, Charlottesville, and portions of the surrounding countryside.

Most listeners hear Valley Voice through Cable TV as the audio background of certain public / educational / governmental channels. Valley Voice audio is present for all or part of the day on Harrisonburg CitySpan, Staunton CitySpan, Charlottesville Public Access TV, and also some in-house stations at retirement homes and adult care facilities.

Service Area(s) Augusta County , Charlottesville City , Harrisonburg City , Rockingham County ,

Staunton City

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