

Reading Service for the Blind; The WHRO Voice

Age Requirements

No Age Requirement

Available 24/7

Yes

Intake Process

Listen live or visit their website and social media for information.

Self Refer

Yes

WHRO Public Media

<https://whro.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/whropublicmedia>

<https://twitter.com/WHRO>

Main

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Fee Structure

No Fee

Languages Spoken

English

The WHRO Voice volunteers read local newspapers live on the air, concentrating on regional stories, obituaries and commentaries, and grocery store ads. The service has been expanded to include locally both the Virginian Pilot and the Daily Press, as well as other periodicals. The service is for those who are blind, have partial vision, a physical disability (like severe arthritis), or other condition that prevents them from being able to read a newspaper. The service is offered free of charge to qualifying individuals.

The Voice delivers programming over a source closed to the general public. The closed access channel used to do this is called a sub-channel or closed radiofrequency. A specially tuned radio, obtained through the Voice, is needed to receive the sub-channel. It has also joined the digital age and can be streamed via the internet to computers in Hampton Roads. When live readers aren't on the air, the Voice supplements with syndicated programming from the Virginia Voice or the In Touch network to maintain the 24-hour, 365-day schedule.

Service Area(s)

Chesapeake City

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Hampton City

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James City County

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Newport News City

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Norfolk City

,

Poquoson City

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Portsmouth City

,

Williamsburg City

,

York County

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