

I think some people are embarrassed to use the [audio books] because they think they will be made fun of or maybe people will think they're stupid. You should never have to feel embarrassed about something like that because you should know, as I know, that we're not stupid. We just learn differently and there's nothing wrong with that.

Whitney, RFB&D member

RFB&D has played a large part in Aaron's academic and personal success. His grades and test scores are excellent— among the top in his class. His self-esteem has been elevated by having the means through your wonderful program to achieve his academic goals.

Resource teacher of RFB&D member

I recommend RFB&D to children with many different types of disabilities. It can help them keep up with reading assignments that would otherwise be too difficult for them. That can make a world of difference in their self-esteem and their confidence level like it has with Evan. And this, in turn, will help them in all aspects of their life.

Parent of RFB&D member

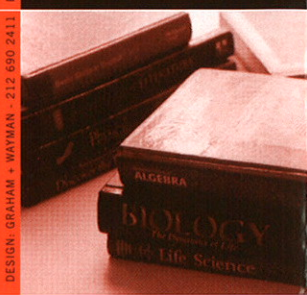


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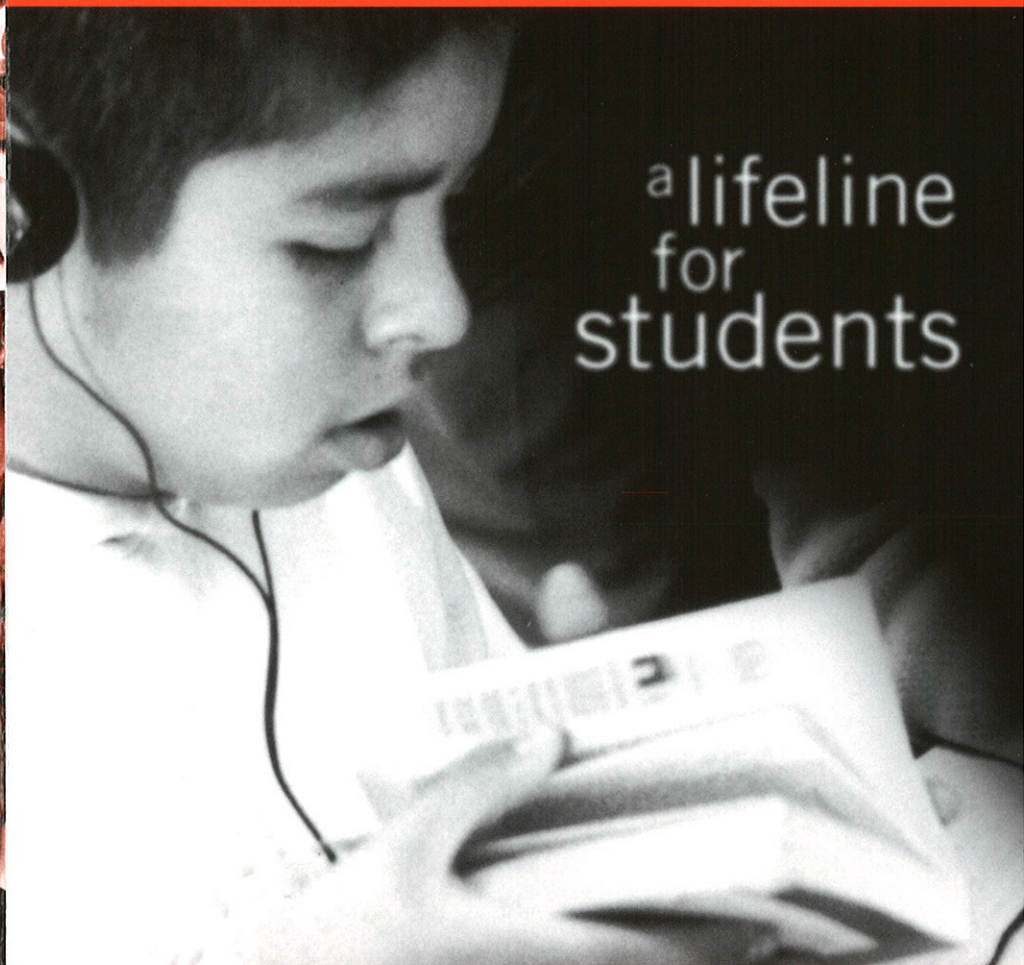


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learning through listening



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for
students

Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic - Los Angeles is a nonprofit organization that serves individuals who cannot read standard print because of a visual physical or learning disability, by providing them with educational materials in accessible formats.

What does RFB&D do?"

- > RFB&D ensures that students (elementary school through college) have access to grade-level reading material used in regular education classes.
- > The Los Angeles Unit of RFB&D trains teachers and assists local members in ordering books.
- > RFB&D provides members with access to an audio library of over 97,000 titles. New audio books are continually added to the library and, when possible, RFB&D records books upon request.

How can I tell if my child or student will benefit from RFB&D?"

- > If a student is of average or above average intelligence and can learn through listening but is struggling with reading, he is a good candidate for trying audio materials. Many RFB&D users explain that when they read on their own, they are so busy decoding each word that by the time they finish a passage they can't remember what they have read. But when they use audio books, the information sinks in.

How can I register my child or student for membership with RFB&D?"

- > A school can provide multiple students with access to RFB&D's resources through an Annual Institutional Membership (AIM). Ask your school if it is registered in RFB&D's AIM program.
- > Membership for an individual student can be purchased by a school or by an individual. The cost is \$25 per year, with a one-time registration fee of \$50. (Provisions are made for any individual who cannot afford the fees.) The application form requires the signature of a special education teacher, educational therapist, or physician.
- > Contact RFB&D for more information or to receive an application for individual or AIM membership.

want my child to learn how to read. Won't she become lazy and stop trying if we give her an easy alternative like audio books?"

- > Students who use audio materials must still study and strive to do their best.
- > Lazy students won't find audio books any easier to learn from than print textbooks.
- > Students assessed with reading disabilities cannot effectively learn from print alone.
- > Many teachers have found that listening to RFB&D audio books while following along in their textbooks actually helps some students become better readers.

"RFB&D [audio books] have made a world of difference for me in high school. Now instead of fighting for a passing grade, I'm fighting for the highest grade in the class."

Cheyne, RFB&D member

"Teachers focused on teaching with visual aids rather than having resources for the auditory learner. This emphasized my weaknesses rather than my strengths, therefore setting me up for failure. My comprehension is better when I listen to [audio books] than reading by myself."

Scott, RFB&D member

