

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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ACADEMY

Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning

(BELL) Program in Virginia



Live the life you want.

What is the NFB BELL Program?

The NFB Braille Enrichment for Literacy and Learning (BELL) program provides children, ages 4 through 14, with two weeks of concentrated Braille instruction through fun, hands-on learning. This program is for all blind children who could benefit from Braille enrichment over the summer. This includes children with low-vision, children who have recently lost their vision, children who have been blind since birth, and children who have additional disabilities in addition to blindness/ low-vision.



The National Federation of the Blind will hold two BELL Programs in Virginia in Summer 2018:

Harrisonburg, June 18-29

Contact—Beth Sellers, bsellers31@gmail.com

Arlington, July 16-27.

Contact—Nancy Yeager, brlteacher13@gmail.com.

Both programs are designed to run Monday through Friday for approximately seven hours each day. In addition to Braille instruction, projects, games, and other engaging activities, children may also enjoy field trips to local attractions.

For a peek at the 2017 Northern Virginia BELL Program, go to: <https://youtu.be/mo-60eYnCOw>.

For more information,

go to <https://nfb.org/bell-academy-faqs-affiliate/va>.



To apply for either of Virginia BELL Programs

go to nfb.org/bell-student-application-form.

The NFB BELL program has grown exponentially since its inception in 2008. Beginning as one site in the state of Maryland, the program is now offered in numerous states around the country! The NFB BELL program uses time-tested lessons and proven techniques to build self-confidence, positive attitudes, and skills in blind children; characteristics that are essential to ensuring blind children can live the lives that they want now and in the future.

What parents are saying:



“Besides Braille exposure, the most valuable thing my child gained at the NFB BELL program is increased confidence. I can’t believe the change in her attitude and initiative since attending the program.”

“This was the most positive program/experience we have ever been involved in. This program was an incredible resource for us both.”

“The NFB BELL program changed our lives this year. My daughter learned more in two weeks at NFB BELL than she did in a two- month program last summer!”

