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National Braille Press in *Popular Science*



National Braille Press President, Brian MacDonald, was recently interviewed by *Popular Science* writer Rebecca Boyle about technology for blind and visually impaired people.

In the article, he spoke about where braille is today and where it is going. Our *Center for Braille Innovation* is moving braille forward by making affordable, portable, and reliable technology for braille users.

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Laughs for Literacy

Join us on October 16th for our *Hands On! Books for Blind Children Gala*, featuring Howie Mandel.

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Save the Date for NBP's Community Volunteer Date on November 21, 2009.

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Noah's Ark

National Braille Press is pleased to announce a new tactile set: [Noah's Ark](#). The story, the man, and his menagerie of animals come to life in three ways:

- A print/braille book by five-time Caldecott Award-winner Jerry Pinkney that tells the story of Noah
- Twelve delightful tactiles by tactile artist Ann Cunningham
- A booklet called "Fun Facts About Noah's Ark" that tells



you things about turtles, penguins, giraffes, elephants,
and dragonflies you never knew!

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Blindness Awareness Month



New Jersey and Pennsylvania have officially declared October 2009 as Blindness Awareness Month. As a result, over 60 organizations are planning awareness events and campaigns.

This declaration was inspired by our 2009 *Hands On! Books for Blind Children* Award Winner, Rocco Fiorentino, a 12-year-old braille reader who is an accomplished jazz musician and Ambassador of the *Little Rock Foundation*. [Learn more »](#)



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