

Registration forms are available online at [www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us](http://www.wcbvi.k12.wi.us), or by request until December 15 at 608-758-6110. Registration is due Jan. 8.

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2018 WCBVI Regional Braille Challenge and Braille Olympics  
Braille Challenge: Thursday, February 15  
Braille Olympics: Thurs. and Fri., February 15 and 16  
Awards Program and Luncheon: Friday Noon



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2018  
Wisconsin Regional  
Braille Challenge  
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19th Annual  
Braille Olympics  
February 15-16

Snow Date: March 1-2





## Braille Challenge & Braille Olympics

Please join us for these two fun-filled events for students who are blind or visually impaired! Braille Challenge, hosted by WCBVI -Outreach, will take place on Thursday, February 15, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Braille Olympics, hosted by WCBVI's Wisconsin School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, begins Thursday at 12:30 PM, and continues Friday, February 16. We will conclude on that afternoon with an Awards Ceremony.

There will be educational activities for parents and chaperones Thursday and Friday mornings while students are participating.

**Housing & Chaperones:** Housing is available on campus Wednesday, February 14 (plan to arrive after 4 pm), and Thursday, February 15, for students and their parents/ chaperones. Each student must be accompanied by a chaperone who is at least 18 years old. Each parent or chaperone **may be responsible for a maximum of three students.**

**Transportation:** The family or chaperone is responsible for transporting students to and from Janesville.

**Background Checks:** All adults who will be on our campus for these events **must**, by state law, pass a criminal background check. **If you do not complete and pass a background check, you will not be able to stay on campus.** These take **at least three weeks**, so it is very important to submit the paperwork in a timely manner.



## Wisconsin Regional BRAILLE CHALLENGE

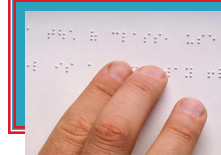
Wisconsin's Regional Braille Challenge is a Preliminary Contest Round and part of the National Braille Challenge sponsored by the Braille Institute of America in Los Angeles, California.

### **Categories of Student Competition:**

Students will be scored on their performance in: Braille Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Proofreading, Speed and Accuracy, Chart and Graph Reading. All contests will be in Unified English Braille (UEB). Older students will use the Victor Reader Stream for the speed and accuracy tests.

The top students in the country will be invited to a Final Competition in Los Angeles, California, June 2018. WCBVI will pay for up to two finalists (and one chaperone each) from Wisconsin to attend.

Visit the Braille Challenge website at **[www.braillechallenge.org](http://www.braillechallenge.org)** for sample tests, or for more information about the Regional and National competitions.



## 19th Annual BRAILLE OLYMPICS

Braille Olympics consists of specially designed games that enable students who are blind or visually impaired to demonstrate their Braille-related skills. Students of all abilities are able to participate in sensory, pre-Braille, and Braille activities.

This is a fun event where students compete both in teams and individually in games such as Relay Race, Human Braille Cell, The Big Game, Top Dot and Braille Jeopardy. They receive medals and prizes. Each student will also receive a special Braille Olympics t-shirt.

They will have the opportunity to learn from WCBVI's outstanding staff, as well as to share experiences with others from all over Wisconsin who are blind or visually impaired.



### **TIMELINE**

**Braille Challenge:** Registration: Wednesday, February 14 from 4:00-6:00 pm or Thursday, February 15 from 7:00-7:30 am. Testing will take place from 8:00 am until 12:00 Noon. Lunch will be provided.

**Braille Olympics:** Registration: Thursday, February 15 at 11:30. Lunch is at noon. Activities will follow lunch, and continue on the morning of Friday, February 16.

**Awards Ceremony:** The Awards Ceremony on Friday afternoon starts at 12:30 pm. Students will depart immediately following, by 1:30 pm.