As of January 2, 2015, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) Currency Reader project is open to all citizens and legal residents of the United States who are unable to read regular print as a result of blindness or a visual impairment.

Network libraries may no longer go into WebNet and indicate that a patron should be sent a currency reader. Instead, a library patron requesting a currency reader will have to complete a print copy of the application and mail it to BEP.

Network libraries have three options for assisting patrons who request a currency reader:

1. Refer patrons to either the BEP website at www.moneyfactory.gov/uscurrencyreaderform.html or the NLS website at http://loc.gov/nls/other/currencyreader/index.html so they can print a copy of the application.
2. Print a copy of the BEP application (from either the BEP or the NLS website) and mail it to patrons (postage is required).
3. Refer the patrons to the BEP Call Center (1-844-815-9388) to request a print copy of the application.

NLS patrons do not need to have the application certified but must check the box on the application to indicate that they are a current NLS patron. Individuals who are not NLS patrons must have the BEP application certified. Instructions on how to obtain certification are included on the form.

BEP will review all applications for currency readers and forward them to NLS for shipment. NLS will update WebNet once the shipment has been fulfilled.

We have added a copy of the application for your convenience.
Currency Reader Application

Complete the following to receive a currency reader. Please Print.

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Applicant is a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America. [ ] Yes [ ] No

Applicant is currently a registered patron of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. [ ] Yes [ ] No

If “Yes,” no further certification is needed. If “No,” verification of a visual impairment must be provided. If applicant has verification of a visual impairment issued by another Federal agency, including the Social Security Administration, or a State or local agency, submit a copy of that verification with this application in lieu of certification. Otherwise, the following statement must be completed by a Certifying Authority (see the back of this form for details.)

To Be Completed by Certifying Authority. Please Print.

I certify that the named applicant requesting a currency reader is unable to read or use regular printed material for reasons indicated on the back of this application.

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Mail the completed application to: U.S. Currency Reader Program, 14th & C Streets, S.W., Washington, DC 20228. Upon verification, a currency reader and operating instructions will be shipped via U.S. Postal Service. Please allow up to eight weeks for delivery. For more information please visit www.bep.gov.
**U.S. Currency Reader Program Eligibility Requirements**

Blind and visually impaired citizens and legal residents of the United States, including territories, insular possessions, the District of Columbia, and American citizens living abroad, are eligible to receive a currency reader at no cost. For this purpose, such individuals must meet the following criteria:

1. Their visual acuity, as determined by competent authority, is 20/200 or less in the better eye with correcting lenses, or their widest diameter of visual field subtends angular distance not greater than 20 degrees; or

2. Their visual disability, with correction and regardless of optical measurement, is certified by competent authority as preventing the reading of regular printed material.

**Certifying Authority**

Certifying authority includes doctors of medicine, doctors of osteopathy, ophthalmologists, optometrists, registered nurses, therapists, and professional staff of hospitals, institutions, and public or private welfare agencies (e.g., social workers, case workers, counselors, rehabilitation teachers, and superintendents). In the absence of any of these, certification may be made by professional librarians or by any person whose competence under specific circumstances is acceptable to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Library of Congress.
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For Accessible Services
Southwest Georgia Regional Library
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Bainbridge, GA 39819

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F/T Blind & Handicapped
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Wednesday 9am to 6pm
Thursday 9am to 7 pm
Friday 9am to 6 pm
Saturday 9am to 4 pm

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Information presented in this newsletter will be provided in alternative formats upon request.

Online Catalog for ordering library books: http://webopac.klas.com/glass
Call the library for your log-in and password.

NOTE: Please submit information or news that you would like to share to Kathy Hutchins or Arlene Freeman.