**NFB Free Literature Information**

**For Attendees of the 2014 NFB National Convention**

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

One way we share our positive can-do philosophy about blindness with others is through our literature. That’s why we also bring our literature with us to our national conventions and encourage convention attendees to browse our offerings and learn more about living with blindness and the NFB. Our extensive Free Literature collection includes how-to materials, inspirational and thoughtful speeches and articles, and stories on all aspects of blindness – all from the perspective of the blind person. Parents of blind children, blind students, blind job seekers, blind parents, and seniors new to severe vision loss will find materials which address their specific needs. Taken separately, each piece of literature or story may reveal one person's experience or thoughts as a blind person. Collectively our literature tells the story of blind people working together, with love, hope, and determination, to promote equality and to transform our dreams into reality.

The NFB Free Literature display is located in the Exhibit Hall. As visitors enter the Exhibit Hall, they will be facing south. The Free Literature area will be in the southeast (back left) corner of the exhibit space. The Free Literature display will be available for browsing during the same hours that the Independence Market is open.

Our materials will be laid out on tables arranged in a square and will be organized alphabetically in categories (see below). Each category will be labeled with a Braille/print sign on the table. Staff and volunteers will also be available to assist you in browsing and locating specific items.

Free Literature Categories:

Affiliates and Chapters

Banquet speeches

Braille and Literacy

*Braille Monitors* (includes some recent back issues in Braille and print)

Brochures and Forms

Daily Living (including Blind Parents)

Diabetes

Discrimination

Employment and Social Security

*Future Reflections* (includes some recent back issues and all our special issues in print)

History

*Kernel Books* (includes the titles still available in print and/or Braille)

Parents, Teachers, and Children

Philosophy

Rehabilitation and Training

Seniors and Low Vision

Spanish

Technology

We want to draw your particular attention to several items:

* As always, you can pick up the Free American Action Braille calendars. We have both 2014 and 2015 versions available.
* We have recently moved the *NFB 50th Anniversary Cookbook* to Free Literature. The recipes from this cookbook were drawn from the *Braille Monitor*. We are bringing one hundred print copies of the book with us and would like to give all of them away at convention. Please note that we have been out of the Braille version of this cookbook for years.
* We have also moved the cartoon booklet *The Encounter* to Free Literature. Consider using this piece in some of your public education efforts.
* *The Care and Feeding of the Long White Cane* by Thomas Bickford is now also available free of charge in Braille and print.