

Youth Reading List: History of Braille

Louis Braille: The Boy who Invented Books for the Blind, by Margaret Davidson

- BR 09495
- DB 41325

A simple biography of Louis Braille, who invented an alphabet that enables blind people to read when he was only fifteen. For grades 3-6.

Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille, by Russell Freedman

- BR 11319
- DB 44992

Louis Braille accidentally blinded himself with one of his father's tools when he was three years old. In 1819, at the age of ten, Braille began attending the Royal National Institute for Blind Youth in Paris, where, by the age of fifteen, he had developed a system of raised dots for reading and writing that is now used worldwide by blind people. For grades 4-7 and older readers.

Louis Braille: Inventor, by Jen Bryant

- BR 11716
- DB 46863

Recounts the life of Louis Braille who, at fifteen, created a system of raised dots that allows blind persons to read and write. Describes Louis's childhood, the accident that caused his blindness, the support he received from his family, and his education, which led to his creation of the braille alphabet. For grades 5-8 and older readers.

A Picture Book of Louis Braille, by David A. Adler

- BR 14002
- DB 53405

Presents the life of the nineteenth-century Frenchman who was accidentally blinded as a child. Louis Braille originated the raised dot system of reading and writing used throughout the world by visually impaired individuals. For grades K-3.

All about Braille: Reading by Touch; Transportation and Communication, by Laura S. Jeffrey

- BR 15653

Discusses Helen Keller, Louis Braille, and other noted blind persons, including mountain climber Erik Weihenmayer and musicians Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder. Provides information on learning braille, using computers with braille displays, and walking with a cane or guide dog. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

Louis Braille, by Madeline Donaldson

- BR 18623

Biography of Frenchman Louis Braille (1809-1852) explains his development of a raised dot alphabet and number system when he was fifteen. Discusses his going blind at age three, schooling in Paris, playing the organ, and having tuberculosis. Uncontracted braille. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille, by Jennifer Bryant

- BR 21722
- DB 86519

A narrative biography of Louis Braille, who lost his sight as a young child while playing in his father's workshop. After being exposed to coded military messages at the Royal School for the Blind in Paris, Louis invented his own alphabet--a system for writing using six dots. For grades K-3.

Louis Braille, by Stephen Keeler

- DB 26767

Blinded at the age of three, Louis Braille was a hardworking, dedicated teacher at the Institute for Blind Youth in Paris. He developed a simple system of reading and writing for blind people. Although he died unknown and before his system was accepted, today it is used around the world. For grades 2-4.

The World at His Fingertips: A Story about Louis Braille, by Barbara O'Connor

- DB 69606

A biography of Frenchman Louis Braille (1809-1852), who was accidentally blinded as a child and who as a teenager developed an alphabet of raised dots. Relates his struggle to gain

government backing for the reading and writing system that is now called "braille" in his honor.
For grades 3-6.