

Subject: Braille Challenge-St. Louis Regional Preliminary Challenge

From: Missouri School for the Blind, 3815 Magnolia, St. Louis, MO 63110

Date: February 27, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Intended Audience: Braille Students statewide in grades 1-12.

The Missouri School for the Blind is once again hosting the St. Louis Regional Braille Challenge. It will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, and we encourage students in Grades 1-12 who read and write braille to participate. The Braille Challenge, sponsored by the Braille Institute, is an academic contest for braille readers. The student can demonstrate his/her braille skills, depending on grade level, in the areas of spelling, reading comprehension, proofreading, speed and accuracy, as well as charts and graphs. This is a contest, not a test. It is meant to be enjoyed and serve as a reward for the skills and the hard work of braille readers. Prizes will be awarded. Each participant must provide their own brailier. Students participating in the Speed and Accuracy challenge (Varsity, Junior Varsity, or Sophomore levels) must have a Victor Stream or Book Port Plus with ear buds or headphones.

Visit our website at [www.msb.dese.mo.gov](http://www.msb.dese.mo.gov) for registration information and/or contact Linda Havlik, Braille Challenge Coordinator at 314-776-4320 (ext 4152) [linda.havlik@msb.dese.mo.gov](mailto:linda.havlik@msb.dese.mo.gov) or Joy Waddell, Assistant Superintendent at 314-776-4320 (ext 1140) [joyce.waddell@msb.dese.mo.gov](mailto:joyce.waddell@msb.dese.mo.gov)