



Amazon Echo

Radio Reading Services

Radio Reading Services, also called Audio Information Services, are programs where newspapers, magazines, and books are read aloud. These programs are broadcast over the radio and on the secondary audio channel on many TVs, and they're streamed over the Internet.

Many can be heard on Amazon Echo or other smart speakers through the TuneIn Service.

Getting Started

1. Open the Amazon Alexa app on your smartphone, tablet, or on the web at **alexa.amazon.com**.
2. Go to **Settings** and select **Music & Podcasts**. Then select **TuneIn** from the menu.

Listening

1. Most services can be streamed by giving a verbal command, such as “Alexa, play ACB Radio Main Stream.”
2. Others are streamed by opening a skill on the Amazon Echo. Use verbal commands like “Alexa, open Audio Reader” and then respond to prompts to listen to a live stream or program archives.

Streaming Radio Reading Services on TuneIn

2RPH Radio Reading Service

Alexa command: “Play 2-R-P-H on TuneIn.”

Programming: Australian radio reading service.

ACB Radio Main Stream—the Talk of the Blind Community

Alexa command: “Play A-C-B Radio Main Stream.”

Programming: News related to blindness, *Access World* articles, *Arm Chair Reader*, *Blindness and Disability News*, etc.

AINCO Denver

Alexa command: “Play A-I-N-C-O Denver on TuneIn.”

Programming: Local Colorado newspapers and magazines, and some national publications.

Audio Journal—an Affiliate of TIC Network

Alexa command: “Play Audio Journal on TuneIn.”

Programming: Audio Journal is an affiliate of TIC and adds content from local newspapers near Worcester, Massachusetts.

Canal M—La Radio de Vues & Voix

Alexa command: “Play Canal M on TuneIn.”

Programming: Broadcast in French from Quebec. A variety of news, books, and cultural programming.

CGR Networks for the Blind and Disabled

Alexa command: “Play C-G-R Radio on TuneIn.”

Programming in Spanish.

Down East Radio Reading Service US

Alexa command: “Play Down East Radio Reading Service on TuneIn.”

Programming: Newspapers local to Rocky Mount, NC, and broadcast content from North Carolina Reading Service.

GaRRS—Serving All of Georgia

Alexa command: “Play G-A-R-R-S on TuneIn.”

Programming: *National Enquirer*, *Vogue*, *Glamour*, local Georgia newspapers, etc.

IOWA Radio Reading Information Service—Des Moines, IA

Alexa command: “Play Iowa Radio Reading Information Service on TuneIn.”

Programming: Local Iowa papers statewide, *Wall Street Journal*, and commentary.

KPBS Radio Reading Service Living at Home

Alexa command: “Play K-P-B-S Radio Reading Service from TuneIn.”

Programming: *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly*, etc.

Mind’s Eye Radio

Alexa command: “Play Mind’s Eye Radio on Tune-In.”

Programming: St. Louis-area publications, national publications, and books.

North Carolina Radio Reading Service

Alexa command: “Play NC Reading Service on TuneIn.”

Programming: Local news to Raleigh, NC, *News and Observer*, *Vanity Fair*, *New Yorker*, *O: The Oprah Magazine*, *Wall Street Journal*, etc.

Owl Radio—Reading for Those Who Cannot See

Alexa command: “Play O-W-L on TuneIn.”

Programming: San Antonio, Texas, and Kansas local newspapers, *USA Today*, *New York Times*, etc.

Radio 1RPH—Turning Print into Sound

Alexa command: “Play Radio 1-R-P-H on TuneIn.”

Programming: Australian newspapers, magazines, and BBC.

Sight into Sound Radio Reading Service

Alexa command: “Play Sight into Sound Radio Reading Service on TuneIn.”

Programming: Newspapers and magazines local to Houston and Texas. (Extensive archive of podcasts available to download from the website, but not available through smart speakers.)

Sun Sounds of Arizona

Alexa command: “Play Sun Sounds TuneIn Radio.”

Programming: Arizona newspapers, *Wall Street Journal*, *Fortune*, *Business Week*, etc.

Talking Information Center—Turning Print Into Sound

Alexa command: “Play Talking Information Center on TuneIn.”

Programming: Wide variety of national and local Massachusetts news, including *Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, etc.

WRBH—Reading Radio for the Blind and Print Handicapped

Alexa command: “Play W-R-B-H from TuneIn.”

Programming: News local to New Orleans, plus the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. Heavy emphasis on literature, magazines, and programming for Spanish, Haitian, and Vietnamese speakers.

Vision Australia Radio—Melbourne Weekend Magazine

Alexa command: “Play Vision Australia Radio on TuneIn.”

Programming: Network of ten regional news sources, including local and national Australian newspapers, tech news, and more.

Alexa Skills

The following are Alexa skills that can be started by saying, “Alexa, open (or enable) *name of skill*,” and then responding to the prompts.

In-Sight Radio

Alexa commands:

“Open Insight Radio.”

“Start playing the livestream.”

“What’s playing?”

You will be asked to confirm vision impairment.

Audio Information Network of Colorado

Alexa commands:

“Open Audio Information Network of Colorado.”

“Play Directory.”

Alexa: Choose a program from the directory.

Example response: “Play *Aspen Times*.”

Audio Reader

Alexa commands:

“Open Audio Reader.”

“Play livestream.”

“What is the Audio Reader program schedule?”

“Play on demand.”

“Tell me what’s playing right now.”

Radio Talking Book

Alexa commands:

“Open Radio Talking Book.”

“Play the livestream.”

“What is being read right now?”

“Read the program schedule.”

VoiceCorps Radio Reading Service

Alexa command: “Play Voice Corps.”